

Parish of Botha

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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 please Tel:

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Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist is a prophetic voice for all ages: his message speaks to us today, for conversion is always part of the Christian way of living. Conversion to each other is called for by St Paul, so that we can be tolerant of each other, united in mind and heart.

Masses for the Week

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.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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.

Tuesday 6th December 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 7th December **St Ambrose** 10am. Deceased of the Legion of Mary.

Thursday 8th December **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 7pm Mass.

Sunday 11th December 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Josie Flood, Main Street; Vincent Haren, Drumbeggan; Anthony Carr, Sillees Grove.

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 11th December 10am 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 Nora McGowan, Cosbystown; Ronan Swift, Rosnarick Close; Sean Ferguson, Manchester, formerly Rossinure and Peggy Miller Enniskillen, formerly Doagh. May they rest in peace.

Lighting of the Second Candle

Father, all powerful Lord of Light,
May our Advent be a time of preparation.
Help us reflect on the power of light
to dispel darkness in our world and in our lives.
Touch our hearts with the warmth of your love.
May the increasing light of these candles
brighten our minds and hearts to be
steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love,
so that we are ready again to receive in true peace,
Jesus, the Light of the World, our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.



Concern Collection: a collection will be taken up after Mass in the Immaculate Conception on Sunday 11th December and in the Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's on Sunday 18th December. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes: 7th – 12th July 2023 led by the Bishop of Clogher Most Rev Lawrence Duffy. Further details on the poster at the back of the church.

Advent Prayer

*Ever faithful God,
your prophets
foretold the coming
of the light. In your
name they promised
that the eyes of the
blind be opened. We
confidently await the
coming of your Son,
and the day when he
will gather all people
to live in your light,
for ever and ever.
Amen*

Advent Reflection at SMA Dromantine, Newry: Tues 13th Dec 4pm to Wed 14th Dec 5pm. An Advent reflection in preparation for Christmas given by SMA Community, Dromantine and a celebration of the Sacraments (Eucharist, Reconciliation Anointing of the sick). Cost £120/€145 email admin@dromantineconference.com
Tel: 028 30821224

Christmas Lights: Derrygonnelly & District Community Partnership in partnership with Derrygonnelly Community Centre will be hosting the Christmas lights switch on which will take place on **Saturday 10th December 2022 at 5pm.** There will be singing of carols and we will be accompanied by Church Hill Silver Band. There will also be a craft fair in the community centre where Santa will be visiting to see all the children. There will also be light refreshments available for everyone who attends.

Boho Community Centre: Keep free **Sunday 11th December** as a jolly visitor is planning a visit between 2.30 - 5pm for an afternoon of fun, storytelling and Christmas goodies.

St Michael's Parish: presents a celebration of Christmas Carols in St Michael's church on Sunday 18th December at 7pm. Featuring all Parish Choirs, Children's liturgy Group, with Special Guest Lisa McHugh Tickets - £8 Concessions £6 Children under 14 free.

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

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel:

Matthew 3:1-12

1. John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to us of the good news of the gospel that God loves us – a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc. To whom have we borne that witness?

2. John appears in the story as one who had courage to be himself in the face of opposition. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you were content to be yourself, without pretending to be more than you are? What was it like to have that freedom, even in the face of criticism from others?

3. John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' – announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness?
John Byrne OSA

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION **Feast Day 8th December**

**O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit,
look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.**

**O most Holy Mother,
receive my prayers as I present them to God.**

**O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
you intercede for us with your Son.**

**O Mary conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee.**

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Our Lady Queen of Christendom, pray for us. Amen.



Derrygonnelly bulb planting:

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, along with local volunteers, has organised a planting of flower bulbs in the village on Thursday 8th December at 11am. Meeting point is at Tír Navar. If anyone has bulbs which they would like to donate to enhance the village, please bring them along. Please come along and show your support. All equipment will be provided by the council.