

Parish of Botha

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The Baptism of Lord

The Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ - Priest, Prophet and King - and the Father looks on us with favour.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 11th January 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Ellie McGovern and deceased of the McGovern Family, Reyfad

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 11th January 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Patricia Johnston, Rosnarick Close

Tuesday 13th January Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 13th January 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 14th January 10am Mass

Thursday 15th January **St Ita** 10am Mass

Sunday 18th January 11:30am Mass People of the Parish

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 18th January 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Margaret McManus, Drumbeggan **Anniversary:** Bridie and Patsy Duffy, Castletown

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we extend our sympathy to the family, friends and relatives of Frances McGrail, Enniskillen and Patsy Breen, Trillick. May they rest in peace.

Prayer for the Baptism of the Lord

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be Your Son, anointing Him with the Holy Spirit:

grant that we may be faithful to our call as Children of God, listening to you, guided by Your Spirit, to fulfil our unique and definite purpose. Amen



Baptism is the way that we are welcomed into the Church. Through baptism our sins are forgiven and we are committed to God and to trying to live our lives the way that God wants us to, calls us to. It is not easy, but in the same way that the Holy Spirit came to Jesus when He was baptised, we are baptised with water and the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is there to help us when we find things difficult and to guide us to make the right choices.

Envelope Collection: week ending 4th January Weekly Offerings £2570.00 and €30.40. Thank you for your generous support.

St Patrick's Missionary Society: wishes to express its gratitude to all the priests and people of the Diocese of Clogher for the welcome and generous response they received for the Mission Awareness Programme that they carried out in the Diocese during 2025.

The Lord was Baptised, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism.

-St. Ambrose of Milan

St. Macartan's Cathedral – Nationwide Broadcast. We were very fortunate that the RTE Flagship programme **Nationwide** featured St. Macartan's Cathedral during 2025. It coincided with Heritage Week. The wonderful craftspeople who have been working on our beautiful Cathedral were featured and it gave us an in-depth insight into the talent, craft and expertise that is helping restore our Mother Church of the Diocese. A link to this programme is now available for viewing on www.clogherdiocese.ie/ourcathedralourlegacy.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024: Compensation Claim - The Diocesan Lourdes Committee is working with the Consumer Council to pursue compensation for the delay experienced on the return journey of the 2024 pilgrimage. To do this, authorisation is required from each pilgrim to be returned by the end of January 2026. More information at www.clogherdiocese.ie/lourdes2024

Thought for Today

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one; the river runs, the clouds are torn apart, the Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son reveal to us the single loving heart that beats behind the being of all things and calls and keeps and kindles us to light. The dove descends, the Spirit soars and sings 'You are beloved, You are my delight!' In that swift light and life, as water spills and streams around the Man like quickening rain, the voice that made the universe reveals the God in Man who makes it new again. He calls us too, to step into that river, to die and rise and live and love forever.

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Derrygonnelly Community Centre: AGM will take place in the community centre meeting room on **Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.30pm**. All welcome. Nominations for committee members to be emailed to jackied14@gmail.com no later than Wednesday 14th. Anyone wishing to volunteer please come along.

Easy on Kneasy: returns **Wednesday 21st January** at 11am to 11.45 am in Derrygonnelly Harps Clubrooms with Jackie Cassidy. New faces welcome, is suitable for all abilities. Refreshments after each class. £3 per class. Contact 07779647905 for further info or just show up on the day.

Boho Seniors lunch: will resume on **Tuesday 13th January** at 1pm.

Save Our Acute Services Public Meeting: will take place on **Tuesday 13th January at 7pm** in the Westville Hotel, Enniskillen. This is a very important meeting to give an update on the current situation and outline plans for the next three months. Your support is essential.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3500. £20 Patricia O'Dare and Tony Meehan, Derrygonnelly, Margaret McKenzie, Boho. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. The club was honoured to be associated with the social walk which took place to remember the first anniversary of John Murphy's passing. A cheque for £2208, (proceeds raised from our recent car wash weekend) was handed over to the Murphy Family who will pass it on to their chosen charity. The club gym is offering a membership package of 12 months for the price of 10 to non-playing members, contact 07896365530. Celebration Dinner Dance will take place on **Saturday 24th January** in the Killyhevlin Hotel. More details to follow. Condolence to the McGurn and Keown Families on the recent passing of Patsy Breen, Trillick.

"Love is a mystery that transforms everything it touches into things beautiful and pleasing to God. The love of God makes a soul free."

Reflections

It would be useful for us today to reflect on the meaning of our own baptism and how it relates with that of Jesus.

We often hear a very simplistic description of the effects of the Sacrament of Baptism as 'taking away original sin and making us children of God'. Many, especially those baptised as infants, may see it as a one-off ceremony, imposed on them by parents to bind them to a way of life in which they have no further say. However, if one truly understands the full meaning of our baptism, this is unlikely to happen.

Baptism is not, as is true of all the sacraments, an isolated ritual. It takes place in the context of our whole life. Whether we are baptised as children or as adults, what primarily is happening is that we become incorporated, 'embodied', into the Christian community.

We become – not passively, but actively – members of the Body of Christ. It can never be something imposed on us against our will. That is why, for adults, there is now a long process of initiation leading up to Baptism and, hopefully a further process of community support after the Baptism has taken place.

We are called to be living witnesses of the Gospel, to be the salt of the earth, to be a city on a hill, a candle radiating light in the surrounding darkness. We are called, in short, to be united with the others in our Christian community in the building up of God's Kingdom.

Our baptism is not simply some past event recorded in some dusty parish register. It is a living reality which is to be constantly deepened and enriched.

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