

Parish of Botha

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<p>Baptisms: on the 1st Saturday of each month, currently restricted to two babies at once.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Parish Office Hours: Monday 6:30pm – 9:30pm Wednesday 1:30pm – 9:30pm Thursday 6.30pm – 9:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Masses for the week</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="724 555 884 734">Sun 29 Nov.</td> <td data-bbox="888 555 1018 734">11:30am</td> <td data-bbox="1023 555 1508 734">Anniversary: Patricia Garrity, Enniskillen; Tommy and Kathleen Brennan, Braade; Rose Corrigan, Coranerk; Peter and Susan Burns, Tonagh; Elizabeth Foy, Ely Lodge; Eamon Maguire, Main Street</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="724 741 884 786">Tue 1 Dec.</td> <td data-bbox="888 741 1018 786">7:00pm</td> <td data-bbox="1023 741 1508 786">Novena Mass to St. Peregrine</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="724 792 884 860">Wed 2 Dec.</td> <td data-bbox="888 792 1018 860">10:00am</td> <td data-bbox="1023 792 1508 860">Anniversary: Nellie and Benny Swift, Fairview Park.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="724 866 884 911">Thu 3 Dec.</td> <td data-bbox="888 866 1018 911">10:00am</td> <td data-bbox="1023 866 1508 911">Mass</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="724 918 884 1144">Sun 6 Dec.</td> <td data-bbox="888 918 1018 1144">11:30am</td> <td data-bbox="1023 918 1508 1144">Mass Months Memory: Tommy Gallagher, Dernafoagher. Anniversary: Molly Cassidy, Fairview Park; Josie Flood, Main Street. Charlie Jones, Corr; Tommy Jones, Corr; Roseanne McGrath and deceased of the McGrath Family, Coolarkin</td> </tr> </table>	Sun 29 Nov.	11:30am	Anniversary: Patricia Garrity , Enniskillen; Tommy and Kathleen Brennan , Braade; Rose Corrigan , Coranerk; Peter and Susan Burns , Tonagh; Elizabeth Foy , Ely Lodge; Eamon Maguire , Main Street	Tue 1 Dec.	7:00pm	Novena Mass to St. Peregrine	Wed 2 Dec.	10:00am	Anniversary: Nellie and Benny Swift , Fairview Park.	Thu 3 Dec.	10:00am	Mass	Sun 6 Dec.	11:30am	Mass Months Memory: Tommy Gallagher , Dernafoagher. Anniversary: Molly Cassidy , Fairview Park; Josie Flood , Main Street. Charlie Jones , Corr; Tommy Jones , Corr; Roseanne McGrath and deceased of the McGrath Family , Coolarkin
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Recently Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Mickey McPhillips, Newtownbutler; Colm Donnelly, Monaghan and Thomas Gallagher, England. May they rest in peace.

Season of Advent: today marks the beginning of a new Church year, the First Sunday of Advent. We begin like never before, with public worship suspended, as it was for much of Spring and early Summer. Advent has a twofold dimension – our looking ahead to the second coming of Christ, as well as our preparation for the birth of Jesus, which we focus on from **December 17th**. Today, in empty churches all over the country, the Advent wreath will be blessed and the first candle lit. Even though, for the moment, we pray the Mass from a distance, let Jesus be with us in our time of waiting, conversion and hope.

Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love.
Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son.
Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you.
Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen

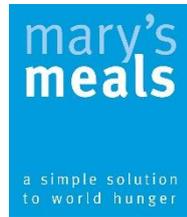
Coronavirus restrictions: in order to comply with the recently announced guidance from the NI Executive, it will not be possible to have congregations present for masses for the next two weeks. You are asked to tune in via the parish webcam churchservices.tvderrygonnelly Attendance at funerals and weddings is permitted with a maximum of twenty five people present. Hopefully after these two weeks, it will be possible to get back to having people in attendance, albeit in very restricted numbers. Churches will remain open daily for private prayer. You are encouraged to leave your parish contributions in the parochial house during this time.

Advent Prayer Resources: available on www.clogherdiocese.ie and via the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page and other social media platforms from this weekend. They include prayers for family and school, links to the Advent Calendar with prayers, reflections and music for each day.

Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom: For 3 sessions during Advent you are invited to take part in a min-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. The retreat will be led by Fr Billy Swan, Enniscorthy (Ferns Diocese), from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December at 8pm each day. To take part, simply email thehookoffaith@gmail.com and you will receive the Zoom link.

Fr Ragheed Ganni – Martyred 2007: Fr Billy Swan – has written a short article recalling his memories of Fr Ragheed Ganni, who was martyred in Iraq in 2007. Fr Ganni lived in the Irish College in Rome during the time when Fr Swan was the Director of Formation in the Irish College. Not many of us personally know someone who has suffered persecution or who has been martyred for their faith. The story of Fr Ganni is inspiring. He has been recognised as a servant of God and his cause has been opened by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Should you like to read Fr Swan’s article it can be found here:

<https://vocations.ie/2020/11/25/the-inspiring-witness-of-fr-ragheed-ganni-servant-of-god/>



Mary’s Meals – Double the Love: At Mary’s Meals we are inspired by the courageous ‘yes’ of Mary. Her total trust in God in the face of numerous challenges gave the world the most precious gift of all –Jesus. Throughout

this year of many challenges Mary’s Meals have continued to say yes, with the help of our generous supporters, to feeding 1.6 million children their daily meal in a place of education in 19 developing countries even when obstacles arose. Our Double the Love Campaign runs until 31st January 2021, any donations made will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Each little act of love will be doubled in order to provide 43,000 children in Bong County Liberia with hope for a better future. You can get involved by setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table

<https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table>. information about the campaign, our Christmas Gift cards and other ways to support can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove.

The Annual Graan Draw: takes place on Tuesday 8th December. If you would like to buy a book of tickets Telephone 028 (048 ROI) 66322272, or by post: The Graan Monastery, 73 Derrygonnelly Road, Enniskillen, BT74 5PB, email thegraan@btinternet.com or visit our website thegraan.com tickets cost£1 /€1 or a book of 6 for £5/€5. First prize of £5000.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.