

Parish of Botha

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christ King of the Universe. Christ did not seek earthly domination in his kingship, but rather the liberation of the weak and oppressed. The Christian community shares in the royal dignity of Christ by showing to the world that service which was Christ's.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 24th November 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Patrick, May and Brian Maguire, and Deceased of the Maguire Family, Drumgamp – Francis Farmer, Leskey

Sunday 1st December 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Kevin Gilbride, Farnaconnell

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 24th November 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Liam Michael Love, Knockmore Road
Anniversary: Kathleen Gilroy, Lattonagh – Peter and Susan Burns, Tonagh – Patricia Garrity, Enniskillen – Tommy and Kathleen Brennan, Braade

Tuesday 26th November Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 26th November 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine

Wednesday 27th November 10am Novena Mass for the Dead **Anniversary:** Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

Thursday 28th November 10am Novena Mass for the Dead

Friday 29th November 7pm Centenary Mass for Derrygonnelly Harps

Sunday 1st December 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Elizabeth Foy, Ely Lodge – Vera, Francie and Mary Jane Treacy, Rosnarick Close – Vincent Haren, Drumbeggan – Rose and Paddy Corrigan, Coranerk

Recently Deceased: as a parish community, we extend sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Owen McCormick, Derrygonnelly. May he rest in peace.

Parish Readers: Anyone who would like to be a parish reader either in the Immaculate Conception, Monea or St. Patrick's, Derrygonnelly please give your name to the parish office.

A Prayer for the Bereaved

Lord Jesus,
In our sorrow, we turn to You for comfort.
Please grant eternal rest to all who have died,
and may Your peace surround all those who grieve.
Strengthen us with hope in the resurrection
and help us to trust in Your loving care,
now and forever. Amen

Altar Society for December:

Derrygonnelly – Leeanne McGovern, Siobhan Hodgson, Gerald and Bridget Greene. Collection after 11.30am Mass in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly on Sunday 29th December.

Monea: Collector – John Gosling and Kieran McGullion.

Popes intentions for December: For Pilgrims Of Hope - Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Trocaire Gifts: show people living in some of the most vulnerable communities and some of the most devastating situations that the world still cares and that we still care. These gift cards will be on sale at Masses on **Sunday 1st December**.

Thought for the Day

Often, we light candles as a sign of remembering and, like the remembrance of God, we do something too. As we light the candle we say a prayer for that person that they may be enjoying the marvellous light of heaven. The candlelight reminds us that we too have the opportunity to share the light of hope that we carry with others. When you are in a dark place, the warmth of a smile or a kind word can mean a lot. It may feel that our own light is very small and insignificant in times of darkness but each time it is shared, it is not halved but doubled. Together we really can make a difference. *Dr Lynn Bassett www.artofdyingwell.org*

Envelope Collection: Week ending **17th November** – Weekly offerings £1480.00 and €23. Thank you for your generous support.

Christmas Cards Packs for 2024: are currently available to buy online. 10 Cards with envelopes in one pack (2 of each design). Price: €8 + Postage. All proceeds goes towards the spread of Eucharistic Adoration. Each recipient is included in our Apostolate's Christmas Day Mass. Visit our website on <https://eucharisticadoration.ie/product/irish-christmas-cards-pack/>



Botha Parish Presents
Christmas Magic
A night of Christmas Arrangements
By Timothy Elliott
(Manor Garden Centre, Lisnaskea)
Derrygonnelly Community Centre
Thursday 12th December 2024 at 8.00pm
Doors open 7.00pm
Refreshments served
All floral arrangements to be raffled on the night.
All proceeds in support of Botha Parish Renovation Fund
Stationery kindly sponsored by 

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £2800. £20 Ciara McHugh, Enniskillen, David Hill, Belleek and the McGrath Family, Cashel. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes our Lotto. **Dates for your diaries:** AGM Thursday November 28th at 8pm. Friday November 29th, Centenary Mass at 7pm in St Patrick's Church. (Refreshments will follow afterwards). Youth Presentation evening Sunday December 8th.

Radio Maria Ireland Christmas Fundraiser: on Thursday 28th Nov., Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. Doors open at 6pm followed by a four course meal, live music, information about Radio Maria and its Mission, Vision and how it can help support the faithful in Ireland today. Tickets (€65/£60 per person) go to Eventbrite.ie or Tel. 00353 14123456, www.radiomaria.ie

Points to Ponder

Ninety five years ago Pope Pius XI said that he wanted to establish an annual liturgical feast precisely so that we could all gain 'much strength and courage ... to form [our] lives after the true Christian ideal.' He said that if Christ is truly our king, 'He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts.

In short, for Christ to reign, he must be King of my time, of my family, of my wallet, of all parts of my life. Living in his kingdom will inevitably make us more like the King we know, we love, we serve, and he has sent us out to announce.

Today, Jesus wants us to make a personal choice for him. He asks each of us, as he asked Pilate, 'Do you say that I am a king on your own or because others have told you about me?' It's not enough for him to be the King of 'others' or even the King of the 'universe.' It's not enough for the pope, or the priests, or the Catechism to proclaim him sovereign Lord. It's not adequate, in order words, even that the whole Church in heaven and on earth acclaims him as the Saviour and Lord. Jesus wants each of us personally and intimately to say and mean, 'thy Kingdom come,' rather than just doing so because others have told us about this reality.

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Derrygonnelly Credit Union AGM: takes place on **Tuesday 26th November** at 8pm in the credit union office. Everyone welcome.

"Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy."

St. Faustina