Parish of Botha

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First Sunday of Advent

First Sunday of Advent invites us to reflect on my daily life – for what do I ask forgiveness? For what do I give thanks? We also look forward to a new beginning and a chance to start again on the way of discipleship. Both thanksgiving and renewal are to be found in today's readings. The Gospel is an invitation to wake up, to keep watch, to live fully the present moment under God, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 29th November 10am Mass **Anniversary:** John Melanophy, Drumgamph - Francie and Margaret Jones, Corr – Patrick, May and Brian Maguire, and Deceased of the Maguire Family, Drumgamph – Rose Ann McGrath and Deceased of the McGrath Family, Coolarkin

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 29th November 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Paddy and Rose Corrigan, Coranerk – Peter and Susan Burns, Tonagh – Elizabeth Foy, Ely Lodge
Tuesday 1st December Eucharistic Adoration 10am – 7pm
Tuesday 1st December 7pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine **Anniversary:** Paddy and Molly Cassidy, Derrygonnelly
Wednesday 2nd December 10am
Thursday 3rd December **St Francis Xavier** 10am
Sunday 6th December 11:30am Mass **Anniversary:** Patricia Garrity, Enniskillen – Tommy and Kathleen Brennan, Braade – Vera, Francie and Mary Jane Treacy, Rosnarick Close – Molly and Packie Gallagher, Mill Green – Deceased of the Gallagher Families Stratrore and Drumgormley – Anthony and Bridie Carr, Sillees Grove.

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 6th December 10am Mass **Anniversary:** Mary McSherry, Castletown - Patrick and May McGovern, Tullycalter

Recently Deceased: as a parish community we express sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Moira McAfee, Mullylusty. May she rest in peace.

As we light our First Advent Candle this week,
may we open our hearts to the light of Christ.
May his light increase in brightness
through our love and efforts this Advent.



O Lord, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the first candle of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign
of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and
not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Mass Times: From Sunday 3rd January 2027 Sunday Mass times will change to 9.30am in the Immaculate Conception and the Sacred Heart Churches and 11am in St Patrick's.

Envelope Collection: Week ending **22nd November** – Weekly offerings £1595.00. and €39.60. Thank you for your generous support.

This week's Bulletin is sponsored by the Maguire Family.

Parish Calendars: The 2027 parish calendar is now available at the back of our churches. Please take one for those who may be housebound.

Altar Society December: **Derrygonnelly** – Leeanne McGovern, Siobhan Hodgson, Gerald and Bridget Greene. Collection after 11.30am Mass on Sunday **13th December** in St Patrick's, Derrygonnelly.
Boho: Caroline Duffy. Collector: Kieran McGullion.
Monea: Deirdre Leonard and Christine Duffy. Collector – John Gosling

The St de Paul Society (SVP) provides practical help and support to individuals and families in need. A Christmas collection will take place after both Masses on **Sunday, 6th December**. We would greatly appreciate your support and kindness at what can be a difficult time of year for many.

"Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat: 11th - 13th December 2026 Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

Opportunity for Young Adults in Rome: The **Pontifical Irish College Lay Formation Programme** offers a transformative year of academic, spiritual, pastoral, and human formation for young adults aged 20 - 30. This is a unique opportunity for young adults who are interested in deepening their faith, developing their leadership potential, and experiencing life at the heart of the Church in Rome. Participants will live in community at the Pontifical Irish College while studying at one of Rome's pontifical universities and engaging with the rich spiritual and cultural life of the Eternal City. Applications are now open for **September 2027** intake. Places are limited. You are encouraged to make contact as early as possible. Further information and applications details can be found at https://irishcollege.org/lay/

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £3700. £20 Margaret Corrigan, Boho, Liam Flynn, Boho, Oliver McGovern, Corlough. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who supports, promotes and supervises the Lotto each week. The annual mass for Deceased of the Harps and St Faber's GFC will take place on **Sunday 13th December** at 11.30am in St Patrick's Church.

Afternoon Tea Dance: will take place on **Tuesday 1st December** 2pm – 4pm in Derrygonnelly Community Centre. Music by Eugene Cunningham. Booking is essential, contact Allison by phone or text on 07873392365 or email aforbes@southwestpartnership.co.uk .

Aghadrumsee Folk Choir and Friends: present their Christmas Carol Service on Friday 11th December in St. Macartan's Church, Aghadrumsee! Special Guest, Gareth Maguire, lead singer of the Tumbling Paddies! Doors open at 7.00pm, show begins at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 or €18, available from Clones Parish Office. Tickets will also be available after the Masses at the weekend. Everyone is invited to join them in St. Macartan's Primary School before the Carol Service from 6.00pm for tea and festive treats! Santa will be visiting at 6.15pm to collect the children's letters and Banjo Paddy Treacy will provide entertainment!

Points to Ponder

As we begin a new liturgical year, the Gospel reminds us that our time on earth is not permanent, and we are told three times that we must 'Stay awake'! No sleeping on the job! As members of the household of God, left in charge of the Church, each with our own task, we are called to take up our task and be ready to give an accounting when the Son returns.

During Advent, we are joyfully preparing and contemplating the 'three comings' of Christ: the first is the Incarnation and Nativity, the second is His coming to each of us at the end of our earthly life, and the third is His Final Coming at the end of time. While we know that He came to earth 2000 years ago, we do not know when He will call us from this life, or when He will return in glory.

Amidst the responsibilities, distractions, joys, and sorrows of life, we can lose sight of the goal and live in a way that seems to disregard the Master of our lives. Jesus doesn't want us to forget WHY we are here and what we are supposed to be about: loving and serving God and others in faith and humility, taking up our daily cross in this world with our eyes on the Kingdom that will never end. So He gently says to each of us: Stay awake!

Kathryn Mulderink
Catholic Mom Holy Cross Family Ministries

Popes Intentions for December: For single-parent families. Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.