



Parish of Botha - 19th December 2021

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	We prepare for Christmas with the attitudes of Elizabeth and Mary. Like Elizabeth we are open to receive the Christ with wonder and joy. Like Mary we are ready to do the will of God as it is made clear to us. That may mean standing by the cross before we come to the glory of the resurrection.		
	Sacred Heart, Boho		
	Sun 19 December	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Philip Gallagher and deceased of the Gallagher Family , Drumbeggar and deceased of the McAfee Family , Killyhommon.
	Sat 25 December	9:30am	Mass, The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
	Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly		
	Sun 19 December	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Tom and Mary Fee , Derrygonnelly; Ciaran Fee , Dublin; Henry Dundas and deceased of the McConnell Family , Derryvarymore.
	Tue 21 December	10:00am	Mass and Novena to St Peregrine. Anniversary: Joe Maginnis and deceased of the Maginnis Family Drumgormley.
	Thu 23 December	10:00am	Mass
	Fri 24 December	7:00pm	Vigil Mass
	Sun 26 December	11:30am	Mass Months Memory: Mollie Gallagher , Mill Green. Anniversary: Kevin and Clare Swift , Rosnarick Close.
	Immaculate Conception, Monea		
	Sat 25 December	11:00am	Mass, The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
	Sun 26 December	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: Patsy and Bridget Duffy , Castletown; James and Mary Greene , Killyveagh

Christmas Greetings: as we begin the fourth week of Advent, our focus turns to the celebration of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. I hope that all parishioners will have a healthy and happy Christmas. While we must continue to be alert to the reality of Coronavirus, I pray that everyone will take some time with family, being mindful of those who cannot come home this year.

I invite you to come to Mass for Christmas (remaining in your car if you cannot access the church), and to visit the crib scene in your church.

Thank you to those who decorate and prepare our churches for Christmas, those who act as ushers, our sacristans and anyone involved in church ministries, and of course, to everyone who supports the parish in any way, not just at this time, but throughout the year. May the Christ Child instil in the heart of each one of us the virtues of faith, hope, charity and love.

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Masses for Christmas	
St. Patrick's Derrygonnelly Christmas Eve vigil	7:00pm
Sacred Heart Boho Christmas Day	9.30am
Immaculate Conception Monea Christmas Day	11:00am
Due to ongoing restrictions, capacity in each church is limited. There is a permanent radio antenna at Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception and a temporary one at St. Patrick's, which allows people to pick up Mass on your car radio on 90.6FM. You are encouraged to attend Mass for Christmas and, if you cannot get access to the church, to remain in your car. You will be able to receive Holy Communion at the church door.	

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

Luke 1:39-44

1. The greeting of Elizabeth to Mary 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb' is a joyful welcome of the child to come. Bringing new life into the world through pregnancy and birth is one of the most awesome human experiences. Have you experienced this for yourself or in someone close to you?
2. The image of the pregnant Mary going a distance to visit her cousin is a symbol of her willingness to look beyond her own needs to the needs of another. When have you witnessed that kind of generosity in others, or have been able to act in this way yourself?
3. Mary is praised for her faith, because she believed the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled. In what ways have you experienced blessings from your faith and trust in God's promises? What are God's promises that mean the most to you?

John Byrne OSA

Parish Webcam: from the beginning of January, the parish webcam will broadcast liturgies live, and the recording of any liturgies will only happen if it is requested by contacting the parish in writing on office@bothaparish.com GDPR legislation, introduced in 2018, does not permit the filming of anyone without their consent being given. Anyone who attends any services in St. Patrick's Church has not given consent and should therefore not be recorded on the parish webcam. Similarly, the webcam facility should allow people to join online for Masses and other liturgies while they are taking place rather than at a later time or date.

Lighting of the Fourth Candle

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle
 Father, all-powerful God,
 your eternal Word took flesh on our earth
 when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan.
 Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the announcing of his glory and open our minds
 to receive the Spirit
 who prepares us for this coming.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £6100. £20 Josh Largo-Ellis, Irvinestown, Annie McGovern, Kinawley, Jarlath O'Brien, Garrison. Next Sunday night's lotto is our Christmas Bumper Lotto with seven prizes of £50 and two promoters' prizes of £50. Draw in the Cosy Bar tonight. Thanks to everyone for the support and promotion of our club lotto.

NI Blood Transfusion Service: donation sessions will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral Church Hall, Enniskillen on Mon 20th and Tue 21th December 12.30pm – 4pm and 5pm – 7.30pm. Now by appointment only, call 08085 534 653 to book. Your donation could help save a life.

Victim Support NI: offers a free advice and support service to anyone wishing to apply for Criminal Injuries Compensation and can assist anyone who would like to apply to the scheme. As a result of the 'same household rule,' victims of sexual or physical violence between 1st March 1969 – 30th June 1988 who lived in the same household as their attacker were unable to apply for compensation. However, the law has changed, and victims now have a short window of time to apply for compensation. Victims must make their application before June 2022.