

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

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 centred on God, with respect and love for each other.

Masses for the week, St Patrick's Derrygonnelly

Sun 27 Dec	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Clare and Kevin Swift, Rosnarick Close; Frank, Cassie and Martin Gallagher, Fairview Park
Fri 1 Jan	10:00am	Mass Mary, The Mother of God
Sun 3 Jan	11:30am	Mass Anniversary: Francie Reilly, Mill Green

Immaculate Conception Monea

Sun 27 Dec	10:00am	Mass Anniversary: James and Mary Greene, Killyveagh
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Sacred Heart Boho

Sun 3 Jan	10:00am	Mass People of the Parish
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New Year Greetings: as we move towards the year 2021, I want to offer you sincere good wishes for the year ahead. So many people have longed for this year 2020 to be over, particularly because of Coronavirus. Who could ever have thought that our world would experience a time like this because of a virus that has literally held everyone hostage for most of the year. And even though we're edging towards another new year, we still have a long way to go in order to combat Covid 19.

As we look back at what has been a difficult and challenging twelve months, I hope that there has been some positives in spite of the many trials we have faced. Some of you experienced the death of a loved one, others have had to confront illness, some have lost employment and many in business have been challenged like no other time before.

In spite of setbacks may you keep faith and hold onto hope that 2021 will be a better year for everyone. As a parish we have been confronted with lockdowns, restricted attendance and empty churches for much of the year. Key moments like baptisms, marriages, funerals, and other sacraments, have had to be marked in ways to which we were not accustomed.

Let us hope that we can overcome all that has been and look ahead to better times. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, support and help during the year. May God bless us all as we turn the page.

Fr Cathal

A New Year's Meditation

As you look back on the year just completed:

1. What name would you give to your journey of the past year?
How would you describe it to one of your friends?
What image or metaphor would you use to talk about it?
2. What were some of your "epiphanies" of the past year (your discoveries of the Holy One in your midst)?
How did you grow because of them?
3. Who were your wise persons?
What did they reveal to you?
How did this influence your life?
4. Did any of your hopes and dreams become a reality?
5. What was most satisfying about the year? What was least satisfying?
6. How did your experience of the past year affect the world in which you live?

As you look to the year before you:

1. What name would you like your new year's journey to have?
What gifts do you bring with you into the year before you?
2. Do you find any resistance within you?
Of what are you most afraid as you enter a new year?
3. What is your greatest need for the coming year?
4. Who do you bring with you for your support and strength as you begin to journey through the year?
5. How is your relationship with the Holy One as you pause on the threshold of the New Year's vast landscape?
What is at the heart of your new year's prayer?
6. What do you hope to contribute to society in this coming year?

Novena in honour of St. Peregrine: Our next Novena Mass will be on 5th January 2021 at 7pm.

Parish Calendars: The 2021 parish calendar is available at the back of our three churches.

World Day of Peace: In his message for the 54th World Day of Peace marked on 1st January, Pope Francis offers the Church's social doctrine as a "compass" to foster a culture of care for peace in the world.