

Parish of Botha

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Thursday

6.30pm – 9.30pm

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1.30pm – 9.30pm

Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month at 4pm in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.

Anniversary Masses:

to book all anniversary intentions please Tel parish Office 028 68641889 during office hours or email

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First Sunday of Advent

The new year of the church begins with the image of 'coming' or 'arrival' which is what Advent means. The Lord has already come at Bethlehem. He comes each day into the lives of those who open their heart to him. He will come again in glory on the last day.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 27th November 10am Mass People of the Parish.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 27th November 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Peter and Susan Burns, Tonagh; Elizabeth Foy, Ely Lodge; Patrick and Katie Treacy, Carrickreagh.

Tuesday 29th November 7pm Novena Mass for the Dead and to St. Peregrine

Wednesday 30th November **St Andrew** 10am **Anniversary:** Deceased of the Legion of Mary.

Thursday 1st December 10am **Anniversary:** Nellie and Benny Swift, Fairview Park.

Sunday 4th December 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Paddy and Molly Cassidy, Derrygonnelly; Patricia Garrity, Enniskillen; Tommy and Kathleen Brennan, Braade; Mollie and Packie Gallagher, Mill Green and deceased of the Gallagher Families Drumgormley and Stratore; Vera, Francie and Mary Jane Treacy, Rosnarick Close.

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 4th December 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Rose Jones, Drumma. **Anniversary:** Kevin Gilbride, Farnaconnell; John Melanophy, Tobradan; Deceased of the McGrath Family, Coolarkin.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

As we light our First Advent Candle this week,
may we open our hearts to the light of Christ.
May his light increase in brightness,
through our love and efforts this Advent. Amen.

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world.
This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus
on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we
prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



Advent Reflection at SMA Dromantine, Newry: Tuesday 13th Dec 4pm to Wednesday 14th Dec 5pm. An Advent reflection in preparation for Christmas given by SMA Community, Dromantine and a celebration of the Sacraments (Eucharist, Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick). Cost £120/€145 Tel: 02830821224 email: admin@dromantineconference.com

This week's Bulletin is sponsored by Bernice Swift, Sandhill

Parish Christmas Cards: The parish has produced a Christmas card featuring the Nativity scene from the crib in St Patrick's Church. The cards will be on sale at £1.50 after weekend and daily masses, as well as from the parish office, the Graan, St Michaels Parish shop, and in shops in Derrygonnelly. Your support is greatly appreciated as all monies go towards the parish renovation fund.

Parish Calendars: The 2023 parish calendar is now available at the back of our churches. Please take one for those who may be housebound.

Altar Society December: Derrygonnelly – Leeanne McGovern, Siobhan Hodgson, Evelyn Burns, Bridget and Gerald Greene. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 11th December in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.

Boho: Caroline Duffy and Pauline McGullion. Collector: Kieran McGullion.

Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen

The Annual Graan Draw: takes place on Friday 2nd December. If you would like to buy a book of tickets please contact The Graan on 028 66322272/thegraan@btconnect.com/www.thegraan.com. Tickets cost £1 / €1 or a book of 6 for £5 / €5. First prize is £5000.

The Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat: will be taking place in Newbridge College, Newbridge between 9th-11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Reconciliation, Adoration, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £7600. Winner of an entry into the Fermanagh GAA Win a House in Fermanagh competition was Lorraine Corrigan, Bellanaleck. Draw in Old Pals tonight. The support we receive on a weekly basis for the lotto, and the contribution made by our Lotto promoters is invaluable, thanks to everyone concerned. Sincere condolence to the Love family on the sad passing of baby Meabh Shortt

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel:

Luke 24:37-44

1. The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive an unexpected glance (e.g. take an opportunity which presented itself, or respond to a hint from another person that you might easily have missed, etc.)

2. One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall times when you paused in your relentless busyness and were rewarded by a significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace.

3. You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the coming of the Lord.

John Byrne OSA



Trócaire: This Christmas there are twenty-three Trócaire Gifts to choose from. They range from providing food baskets for starving families in Somalia, bringing warmth to Syrian families in Lebanon's refugee camps, helping mothers and new born babies in East Africa or simply providing safe clean water for families in Ethiopia. **Gifts will be on sale after Masses on Sunday 4th December.**

Popes intention for December: *For volunteer not-for-profit organizations* we pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.