

**“Welcoming Vaccines for the Common Good”:** The Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference welcomes the encouraging news that a number of vaccines for COVID-19 are at an advanced stage of preparation and are likely to be available for use in the near future. The Catholic Church recognises that safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease. We are encouraging Catholics to support a programme of vaccination, not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity.

**Mullary Cemetery Draw:** Winning #40: Oonagh McCabe.

*Please email items for next Bulletin no later than Wednesday, and see Church noticeboards for further upcoming events & notices*

## **Parish Arrangements for Christmas**

**You must book a FREE ticket to attend.  
Tickets are available online at Eventbrite.**

**For those without internet access,** please contact the Parish Office (*Ann McEvoy 087 648 6809 or Fr. Paddy 086 880 7470*) **ONLY** on **Tuesday 15th December from 2.30 - 5.30pm.**

*if your situation has changed, please let us know so the tickets can be re-allocated.*

**Bookings will close** on Sunday 20th December at midnight.

### **Christmas Eve (Thursday 24th) Masses:**

*(Those underlined below are already booked out)*

Tenure - 4.30pm, 6pm, & 9pm - max 100 at each Mass  
Fieldstown - 7.30pm, 1030pm & Midnight - max 50 at each Mass

### **Christmas Day (Friday 25th) Masses:**

Fieldstown - 9.45am & Tenure - 11.15am

**Bear in mind that** The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tenure **will have** a webcam installed, and we hope to have our Facebook Live broadcasting from The Church of The Nativity of Our Lady, Fieldstown, so **you can also tune into Mass from your own home.**

The most important thing is that we continue to do everything we can to **keep each other safe** over Christmas. Thank you for helping to achieve this. **May the peace of the Christ-child be in your hearts and homes this Christmas. Happy Christmas!**



**Parish of Monasterboice**  
(Mainistir Bhuithe)

**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**13th December 2020 - Year B**

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**The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday:** Gaudete is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass taken from **Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.”** Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week’s Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus’ message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus’ ministry and Jesus’ assessment of John’s role in the Kingdom of God.

**Online Advent Calendar:** “The seasons of Advent and Christmas occur in the depth of winter reminding us that Christ was born to bring hope to a darkened world. During Advent, let us reflect on the eternal message of Christmas, which is, Christ is alive and that He is our hope.” Each day in Advent, behind a virtual door on our calendar you will find ideas such as thoughtful reflections/challenges for change and conversion. - visit [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie),

**Ignatian Advent Programme:** with Jim Deeds and Brendan McManus SJ. Join us as we travel through Advent; The series will be streamed online every Tuesday & Thursday throughout Advent at 8.30pm on the Knock Shrine website & Facebook page. **www.knockshrine.ie for further details.** Themes; Week 3: Joy and happiness; Week 4: Mary’s yes.

**We encourage** parishioners to connect with us online for Mass on the Monasterboice Parish Facebook Page - while attendance is now permitted at



Church, we will still be broadcasting each week from one of the Parish Masses. Next weekend, it will be 6.30pm;

A number of other 'Online' services are also taking place; **Night Prayer** will be said at **10pm on Sunday nights** via the Parish Facebook Page. Fr. Paddy will lead an **online Rosary** - on the Monasterboice Parish Facebook page - on Tuesday 15th December at 7pm. **For the Pastoral Area:** visit [www.termonfechinparish.ie](http://www.termonfechinparish.ie) for Mass **daily at 9.30am** (Sunday @11am); Mass is also televised on RTE News Now at 10.30am

**Parish Office Hours:** The parish office is closed to the public but on Tuesdays from 2.30pm - 5.30pm, Ann McEvoy (087 648 6809) will be able to take phone calls, and answer emails about parish business, eg certificates, bookings, etc.

**Finance: Thanks for supporting the Parish financially - last weekend's collection combined with monies handed in over the weeks Mass was off, amounted to; €4,100.** Thanks for all your support of the parish in these difficult times. **PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH BY ONLINE DONATIONS VIA YOUR BANK;** The parish details; **BIC: AIBKIE2D and IBAN: IE68 AIBK 9320 9421 7710 85;** Pls give your Envelope#/Surname as reference. Donations also via [www.armagharchdiocese.org](http://www.armagharchdiocese.org)

**Confessions for Christmas:** The Pastoral Area have co-ordinated an hour of Confessions in one Church in each Parish starting next **Sunday, 20th from 3-4pm** in St. Michael's Clogherhead; **And from 7-8pm each evening;** on **Monday 21st** in St Finnian's, Dillonstown; **Tuesday 22nd** in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tenure and **Wednesday 23rd** from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfechin.

