

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. **PERHAPS YOU WOULD 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: have begun. 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. Please pick up your box at your earliest convenience. **NB your envelope number might be different** from previous years, don't worry, this is merely due to the computer system we are using. Your subscriptions will still be credited to you.

A Bible podcast: has soared to the top of Apple's chart nearly a week after it launched on New Year's Day 2021. The priest responsible believes the popularity of the podcast comes from people wanting 'to make a change' after nearly a year of dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. Father Schmitz will guide Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes.

During each episode, he will read two to three scriptures, listeners will also hear a reflection from and he'll lead them through prayer. Each episode lasts between 20-25 minutes. The podcast is available for free on Google and Apple Podcasts, Spotify and a host of other podcast apps/channels. Search for "The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)".

Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph": Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark this, the Pontiff has set aside 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021 as a Holy Year and written the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"). **At the conclusion of his Letter, Pope Francis added a prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:** *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Readings for next Sunday - 17th January 2021

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
 Responsorial Psalm 140:2,4,7-8, 8-9, 10
 Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
 Gospel: John 1:35-42



Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #1: Tony Mallon & Brigid Reid

See Church noticeboards for further upcoming events & notices
 Please email notices no later than Wednesday. Thank you.



Parish of Monasterboice
 (Mainistir Bhuithe)

The Baptism of The Lord
 10th January 2021 - Year B

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Today we celebrate this important moment in Jesus' life. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist say that he has baptised with water, but that the one who is to come will baptise with the Holy Spirit.



In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, Jesus' baptism was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to all who are present. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism shows that something new is beginning through the baptism and ministry of Jesus.

The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany.

Jesus' baptism inaugurates his mission. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee after John's arrest. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Similarly, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

On this the last day of the Christmas season the Gospel does not tell a story from Jesus' childhood. Instead the Gospel reveals Jesus' relationship to God: the Son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son.

We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God.



COVID-19 Update: Our Churches remain open - for solitary prayer - during daylight hours; **Please note** that due to the current government restrictions **all Masses will be online only** until the end of January. Please continue to do your best to follow all the instructions which prevent the spread of Coronavirus

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. Thanks to those who have already supported this installation, financially. **If you would like make a donation to support this 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.



Unfortunately, **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 Tuesday 12th January at 7pm.** For the Pastoral Area: visit www.termonfechinparish.ie for Mass daily at 9.30am (Sunday@11am & Mass from Togher @10am); Mass is also 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.

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 Mary Murphy, Donore; Olive McGinn, Brownstown; If a family member outside the parish has died? - let us know to include them here.

Day\Mass	Intention
Saturday 9th @ 6.30pm (Tenure) Broadcast on www.churchservices.tv	Olive McGinn MM Kathleen Boyle (4th Av)
Tuesday 12th @ 9.30am (Tenure)	Teddy Quail (2nd Av)
Wed. 13th @ 9.30am (F/Town)	Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)
Friday 15th @ 8pm (Tenure)	-
Saturday 16th @ 6.30pm (F/Town) Broadcast on Facebook Live	Paddy & Claire Usher, Dick Usher, Anne Abela Michael Keeley (1st Av) Johnny Allen (2nd Av) Jim Byrne, The Mill

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.



New Missals Available: These 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 oriMissal**, which also have 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**.

Knock Shrine offers virtual pilgrimages in unique times: As we continue to find ourselves in unique and challenging times, pilgrimage Masses will be broadcast online from Knock Basilica every Sunday. The schedule includes the Rosary at 2.30pm; Mass and Benediction at 3pm. Daily Masses continue to be broadcast on the Knock Shrine website and Facebook page at 12 Noon and 7.30pm, with Rosary at 7pm. For further details, www.knockshrine.ie

The Priory institute: are moving their Open Day to Saturday January 23rd to an online format. The course offers people the chance to study from home in their own time and be part of a supportive student community. The next semester starts February 13th 2021 For further information Tel:+ 353 (0) 86 85 10769 www.prioryinstitute.com



Fr. Paddy wishes to thank most sincerely: all those who sent Christmas cards and gifts for their great generosity and thoughtfulness. The many kind words of support and assurances of prayers are deeply appreciated.