



# 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 centered on God, with respect and love for each other.

### Masses for the Week

#### Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 10am Mass **Months Memory:** Kathleen (Vera) Leonard, Brughas

#### St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 11:30am Mass Deceased of the Derrygonnelly Harps and Boho St. Faber's GFC

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm

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

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** John Murphy, Lisnaskea/Rosnarick Close – Teresa Foy, Ely Lodge – Francie Reilly, Mill Green

#### Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 10am Mass **Anniversary:** James and Mary Green, Killyveagh

### New Year Greetings:

As we turn the page on another year, and look towards 2026, I want to extend good wishes to you all. Many of you have been involved in parish ministries during the past year, and your commitment and support is greatly valued. Thank you to all who give of their time, talent, and effort for the benefit of the parish. Thanks to everyone who supports the parish financially, the demands never diminish, and your support is vital.

If this year has been difficult for you, I hope and pray for better and brighter times ahead. May the Child Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life bless, inspire and guide you all in the days and weeks to come.

Fr. Cathal

### The Year Ahead

May God make our new year a happy one!  
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making our path easy,  
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from us,  
But by taking fear from our heart;  
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping our face bright,  
even in the shadows;  
Not by making our life always pleasant,  
But by showing us when people and their causes  
need us most, and by making us anxious to be  
there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the  
year ahead. - Author Unknown; Adapted by Debra Mooney.

**Visitation of the Sick, Elderly and Housebound:** will next receive a parish visit in February.

If there is anyone who wishes to be added to the list for a visit with Holy Communion every month, please contact the Parish office Tel: 028 68641889 or email [botha@clogherparishes.ie](mailto:botha@clogherparishes.ie)

## Prayer to Mary Mother of God

Mary mother of God  
Give me your heart so beautiful,  
so pure, so immaculate.  
That I may be able to receive  
Jesus in the Bread of Life,  
love Him as you loved Him,  
and serve Him as you served Him  
in the distressing disguise of  
the poorest of the poor.  
Amen.



**Altar Society January:** **Derrygonnelly** – Angela Gallagher, Marie McGowan and Breege McConnell. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly. **Boho:** Joanne Attwood and Imelda Leonard. Collector – Charlie Duffy. **Monea:** Collector – Declan Magee

**Praying for our priests:** In the Jubilee Year of Hope we have been keeping in prayer the priests of our diocese. In this final week of the Jubilee,

### **Please pray for: Father Cathal Deery**

Fr Cathal has served as PP in our parish since 2018. Prior to his appointment, Fr. Cathal has served in six other parishes throughout the diocese.

**Envelope Collection:** week ending **21<sup>st</sup> December** Weekly Offerings £1645.00 and €19.30. Thank you for your generous support.

**St. Vincent de Paul Collection:** a sincere thank you to all those who contributed so generously to our recent collection. Your support is greatly appreciated. The amount raised was £531.58 and €3.20 euro.

**Gaza Appeal:** The collection last Sunday raised £1246.16 and €64 for Palestine Aid Ireland. Such fantastic generosity from the people of the Parish.

**Derrygonnelly Harps GFC** Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports and promotes the Lotto. New Year's Eve walk to remember John Murphy on **Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup>** at 12.00, starting from Canon Maguire Park. Refreshments served afterwards in the clubrooms. Celebration Dinner Dance for last year's successful teams will take place on **Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>** in the Killyhevlin Hotel. More details to follow. The club gym has been running for a number of months now, with membership also available to non-playing members currently offering a membership package of 12 months membership for the price of ten, contact 07896365530 for this limited time offer.

## Reflection

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

That God comes to us as a newborn offers us a new beginning. It also reminds us that the divine life is vulnerable, fragile, and needs to be cared for and protected. There is nothing sentimental or romantic about Matthew's version of the Christmas story. It's reality life.

When it comes to the holy life of God with us, Emmanuel, Jesus, it is always a matter of life and death; the child's, each other's, our own. God has entrusted his Son to each one of us in a variety of ways. Just like Joseph we stand in the middle between Jesus and Herod, between life and death, between the life-giver and the life-taker. We can't stay in the middle. Day by day, minute by minute, we choose. Will we get up and take the child and his mother or will we sleep through and miss what God is doing in our lives? What will it be for you? For me? What are we choosing? Are we nurturing and growing the life of Christ within us? How are we caring for the sacred pieces and parts of our lives? How are we creating a home for Jesus?

Don't be too anxious or distracted by Herod. Remember, neither God nor Joseph dealt directly with Herod. They didn't give Herod time, attention, or effort. That doesn't mean we deny or ignore the Herod's of our lives. It means, rather, that we gain more by nurturing, feeding, and growing the divine life. It means that our work is to cultivate deep relationships, a life of prayer, and love for all people. It means that in the end holiness always wins.

*Michael K. Marsh*

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**Parish Office will re-open  
on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at  
6.30pm**

**Popes intentions for January - For prayer with the Word of God.** Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.