**Advent and Christmas Prayers at Home:** Refer to the parish website/ Facebook Page for prayers which can be downloaded to use at home eg. when decorating the Christmas Tree or a prayer at the Christmas Crib.

**Thanks to our Sacristans** - Kathleen & Teresa - **and ALL who helped** in the work of preparing the Churches for Christmas. Do let us know if you would be available in an ongoing way to support the work of caring for our church buildings - inside and out! Please consider donating a Poinsettia to the Churches to assist with decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas. Thank you.

**Advent Day of Reflection:** by Sr Pam Thimmes OSC, Poor Clares, Faughart on Saturday, 19 December from 10 am – 4 pm, hosted by Drumalis via Zoom. The cost for the Day of Reflection is £20 per person or £30 per household. To book please contact Drumalis tel 048 28272196/ 28276455 (Mon-Fri, 9-5 pm).

**Remembering the Deceased:** Please pray for those on the parish list of the dead. for deceased benefactors of the parish, & those who have died recently, including Olive McGinn, Brownstown; Kathleen Molloy, Rathgorey; Eileen

Day\Mass	Intention
<b>Saturday 12th @ 6.30pm</b> (Tenure)	Pat & Maureen Campbell
<b>Sunday 13th @ 9.45am</b> (F/town)	Una McCabe (1st Av.) & Kevin & Davina
<b>Sunday 13th @ 11.15am</b> (Tenure)	Colette Martin (Birthday Remembrance)
<b>Tuesday 15th @ 9.30am</b> (Tenure)	-
<b>Wednesday 16th @ 9.30am</b> (F/town)	<b>'Pro Populo'</b> For the People
<b>Friday 18th @ 8pm</b> (Tenure)	Kathleen & Gabriel Byrne
<b>Saturday 19th @ 6.30pm</b> (Tenure)	Pat & Mary Campbell
<b>Sunday 20th @ 9.45am</b> (F/town)	Dec'd Mbrs of the Roche Family Larry Johnston & Dec'd Family Mbrs
<b>Sunday 20th @ 11.15am</b> (Tenure)	Christina, Michael, Johnny, John Jnr O'Brien

Johnston, Grangebellew; Jim Balfe, Drogheda; Lyda Murphy, Kellystown; Thomas Durrigan, Stickillen, Ardee; Peggy McCabe, Clones; If a family member outside the parish has died? - let us know to include them here.

**COVID-19 Update: The usual safety measures apply;**

- Sanitise your hands entering/leaving Church;
- Please wear a mask at all times inside;
- Observe Social distancing & follow the guidance of our stewards;
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass, after which please leave promptly, and try not to 'gather' outside for a social chat.



Remember, the 'Sunday Obligation' has been removed *for the time being*, so if you can come to Mass during the week, that will help facilitate everyone who wants to attend.

**Other Liturgies & Sacraments:** For **Funerals** only 25 mourners are permitted in Church for the Funeral Mass, and **no** gathering of mourners outside on Church grounds; For **Weddings**, again, only 25 guests in the Church for the Mass/Ceremony, and there has, as yet, been **no guidance issued on Baptisms;** *For those who may wish to arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. Paddy directly; due to so many being postponed in recent times, Fr. Paddy will do everything he can to facilitate Baptisms.*

**Christmas Gifts from Trócaire:** Trócaire's Christmas Gifts range allows you to buy goats, chickens, water and many more vital items. This year, there is a special Quarantine Care Kit Gift. By buying this gift you are providing vital daily care to families who have to isolate due to Covid-19. Please visit [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)

**"A Family Christmas":** will take place over webcam from St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 22 December at 7.30pm. Led by Archbishop Martin assisted by Karl McGuckin, Eilis Fox & Malachi Cush. Pls join via St Patrick's Cathedral Webcam for this special celebration.