

# 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.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Our attention is now directed fully to the coming of Christ in the Christmas mystery. The preface calls us to wonder at this great happening, to prepare for Christmas in prayer and praise. The psalm tells us to purify our hearts as preparation. Prayer and reconciliation should be features of these days.*

## Masses for the Week

### 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.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December **The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ** 11am Mass.

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

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.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine. **Anniversary:** Joe Maginnis and deceased of the Maginnis Family, Drumgormley.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10am Mass.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 10am Mass.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December **Vigil for The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ** 7pm Mass.

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December **The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ** 9.30am Mass.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** the season of advent affords us the opportunity to prepare for the Lord's coming through the confession of our sins and the celebration of God's mercy. While the frequency of this sacrament has declined for most people, it is still important that we take the opportunity to celebrate it in advance of Christmas. The sacrament of Penance is available in St Patrick's on Christmas Eve from 1pm to 2pm.

## Lighting of the Fourth Candle

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Father, all-powerful God,

your eternal Word took flesh on our earth

when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan.

Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the announcing of his glory

and open our minds to receive the Spirit

who prepares us for this coming.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our

hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your

love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter.

Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.



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## 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

**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)

**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.

### *Advent Prayer*

**May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for eternal life.**

**May God the Son, who comes as Redeemer and Judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light.**

**May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness.**

*Amen.*

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** Jackpot £3100. £20 Kenneth Markie, online player, Pat Meehan, Monea, Gerard Kelm, Belleek. Christmas Bumper Draw in Doogies tonight: six £50 and a Win a House in Fermanagh Ticket, plus two £50 promoters' prizes. Good luck to everyone, and once again, thank you for all Lotto support. We are promoting Club Eirne's Win a House in Fermanagh fundraising activity, to support the development of infrastructure facilities for all of our county teams, from academy level to adult sides. These tickets can be purchased from any committee member or alternatively you can buy online at <https://winahouseinfermanagh.com/>. Every ticket bought in Derrygonnelly Harps name will see the club receive £25. There are also various ways to pay the £100 either as a lump sum or in instalments. Further details available

online or from any committee member.

**Mary's Meals – Big Family Christmas:** International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life changing school meals for a child living in poverty. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.

### **Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel:**

**Matthew 1:18-24**

The text speaks about how 'God with us' was revealed to the world in the person of Jesus 2000 years ago. I suggest that we move on from there to consider how we become aware of 'God with us' now in our daily lives.

1. It took some time for Joseph to accept the fact that, in Mary, there truly was Emmanuel – God with us. God is with us now, but at times we struggle to perceive God's presence. Where have you unexpectedly discovered the presence of 'God with you'? Recall those experiences and give thanks.
2. Joseph was confused and uncertain about what he should do. It took time, and outside help, for him to discern what his next step should be. Perhaps you have also had difficulties along the way to some decisions or commitments. Recall that journey and the moments when it became clear to you what was being asked of you. Give thanks for the angels who helped you along the way.
3. Mary bore Jesus within her, unseen to all, and unacknowledged by most. In Joseph she found one who believed in the treasure that she bore. We can be bearers of Jesus to others, and they to us. When have you been that kind of a bearer of Jesus to another? Who has been that to you?

John Byrne OSA

**Aisling Centre** – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope Healing Growth Day of Inspiration 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Crest Centre, SW College, Enniskillen. Attend in person or via zoom. Fantastic line up of speakers. Information and tickets available on Eventbrite <https://tinyurl.com/28897tmy> or <https://theaislingcentre.com/hope-healing-growth/>. Aisling Centre 028 66 325811.