



# Parish of Botha

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## First Sunday of Advent

The new year of the Church begins with the image of 'coming' or 'arrival' which is what advent means. The Lord has come already at Bethlehem. He comes each day into the lives of those who open their heart to receive him. He will come again in glory on the last day.

## Masses for the Week

### Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Francie McHugh, Drumgamp  
**Anniversary:** Sarah McBrien, Tonneel – John Melanophy, Tobradan – Kevin Gilbride, Farnaconnell – Pat and Agnes McHugh, Tobradan

### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Seamus McConnell, Rosspoint  
**Anniversary:** Elizabeth Foy, Ely Lodge – Patricia Garrity, Enniskillen – Tommy and Kathleen Brennan, Braade – Packie and Bridie Flanagan and Deceased of the Flanagan Family, Knockmore

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

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Frank and Josie Flood, Main Street – Paddy and Molly Cassidy, Derrygonnelly – Vera, Francie and Mary Jane Treacy, Rosnarick Close – Anthony and Bridie Carr, Sillees Grove – Vincent Haren, Drumbeggan – Catherine and Eamon Finnerty, Buggan- Rose and Paddy Corrigan, Coranerk

### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Gerald Magee and Deceased of the Magee Family, Killyveagh – Mary McSherry, Castletown

### Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Lord Jesus, as we enter this Advent season,  
help us cling to the hope You bring.  
In a world that feels heavy with need,  
remind us of Your promise to come again  
and make all things new.

Let our hearts be filled with the light of Your presence,  
leading us closer to You each day. Amen

*The first Sunday of Advent represents hope, symbolising the anticipation of Jesus Christ's arrival. This theme is often tied to the "Prophecy Candle," which recalls the prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah and the hope they offered for the future. It marks the beginning of the Advent season, which is a time for Christians to reflect, pray, and prepare for the celebration of Christmas and the coming of Christ.*



**Padre Pio Healing Mass:** at St. Tierney's Church, Roslea, Co. Fermanagh **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** at 7pm. Blessing with the Padre Pio relic. Celebrant Very Rev. Stephen Joyce. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm concluding with Benediction at 7.45pm. Collection in aid of Pope John Paul II 2026 Lourdes Appeal. Everyone welcome.

**Envelope Collection:** week ending **23<sup>rd</sup> November** - Weekly Offerings £1370.00 and €54.50. Thank you for your generous support.

**This week's Bulletin is sponsored in memory of Kevin Gilbride, Farnaconnell**

**Altar Society December:** Derrygonnelly – LEEANNE McGOVERN, SIQBHAN HODGSON, GERALD AND BRIDGET GREENE. Collection after 11.30am Mass on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.  
**Monea:** Collector – John Gosling. **Boho:** Altar Society – Caroline Duffy. Collector – Kieran McGullion

**Praying for our priests:** during this Jubilee Year of Prayer in the Universal Church, you are invited to keep in your prayers the clergy of our diocese.

**Please pray this week for:**  
**Father Jerry White**

Father Jerry is a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and has served most of his ministry in Clogher diocese. He is currently based in the parish of Rockcorry, Co Monaghan.

**Trócaire 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. Gift cards will be on sale at Masses today **Sunday 30th November**.

**Community 6KM Walk:** in memory of Eileen Watters on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Derrygonnelly Community Centre. Registration: 10am / £5.00. Light refreshments afterwards. *All proceeds to Cancer Connect NI Devenish Dragons.*



## The Jubilee Prayer

*Father in heaven,  
 may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ,  
 our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our  
 hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for  
 the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the  
 seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within  
 both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation  
 of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of  
 Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of  
 Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our  
 Redeemer throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,  
 be glory and praise for ever.*

**Amen**

## Reflection

### On Spiritual Complacency

People in Noah's day were oblivious until the flood came. Am I similarly asleep, absorbed in life's daily rhythms, while remaining spiritually unprepared? Lord, shake me from my complacency and keep me watchful for your coming.

### On Being Truly Ready

Two men will be in the field; one is taken. Does my external Christian activity mask an unprepared heart? Am I living in a state of genuine, moment-by-moment readiness, or am I presuming on God's grace and assuming I'll have more time?

### On the Unexpected Moment

Jesus compares his return to a thief in the night. Does this sense of holy urgency inform my choices? Or do I live as if that day is far off, structuring my life around everything but the promise of his sudden appearance?

### On Active Watchfulness

'Therefore keep watch.' This is a command to active, intentional living. What does 'keeping watch' actually look like for me today? Is it merely a head knowledge, or is it transforming my priorities, my prayers, and how I love others right now?

**Lourdes 2026:** why not give your loved one a Lourdes Gift voucher for Christmas. Available in £50, £100 or £200 vouchers. Contact John Hueston on 028 67724329 or Email [treasurer.lourdes@clogherparishes.ie](mailto:treasurer.lourdes@clogherparishes.ie)

**St. Michael's Parish:** presents **Christmas by Candlelight**. in St Michael's church, Enniskillen on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December** at 7pm. Tickets on sale on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** at 7pm in St Michael's Community centre, cost £10. Cash sales only.

**Parish Fundraising:** Sincere thanks to all who attended and supported in any way our very enjoyable cookery demonstration by Glen Wheeler last Monday night. Total raised £2350.

**CPR and Defibrillator training:** Training cancelled in Derrygonnelly community centre due to unforeseen circumstances, new dates available in early 2026. Monday 1st Dec at 7.30pm Band Room, Church Hill.

**Derrygonnelly Credit Union:** AGM takes place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC:** £8100. £20 Eilis Campbell, John Lunny, Bridie Hoy, Derrygonnelly. Draw in The Linnett Inn tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. The Harps Youth Presentation night has been provisionally scheduled for **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** in the clubrooms

**Popes intentions for December:** Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.