

Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh

Parish of Botha - 2nd January 2022

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	Today's celebration coming as it does between Christmas Day and the Epiphany, contains themes which are connected to these feasts. Though Christmas Day and the Epiphany form part of the Church's season of Christmas tide, there is a difference of emphasis. Christmas day celebrates the coming of the Son of God as a human being and the Epiphany highlights the revealing of this truth to all the nations of the earth. Both themes are echoed in today's prayers.		
	Sacred Heart, Boho		
	Sun 2 January	10:00am	Mass Months Memory: Kevin Gilbride , Farnaconnell .
	Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
	Sun 2 January	11:30am	Mass Months Memory: Vera Treacy , Rosnarick Close. Anniversary: Francie Reilly , Mill Green
	Thu 6 January	7:00pm	Mass The Epiphany of the Lord
	Sun 9 January	11:30am	Mass People of the Parish
	Immaculate Conception, Monea		
	Sun 9 January	10:00am	Mass

New Year Greetings: as we have turned the page on another year, please accept my best wishes to you all for the year ahead. Many will be happy to leave 2021 behind, perhaps if you have been bereaved during the year, experienced illness, or have struggled under the ongoing challenge of Coronavirus, or been challenged in some other way.

Whatever your experience of the last year, I hope that each one of us can look back with gratitude for something good. I hope that any of you who have found it a difficult year will have joy and hope as we move into 2022.

The ongoing needs of our parish have been met by the generosity of many of you. A sincere thank you to all who have supported the numerous demands made throughout the year. Your generosity too, goes a long way in supporting many worthwhile projects in other parts of the world.

As we close the chapter that was 2021, I hope and pray that this year will bring health, happiness and inner peace to all.

Fr Cathal

Novena in honour of St. Peregrine: Our next Novena Mass will be on 11th January 2022 at 7pm.

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Prayer for the New Year

Jesus, You are the Lord of history, and Your wonderful redemption comes to us in a cycle of time - year after year.
Now another year has passed and a new one has begun.
A backward glance tells us that last year had its good points as well as its bad.
May the new year hold many more good things in store for me.
and make me a better person: kinder and more willing to help,
more thoughtful and more loving.
May I fulfil my allotted task in life and come closer to You
while looking forward to an eternity with You.
Thank you, Lord, for this extended time You so graciously allow me
on my journey towards Your heavenly Kingdom.

Altar Society for January: Derrygonnelly - Marie McGowan, Angela Gallagher and Breege McConnell.
Collection after 11.30am Mass in St Patrick's on Sunday 9th January 2022.

Refocus: is a very special Alpha Online programme for clergy and parish leadership teams or Parish Councils starting **Tues 18th January** for 11 weeks. It will also include prayer and discipleship opportunities from Lent to Pentecost. Contact Daniel McCarthy on 00353 86 044 4827 or daniel@alphaireland.org

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

John 1:1-18

This prologue to John's Gospel is a piece of poetry. Like all poetry one of the ways to enter into it is to read it a few times slowly and let it speak to you.

The prologue proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. How has Jesus, and the message of Jesus, been a light for you in your life?

The prologue also affirms the transforming power of faith: 'to all who receive him ... he gave power to become children of God.' How would you describe the difference it makes to you to have faith as part of your life?

In Jesus we get a glimpse of God and of the love of God. But as 'Jesus people' in the world today we are also called to be witnesses to the light. Who has been a witness to you? To whom have you been a witness?

John Byrne OSA

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