

Parish of Botha - 12th December 2021

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	John the Baptist inaugurates the Gospel; already from his mother's womb he welcomes the coming of Christ and rejoices in being 'the friend of the bridegroom', whom he points out as 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world'.		
	Sacred Heart, Boho		
	Sun 19 December	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Philip Gallagher and deceased of the Gallagher Family , Drumbeggar and deceased of the McAfee Family , Killyhommon.
	Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
	Sun 12 December	11:30am	Anniversary: Mary Jane McCabe, Knockmore Park; Josie Flood, Main Street; Deceased of Derrygonnelly Harps and Boho St Fabers GFC; Vincent Haren, Drumbeggan.
	Tue 14 December	7:00pm	St John of the Cross and Novena to St Peregrine.
	Wed 15 December	10:00pm	Mass
	Thu 16 December	10:00am	Mass
	Sun 19 December	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Tom and Mary Fee , Derrygonnelly; Ciaran Fee , Dublin; Henry Dundas and deceased of the McConnell Family , Derryvarmore.
Immaculate Conception, Monea			
Sun 12 December	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Patrick and May McGovern , Tullycalter; Agnes and Bernard Magee , Springfield; Sue and Anthony Magee and deceased of the Magee family , Loughan.	

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the souls of Vera Treacy, Rosnarick Close and John Melanophy, Tobradan. May they rest in peace.

Baptisms: We welcome to the Christian community through the waters of Baptism Naoise Marie Farry and Cliath Mollie Gallagher. May they grow in faith.

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

Luke 3:10-18

1. 'What should we do?' The common thread in John's answers was to encourage his questioners to be other-centred rather than self-centred, each in the context of their own circumstances. In your experience what difference has it made to you when you changed your attitude in this way?
2. John told the people in a direct and honest way what they should do. Perhaps you have had friends who did not beat about the bush but have told you honestly what they thought about your behaviour when you asked them? In gratitude recall such friends.
3. The humility of John comes out in this passage, happy to acknowledge that he only had a minor role to play in relation to the Messiah. At the same time, he was enthused by his mission to 'proclaim the good news to the people'. What difference has it made for you when you were able to see the good in yourself, and use your gifts without having to score by portraying yourself as greater than someone else?

John Byrne OSA

Derrygonnelly Altar Society: Collection today 12th December after 11.30am Mass in St Patrick's.

Derrygonnelly Community Centre: following the AGM in September, three people agreed to sit on the committee of the community centre. One of those has since stepped down, which means that it is not possible for a committee to continue with just two people. Since that AGM, a number of people have been approached directly to become involved. However, while several people have indicated that they would 'help out if there was anything on in the centre' more is required. Once again, we are at the point of having to ask whether the centre has any future. In its present form, with just two people involved, the answer is definitely NO. It is a sad reflection on our community that no one wants to give of their time or efforts to volunteer with the centre. As the parish trustee, I am responsible for the community centre. However, it is not possible for one or two people to keep it going. I am reaching out again to the community to ask for people to become involved so that a full committee can be elected. If that doesn't happen, there simply cannot be a functioning community centre, and it is only when it is closed permanently, that its value to the community will be appreciated. Please contact the parish office on office@bothaparish.com

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For over twenty years, our Christmas gifts have brought enormous benefits to the lives of people we support in communities across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Our **Gifts of Love** are locally sourced, real, ethical, life-changing items such as soaps, water, chicks, school kits, midwives' kits to name a few. Visit trocaire.org, call **0800 912 1200** or contact Eileen locally on 07821 689 045 to make a donation or buy a special Christmas gift. Thank you.



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Join our Big Family Christmas!

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Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £6000. £20 Lorraine Corrigan, Bellanaleck, Mickey Gilroy, Garrison, Celia McGrath, Main St Pharmacy. Draw in Old Pals to night. Thanks to everyone for the support and promotion of our club lotto.

Graan Draw: The annual Draw will take place this year on the 17th of December. If you would like to buy a book of tickets please ring the Graan 028 6632 2272 or email the graan@btinternet.com or visit our website the graan.com tickets cost £1/€1 or a book of 6 £5/€5. First prize is £5000.