

# Parish of Botha

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*The Holy Family is seen as the model for the human family, the religious community, and the Church itself. The celebration of the Incarnation has brought us to see God's closeness. In the Holy Family we see the ordinariness of the life of Jesus, the simple acceptance by Mary and Joseph of the marvels of God. In the daily life of family and community we can touch the divine, we can come close to God. But we have to learn to live centred on God, with respect and love for each other.*

### Masses for the Week

#### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 31st December 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Bridie and Patsy Duffy, Castletown; James and Mary Greene, Killyveagh.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Charlie and Tommy Jones, Corr.

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 31st December 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Frank, Cassie and Martin Gallagher, Fairview Park.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January **Mary the Mother of God** 10am Mass.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January **Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen** 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January **The Holy Name of Jesus** 10am Mass.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 10am Mass.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January **The Epiphany of the Lord** 10am Mass.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 11.30am Mass. **Months Memory:** Mary Burns, Lisdoonan.  
**Anniversary:** Francie Reilly, Mill Green.

**Visitation of the sick:** The elderly, sick and housebound will next receive a parish visit at the beginning of February.

### The Holy Family Prayer



**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

*Missionaries of the Holy Family*

**New Year Greetings:** as we move out of 2023 and into 2024, I take this opportunity to wish you well for the year ahead. Hopefully we can look back in gratitude at the year that's ending. If it has been a difficult year, I hope that you have come through it and that this year will be more promising.

Thank you for your support during the past year, your attendance at prayer in our churches, your participation in the many ministries of the parish, your financial contributions and your goodwill towards myself and the parish. 2024 promises to be another challenging year and I hope and pray that you will continue to offer what you can, materially and spiritually, so that Botha can remain vibrant into the future. Best wishes and God's blessings on you.

Fr. Cathal

**Eucharistic Adoration:** resumes as normal on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. As we begin this new year perhaps you could commit to spending one hour each Tuesday in Adoration. If there is anyone who can give this time please contact the Parish office on 028 68641889 or [botha@clogherparishes.ie](mailto:botha@clogherparishes.ie)

**Altar Society January: Derrygonnelly** – Angela Gallagher, Marie McGowan and Breege McConnell. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly. **Monea:** Collector – Liam Magee and Charlie Duffy.

**Aisling Centre's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope Healing Growth Event: Ripples of Hope - 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - 9.30 am – 3.30 pm** – Crest Centre, South West College Lough Yoan Road, Enniskillen Limited number of tickets available - £25 in person attendance – virtual attendance free/voluntary donation Tickets via Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/HHG2024>

**The Epiphany** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of the Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his Baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

### Prayer



**God of light, shining in darkness, through a little child, born in Bethlehem, you open to us the treasure of your grace. Help us to search diligently for him, so that we may offer our lives to you with thanksgiving, joy, and praise; through Jesus Christ, the rising star. Amen.**

## New Year

*God of all time,  
who makes all things new, we  
bring before you the year now  
ending.*

*For life full and go  
for opportunities recognised  
and taken, for challenges faced,  
for love known and shared,  
we thank you.*

*Where we have fallen short,  
forgive us*

*When we worry over what is  
past free us.*

*As we begin again and take  
our first few steps into the  
future, where nothing is safe  
and certain, except you, we ask  
for the courage of the wise men  
who simply went and followed  
a star.*

*We ask for their wisdom, in  
choosing to pursue the deepest  
truth, not knowing where they  
would be led.*

*In the year to come, God of all  
time, be our help and company.  
Hold our hands as we journey  
onwards and may your dream  
of shalom, where all will be at  
peace, be our guiding star.*

Francis Brien

**Popes' intention for January:** - **For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.