

Parish of Botha

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Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month, currently restricted to two babies at once.

Funerals and Weddings:

Only 25 people permitted to attend. Families may have a funeral or wedding in whichever parish church they choose, being mindful of the webcam facility in Derrygonnelly.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday 1:30pm – 9:30pm

Thursday 6.30pm – 9:30pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The season of preparation is drawing to a close. Like Mary, my getting ready involves deeper listening to what God is asking of me now and an interior willingness to say: "Let what you have said be done to me." What is God asking of me now, as a person, in the family, at work, and indeed within the faith community of the Church? Have I noticed a pattern of "nudges" from God calling me to a deeper, perhaps different engagement as a disciple? Are my gifts - tokens of God's grace - fully at the service of my neighbour?

Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly

Sun 20 Dec.	9:30am	Mass Anniversary: Deceased of the Gallagher Family , Drumbeggar and the McCaffrey Family , Killyhommon
		Mass Anniversary: Mary and Tom Fee , Knockmore Park; Ciaran Fee , Dublin; Henry Dundas , Derryvarymore and deceased of the McConnell Family , Derryvarymore
Tue 22 Dec.	7:00pm	Novena Mass to St. Peregrine
Wed 23 Dec.	10:00am	Mass
Thu 24 Dec.	8:30pm	Vigil Mass The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Fri 25 Dec.	11:00am	Mass The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sun 27 th Dec.	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Clare and Kevin Swift , Rosnarick Close; Frank, Cassie and Martin Gallagher , Fairview Park.

Immaculate Conception Monea

Thu 24 Dec.	6:30pm	Vigil Mass The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
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Sacred Heart Boho

Fri 25 Dec.	9:30am	Mass The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
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Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Gabriel Gordon, Devon. May he rest in peace.



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.

Bulletin sponsored this week in memory of Sean Gallagher, Drumbeggar.

Christmas Mass Times

Vigil for Christmas, Thursday 24 th December 2020	
Immaculate Conception, Monea	6:30pm
St. Patrick's Derrygonnelly	8:00pm
Christmas Day Friday 25 th December 2020	
Sacred Heart, Boho	9:30am
St. Patrick's Derrygonnelly	11:00am

Celebrating Christmas: it's a very different experience for us this year as we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus. Nonetheless, you are welcome to attend any of the masses over Christmas Eve and morning. Details of times are available in this bulletin. As current restrictions only permit small numbers to be in the churches, you are asked to attend mass by remaining in your car in the carpark and receiving mass on your car radio at **90.6FM (at each of the parish churches)**. There will be an opportunity for you to receive Holy Communion at the end of each Mass. Further instructions on this will be given during mass. This radio frequency has been installed permanently in Boho and Monea, and on a temporary basis in Derrygonnelly as it has a webcam. While it is convenient to follow mass on the webcam, it's not possible to receive the Eucharist, so I encourage you to come to one of the Christmas masses and receive Holy Communion. Sincere thanks for the contributions received towards the cost of installing the radio signals for the transmission of masses. If anyone would like to make a donation please put it in an envelope and drop it through the door of the parochial house.

Prayer at the Crib



Heavenly Father, as we wonder and hesitate to believe, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, fill our hearts with joy, as we recognise in this helpless babe the revelation of your love, a new radiant vision of your glory.

Filled with wonder at the nearness of our God in Mary's newborn child, may we now offer him our praise, worship and thanksgiving and give him the love and loyalty of our hearts. Amen

Christmas Eve Reflection from Bishop Larry: You can join Bishop Larry Duffy on www.clogherdiocese.ie or on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page **at 5pm on Christmas Eve** as he lights the centre candle on the Advent Wreath and gives a short reflection on the Gospel reading. Advent & Christmas Prayer Resources for families – the Domestic Church - are available on www.clogherdiocese.ie and are shared through Facebook pages.

A Christmas Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds
the perseverance of the wise men
the obedience of Joseph and Mary
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas.

Trócaire's Christmas Appeal: addresses the humanitarian crises as a result of hurricanes in Central America and supports people left hungry by the impacts of Covid-19. Support to Trócaire this Christmas will also fund the charity's response to crises around the world. Trócaire and its local partners are providing shelter, food and other vital support to people left homeless by these hurricanes. Donate on www.trocaire.org.

Alone: support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.