

place in Myra House, Francis Street, Dublin, Ireland, on 7 September, 1921. The Cause for Beatification has been introduced for three legionaries: The Servant of God, Frank Duff (1889-1980), Founder of the Legion, who attended the Second Vatican Council as a Lay Observer; Venerable Edel Quinn (1907-1944), Legion Envoy to East Africa; and the Servant of God, Alfie Lambe (1932-1959), Legion Envoy to South America.

“Easter Joy from the Cathedrals City”: On Easter Sunday, an evening of music and reflection will be presented from St Patrick’s RC Cathedral, Armagh at 7pm. Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin and Archbishop John McDowell and singers Malachi Cush, Janet Dowd, Karl McGuckin and Catherine Grimley will present hymns of hope and joy as we celebrate Easter. Special reflections will be read by members of the community. Watch via St Patrick’s Cathedral Webcam.



Parish Webcam Stats: For the first quarter of the year we have had the almost 5,000 ‘unique’ visits from different countries tuning into the parish; **Ireland: 2,945; United Kingdom: 1,158; United States: 509; Canada: 36; Germany: 35; India: 19; France: 12;** & smaller numbers (<10) from Spain, Italy, Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Cyprus, Australia, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, Ivory Coast; and one from each of Hungary, Greece, Israel, Jersey, Belgium, United Arab Emirates, Mexico, Czechia, Switzerland, Malaysia, Nigeria, Bahrain, Malta & Luxembourg. The webcam cost over €4,000 initially to purchase & install, and costs approximately €60 per week to run. **Some parishioners have already given donations towards this - Thank You.** Please contact our parish office to support this resource for our parish.

Divine Mercy Sunday (11th April): The Feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on Sunday next. The Novena for the Feast commenced on Good Friday. Please see Parish Website for a link to the Novena Prayer & other recourses.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: managed by ALONE with Professional staff available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

Readings for next Sunday - Divine Mercy:
First Reading: Acts 4:32-35. Psalm: 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24, R/ v 1.
Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6. Gospel: Jn 20: 19-31.

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #26 - Nellie Brennan; Anne Bowden.

WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AT HOME AND ABROAD
 A VERY HAPPY, PEACEFUL & SAFE EASTER



Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

Easter Sunday

4th April 2021 - Year B

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Easter Joy: There has been much discussion recently over what to believe. Are the coronavirus numbers accurate? Are the reports from other countries dependable? Dare we be optimistic about treatments and vaccines? Like you, I’ve struggled to separate caution from overreaction.

There was one headline, however, that we can quickly discard. Don’t believe it. Don’t fall for it. The message just isn’t true. Here it is: “Easter Canceled.” The article detailed the sad reality that most church sanctuaries will be closed this coming Sunday. Hence, the announcement, “Easter Canceled.”

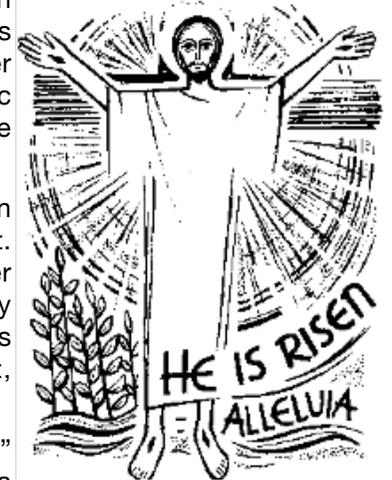
But here’s my reply, “Not on your life, friend.” **Easter cannot be canceled.** The church doors might be closed, but the promise is alive and well. What the angel said on the first Easter, he says still. **“He is not here. He is risen from the dead as he said He would”** (Matt 28:6).

The bodily resurrection means everything. If Jesus lives on only in spirit and deeds, He is but one of a thousand dead heroes. But if He lives on in flesh and bone, He is the King who pressed His heel against the head of death’s snake. What He did with His own grave, He promises to do with yours: empty it.

Entrust your life and your death to the Hero of Easter. Believe in the One who declared: **“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die”** (John 11:25-26 NIV).



Church buildings may be vacant of worshippers this Sunday. That is true. But since the tomb of Christ is vacant, Easter cannot be canceled. Ever.



Easter Sunday in the Pastoral Area: Dawn Mass @5.45am - **Monasterboice Parish (on Facebook)**. Mass of The Lord's Resurrection @10am **Togher Parish**; @10.30 am **Clogherhead Parish**; & @11.30am **Termonfechin Parish**.

Even though our Easter Ceremonies will be very different again this year, we pray that the joy & hope of Easter will carry us all through the coming months knowing that we will **soon be able to meet together again in worship** - until

then, on behalf of all parishioners, through the Parish Pastoral Councils, & the Pastoral Area Resource Team; May we - **Monsignor Jim, Fr. Paul, Fr. Martin & Fr. Paddy** Pray God's blessing upon us all. May God grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen. **Happy Easter!**



Trocaire 2021: PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TROCAIRE BOXES IN THE CHURCH AT THIS TIME. Trócaire needs our help more than ever. Owing to the current restrictions it will be difficult for all the boxes to be returned in the normal way during the Easter ceremonies. Please consider making your donation directly online - Visit www.trocaire.org

Something Wonderful: Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on **Wed 7th April 2021** at 7pm UK time (for eight weeks). Info & Registration: comeandsee.org

Online Ministry: Night Prayer at 10pm on Sunday nights. Rosary from the Kitchen Table on Tuesday 6th April at 7pm. For the Pastoral Area: visit www.termonfechinparish.ie for Mass daily at 9.30am (Sundays @11am & Togher @10am); RTE News Now @ 10.30am

Pope's Intentions for April are: 'Fundamental Rights': We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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.

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.



NB Masses in Tenure can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice Mass from Fieldstown via Facebook	
Day\Mass	Intention
Sunday 4th @ 5.45am Dawn Mass <i>(on Facebook)</i>	Cathal & Sheila Murphy (Av.) Jennie & Charlie Brodigan & Dec. Mbrs of Roche Family
Tuesday 6th @ 9.30am	(Tenure) Patrick & Alice Halligan
Wed. 7th @ 9.30am	(F/Town) Pro Populo - For the people of the parish
Friday 9th @ 8pm	(Tenure) -
Saturday 10th @ 6.30pm (Tenure)	Tom McDonnell (Av.) Brendan Molloy (Av.)

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; Mike McGuire, Co. Kildare; John McGowan, Co. Sligo; Flora Nugent, Limerick; Vivienne McGirr, Ballyholey, Raphoe, formerly of Drogheda; If a family member outside the parish has died? let us know to include them here.

Finance: Thank you for supporting your parish in these difficult times. Please consider moving to online donations? The parish details; **BIC: AIBKIE2D and IBAN: IE68 AIBK 9320 9421 7710 85;** using your Envelope#/Surname as reference. Donations also via www.armagharchdiocese.org

Parish Finance Committee; Zoom Meeting on Monday 12th April @ 8pm

Aware - Support & Self Care Groups: If you wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. See www.aware.ie for more information

Amoris Laetitia - Family Year: To mark the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation 'Amoris Laetitia' (The Joy of Love) on the beauty and joy of love in the family the Holy Father has launched a year dedicated to the family which will conclude on the 26th June 2022 on the occasion of the '10th World Meeting of Families' in Rome. Resources for the Year are available on www.laityfamilylife.va & www.catholicbishops.ie.

Legion of Mary: This year 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Legion which is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbour on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. The first meeting of the Legion of Mary took

