



Parish of Botha

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Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist is a prophetic voice for all ages: his message speaks to us today, for conversion is always part of the Christian way of living. Conversion to each other is called for by St Paul, so that we can be tolerant of each other, united in mind and heart.

Masses for the Week

Immaculate Conception Monea:

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

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 7th 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

Monday 8th December **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 7pm

Tuesday 9th December Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

Tuesday 9th December 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine

Wednesday 10th December 10am Mass

Thursday 11th December 10am Mass

Sunday 14th December 11:30am Mass **Months Memory:** Madeline Beatty, Rosnarick Close
Anniversary: Mary, Tom and Ciaran Fee, Derrygonnelly

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 14th December 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Philip Gallagher and Deceased of the Gallagher Family, Drumbeggar – Deceased of the McCaffrey Family, Killyhommon -Mary Burns, Lisdoodan – Una Buchanan, Belfast – Deceased of the Burns Family, Aughakeeran – Deceased of the Carroll Family, Lisdoodan – Roseann McGrath and Deceased of the McGrath Family, Coolarkin

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Father, all powerful Lord of light.

May our Advent be a time of preparation.

Help us reflect on the power of light to dispel darkness
in our world and in our lives.

Touch our hearts with the warmth of your love.

May the increasing light of these candles brighten our minds and hearts to be
steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love, so that we are ready again to receive in true
peace, Jesus, the Light of the World, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

*Prince of Peace, settle our hearts in this season of waiting. Where there is tension or fear, bring Your
calming presence. May Your peace fill our lives, our homes, and our relationships, drawing us together in
unity and love. Amen*



Prayer to the Immaculate Conception

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son.

We beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.



The St de Paul Society (SVP) provides practical help and support to individuals and families in need. The parish of Botha is attached to the SVP Conference in Enniskillen. The Conference has 13 volunteers, some of whom come from this parish, and local volunteers generally deal with local requests. Last year, the Enniskillen Conference gave out £79,000 in assistance. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (FODC) provided £7,000 of this total, with the remainder coming from donations, Church gate collections, bequests, and the SVP Charity Shop in Enniskillen. A Christmas collection will take place after both Masses on **Sunday, 14th December**. We would greatly appreciate your support and kindness at what can be a difficult time of year for many.

Trócaire Collection: sincere thanks to all who donated and bought Trócaire Gift Cards this Christmas. Total raised £1471.00

Envelope Collection: week ending **30th November** Weekly Offerings £2035.00 and €67.10. Development Fund £1780.00. Thank you for your generous support.

Taizé Prayer for Advent: in St. Joseph's Church, Monaghan this evening at 5pm. Meditative prayer through song presented by the youth of Clogher don Óige.

Trócaire School Volunteers: Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2026 in the Clogher Diocese. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have time to volunteer during Lent, then we would love to hear from you! Full training and support will be provided. Call Fionnuala on 028 9080 8033 or email: fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org

Lourdes 2026: why not give your loved one a Lourdes Gift voucher for Christmas. Available in £50, £100 or £200 vouchers. Tel: 028 67724329 or Email treasurer.lourdes@clogherparishes.ie

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: congratulations to Dymrna Fitzpatrick, from Enniskillen ASDA on winning the jackpot of £8100. Jackpot starting at £3000, which is still a great prize for a pound! Draw in The Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. The Harps Youth Presentation night has been postponed to mid-January.

Reflection

In today's Gospel John's message is a stark call to *'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'* He condemns the religious leaders' empty reliance on ancestry. Reflect: Is your faith a matter of genuine, internal transformation, producing a changed life (the 'fruit' John demands), or is it merely a superficial identity?

John's role was to prepare the way for the Lord, making *'straight paths for him.'* This involves honest self-examination. We ask ourselves: What 'mountains' of pride or 'valleys' of apathy in my life need to be levelled to make a clear, unobstructed path for Christ to reign?

John speaks of the coming Messiah who will *'baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'* Fire refines and purges. What is it in our lives that needs the Holy Spirit's purifying fire to burn away pride, or self-reliance, leaving only what is genuine and dedicated to God?

The image of the winnowing fork is one of ultimate separation and accountability. It reminds us that our choices have eternal consequences. Does the reality of final judgment influence my daily decisions to live a life of faithfulness and integrity?

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 Tiernach Beggan

Father Tiernach is a native of the parish of Clones and is currently the PP of Belleek/Garrison.

Parish Calendars: The 2026 parish calendar is now available at the back of our churches. Please take one for those who may be housebound.