

iMissal, which have all the Mass texts as well as many other resources. However, ideally, at Mass the Readings should be listened to, and not read.



ALONE manage a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days a week, 8am/8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

Naomh Mairtin have setup a 'Prayer Intention Box': in the Churches inviting people to drop in an intention for prayer. Inviting families to get the children involved writing a note of what made them happy in 2020, and who/what they would like to pray for. If you would like to make a SVP ONLINE (www.svdp.ie) donation to support their act of prayer. Fr. Paddy will remember the intentions at Mass on 6th January.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Christmas is a time of year when we generate huge volumes of wastepaper, food, glass and plastic. As we hear and read in the media about the negative effects global warming has on our planet we are encouraged to help protect our environment by disposing of it in a proper manner either through your local bin collector, at any bottle bank or at the Drogheda Recycling Centre.

Money Advice & Budgeting Service: (MABS) is a free, confidential service for people who have problems with money management National Helpline 076 107 2000 Mon - Fri 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sacred Heart Messenger: The digital edition is available FREE OF CHARGE until we return to normal delivery. Email request to: C.HENRY@MESSENGER.IE

Lough Derg continue to offer online resources and supports for the Pandemic full details www.loughderg.org or email info@loughderg.org

Armagh Inter-Diocesan Marriage Tribunal: is reopening on Monday 20 July. The office will be open Monday to Wednesday 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. Please note the office's new email address: armagh@marriagetribunal.org.

Readings for next Sunday 10th January 2021

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Reading II: Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11



Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #44 No Winner

See Church noticeboards for further upcoming events & notices



Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

2nd Sunday of Christmas

3rd January 2021 - Year B

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! On behalf of myself and the Parish Pastoral Council, may I wish you and your families a very Happy, Safe, and **Blessed** New Year!

In the readings for New Year's Day the Church cites the famous blessing of Aaron from the book of Numbers. This is an ancient Jewish blessing. We can trace it back some 800 years before Christ's birth.

The blessing is simple and strong: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."

The blessing is filled with powerful imagery: shining one's face on someone is a way of expressing delight on the person who is beheld. This blessing tells us that God delights in us and in our presence. Lifting up one's countenance to another person is a way of saying that the gaze creates a bond.

This prayer tells us that there is a bond between us and God that cannot be broken. This blessing of Aaron is a beautiful blessing, and we should make it our own.

COVID-19 Update: Our Churches remain open - for solitary prayer - during daylight hours; Thanks to Kathleen & Teresa parishioners are able to drop in & pause for a moment of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle.

Please note that due to the government restrictions announced on the 22nd December, **all Masses will be online only** until the end of January when the situation will be reviewed.

Webcam in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tenure: has now been installed, and you can view any Mass/Wedding/Funera/Baptism held in the Church by visiting www.churchservices.tv and searching for our Church by name or county. Please share this news with friends and family who live away



from the parish. It is possible to view the live stream on PC's, laptops and a range of Apple and Android and other devices. They also have **Roku app** – for their TV box and stick. **If you would like make a donation to support the installation of the Camera, please speak to Fr. Paddy.**

Other Liturgies & Sacraments: For **Funerals** only 10 mourners are permitted in Church for the Funeral Mass, and **no** gathering of mourners outside on Church grounds; For **Weddings**, again, only 6 guests in the Church for the Mass/Ceremony, and **Baptisms are not currently permitted**; *Due to so many being postponed in recent times, Fr. Paddy will do everything he can to facilitate Baptisms once permitted to do so by Public Health directives.*



We encourage parishioners to connect with us online for Mass on the Webcam or via Monasterboice Parish Facebook Page. 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 Monday 4th January at 7pm. For the Pastoral Area: visit 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.

Pope's Intention for January: 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.

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer.

Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy 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 & unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



Remembering the Deceased: Please pray for those on the parish list of the

Day\Mass	Intention
Saturday 3rd @ 6.30pm (Fieldstown)	Kathleen Molloy MM Joseph & Margaret Devine James Murtagh Kevin Martin (Birthday Remembrance) Dec'd Mbrs of Mulroy & Winters Families
Tuesday 5th @ 9.30am (Tenure)	Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)
Wednesday 6th @ 9.30am (F/Town) Feast of Epiphany	Naomh Mairtin 'Prayer Intention Box'
Friday 7th @ 8pm (Tenure)	For the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday 10th @ 6.30pm (Tenure)	Olive McGinn MM

dead, for deceased benefactors of the parish, & those who have died recently, including Mary Murphy, Donore; Olive McGinn, Brownstown; Kathleen Molloy, Rathgorey; Eileen Johnston, Grangebellew; Jim Balfe, Drogheda; If a family member outside the parish has died? - let us know to include them here.

Finance: Please hold onto your Parish Envelopes until we can next attend Mass. 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

New Envelope Boxes: begin this weekend. As it will not be possible to deliver these due to the Pandemic, boxes will be available for collection at the Church closest to your area from this weekend. Please pick up your box at your earliest convenience. **NB your envelope number might be different** from previous years, dont worry, this is merely due to the computer system we are using. Your subscriptions will still be credited to you.

The Feast of the Epiphany - 6th January: While the hustle and bustle of Christmas ends for many people on Dec. 26, throughout Christian history Christmas lasts for twelve days – all the way until Jan. 6. **This feast marking the end of Christmas is called "Epiphany."** In the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but also in his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana.



Missals: We still have a supply of Missals which contain the readings and Mass prayers for the whole year. You can also use a **Phone or Tablet** with an appropriate App; **We recommend Universalis or**