

# Parish of Botha

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**Baptisms:** on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	11:30am	<b>Mass Anniversary: Francie Reilly, Mill Green</b>
<b>Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	7:00pm	<b>Mass and Novena to St Peregrine</b>
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	10:00am	<b>Mass The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
<b>Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	10:00am	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	11:30am	<b>Mass Anniversary: Patricia Johnston, Rosnarick Close; Michael and Agnes McGullion and Robbie and Ellen Collum, Meenaglearagh</b>

## Immaculate Conception Monea

<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	10:00am	<b>Mass People of the Parish</b>
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## Sacred Heart Boho

<b>Sun 3 Jan</b>	10:00am	<b>Mass People of the Parish</b>
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## Epiphany Prayer



**God of light, shining in darkness,  
through a little child, born in Bethlehem,  
you open to us the treasure of your grace.  
Help us to search diligently for him,  
so that we may offer our lives to you  
with thanksgiving, joy, and praise;  
through Jesus Christ, the rising star. Amen.**

## Popes Intention for January: For evangelization - *Human fraternity*

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

## NEW YEAR

*God of all time  
who makes all things new,*

*we bring before you the year now ending.  
For life full and good,*

*for opportunities recognised and taken,*

*for challenges faced*

*for love known and shared,*

*we thank you.*

*Where we have fallen short,*

*forgive us.*

*When we worry over what is past,  
free us.*

*As we begin again*

*and take our first steps into the future,*

*where nothing is safe and certain,  
except you,*

*we ask for the courage of the wise men  
who simply went and followed a star.*

*We ask for their wisdom,*

*in choosing to pursue the deepest truth,*

*not knowing where they would be led.*

*In the year to come, God of all time,*

*be our help and company.*

*Hold our hands as we journey onwards*

*and may your dream of shalom,  
where all will be at peace,*

*be our guiding star.*

Francis Brienen

**Coronavirus restrictions:** as we begin the new year, we have to continue with many of the restrictions of 2020 as far as COVID-19 is concerned. The introduction of several vaccines is a welcome development in the fight against this illness; however it will be many months before everyone can be vaccinated. In the meantime we are asked to continue taking care so as to avoid getting infected. While we have entered another period of lockdown, churches are permitted to have public worship, at least for the present.

**There are some regulations which we are all asked to adhere to:**

- If you have any symptoms of the virus please do not come to church.
- Likewise, those with underlying health conditions should stay at home.
- While in church, please wear a face covering at all times - it is not permissible to remove your face mask during mass, except to receive Holy Communion.
- Please sit in the seat assigned by the ushers and remain in that seat. You must sit at the end of the seat so that there will be the appropriate distance between you and the other person at the opposite end.
- When you are invited forward for Holy Communion please maintain the required 2 metre distance from the person in front of you if they are not from your unit or bubble. There are clear markings on the floor for this purpose.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter and exit the building.
- Maintain good coughing and sneezing etiquette.
- Do not touch any surfaces that you don't need to.

We all want 2021 to be the year when we will be able to return to some type of normality. This can only happen by continuing to safeguard ourselves and others, and we do this by sticking to the guidelines and adhering to the regulations.

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