

# Parish of Botha

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## Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Thursday

6.30pm – 9.30pm

Wednesday

1.30pm – 9.30pm

## Baptisms:

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

## Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*)

*The first word of today's liturgy calls on us to rejoice at the imminent birth of the messiah. That his name is Emmanuel serves to underline the cause of our joy, God's presence with his people forever. Matthew's gospel begins and ends with this consoling truth.*

## Masses for the Week

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Patrick and May McGovern, Tullycalter; Sue and Anthony Magee, and deceased of the Magee Family, Loughan.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Josie Flood, Main Street; Vincent Haren, Drumbeggan; Anthony Carr, Sillees Grove; Rose and Paddy Corrigan, Coranerk.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December **St Lucy** 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December **St. John of the Cross** 10am Mass.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10am Mass.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 11.30am Mass **Anniversary:** Mary and Tom Fee, Knockmore Park; Ciaran Fee, Dublin; Henry Dundas and deceased of the McConnell Family, Derryvarymore.

### Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Philip Gallagher and deceased of the Gallagher Family, Drumbeggar; Deceased of the McCaffrey Family, Killyhommon.

**Recently Deceased:** your prayers are requested for the souls of Sarah McBrien, Toneel and Din McGuinness, England formerly Carrickbeg. May they rest in peace.

**Baptism:** We welcome to the Christian community through the waters of Baptism Kaitlin Marie Drake. May she grow in faith.

## Lighting of the Third Candle

Lord God,  
may we, your people,  
who look forward to the feast of Christmas  
experience the joy of salvation  
and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

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

## Christmas Mass Times

St. Patrick's Derrygonnelly Christmas Eve vigil 7:00pm

Immaculate Conception Monea Christmas Day 9.30am

Sacred Heart Boho Christmas Day 11:00am

**Concern Collection:** a collection will be taken up after Mass in the Immaculate Conception today and in the Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**New Parish website:** We are currently in the process of creating a new parish website and although not fully complete it can be accessed at [bothaparish.com](http://bothaparish.com)

### *Advent Prayer*

*God, Lord of eternity,  
your Son came to visit  
us in time.*

*Grant to each of us  
the heart of a child  
which never ceases to  
marvel at your  
wonders,*

*so that once again  
this day*

*you may find us  
watching in hope.*

*We ask you this,  
because of your love  
for us,*

*God blessed for ever  
and ever. Amen.*

### **Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes:**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023** led by the Bishop of Clogher Most Rev Lawrence Duffy. Further details on the poster at the back of the church or on the diocesan website.

### **Advent Reflection at SMA Dromantine, Newry: Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm to Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Telephone: 028 30821224 email [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**Sunday Missals:** a copy of the Sunday Missal 2023 is available for Readers of the Word in our three churches. Readers are asked to collect a missal in the church sacristies.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Congratulations to Éadaoin Ni Chaoilte, Enniskillen, who won the Harps Lotto jackpot last weekend. Jackpot £3000. Draw in the Linnett Inn tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. Congratulations to Eimear Smyth, who was the recipient of the Senior Ladies' Player of the Year at the Fermanagh Club All Stars event last Friday night, a most worthy recipient. Similar congratulations to Jack Kelly, Ryan Jones and Garvan Jones, who were selected on their Team of the Championship. We had a good number of representatives on the teams involved in Sunday's Battle for the Erne matches in Brewster Park. Well done to Abigail, Emma, Keira, DG Ciara, Erin, Leigh, Aaron, Damien and Mickey, plus Archie and Lorcan Flanagan on participating, raising much needed funds for the RNLI. Congratulations to the organisers of this event.

**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 11:2-11**

1. In response to the question of John, Jesus let his actions speak for him. Show people show by the way they live what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Who has given you such an example? Perhaps there have times when you have done the same for others.

2. John made a journey of faith from an incomplete knowledge of Jesus to a deeper understanding of who he was. Recall similar steps in your faith journey.

3. Faith is not primarily about answering abstract theological questions but about living the gospel. What in your life has helped you to get that sense of perspective?

4. John marked the end of an era. Jesus the beginning of a new one. In our lives how do we honour the past and yet be free to move on into the future?

John Byrne OSA

"Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent Season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!"

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 8 December 2013*