

men and women can formally offer their service for the benefit of many. Catechesis can be a privileged form of evangelization. It is clear that in Ireland there is a growing recognition of how much we need Catechists in pastoral areas and dioceses to assist in the handing on of the faith not least using the new means of communication available today. Bishops look forward to a growth in the numbers exercising this ministry across Ireland.



Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

20th June 2021 - Year B

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Pastoral Area: Along with Termonfechin (Fr Paul Byrne 98 22121), Clogherhead (Fr Martin McVeigh 98 22224), & Togher (Monsignor Jim Carroll 98 89335), our Parish is part of the St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area.

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.

Online Ministry: We are currently experiencing some issues with our Facebook Broadcasts. Please be patient as we work to find a solution. We will let you know when we are back broadcasting.

Other Liturgies & Sacraments: Baptisms are now able to take place, but with caution regarding numbers (max. 20/25), & providing all attending observe social distancing, hand hygiene & wear masks. Pls contact the office/Fr. Paddy. For Funerals only 50 mourners are permitted in Church for the Funeral Mass, and no gathering of mourners outside on Church grounds; For Weddings, only 50 guests in the Church for the Mass/Ceremony. Confessions are available after any Mass, and upon request.

Blessings of the Graves: in our various cemeteries **will not** take place at their usual times due to present guidelines on public gatherings in light of the pandemic. It is hoped that graveyard Masses will be able to be celebrated later in the year (Sept/Oct), at a suitable time, in consultation with the committees.

Fr. Paddy will bless Holy Water at all Masses next weekend, so if you bring your bottles of water with you, to Mass, they will be blessed. For those joining in at home, the blessing for water will also extend to you. You can then use that water to bless your graves during the traditional blessing times.



Lets Talk Family: The Archdiocese of Armagh invites you to join the Pastoral Team for "Lets Talk Family" which will take place over four weekly 'Zoom' Sessions. **Registration is essential and places are limited!** Participants are

Blessed Father's Day!

Numbers 6:24

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee. (KJV)

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Drumalis Lecture Series via Zoom- 26 June at 10 am 'Of Bees, Balance and the Bible: a conversation between creation, scripture and the human experience.' The lecture will be delivered by Dr Chris Monaghan C.P. Theological lecturer in Melbourne, in Old and New Testament Studies and first time bee-keeper! Contact katrina@drumalis.co.uk or 028 2827 6455

Thank you: Again, Fr. Paddy would like to acknowledge and thank the Parishioners and everyone who marked his Jubilee with messages, cards and gifts. He has been so affirmed, and humbled by the kindness shown: He hopes to be able to acknowledge everyone personally, in due course.



During his homily at Mass on the 8th June, he mentioned a piece by Fr. Carlo Carretto, Italian priest and poet. It was a reflection about the Church, and Fr. Paddy includes it here for those who have asked;

"How much I must criticize you, my Church and yet how much I love you. You have made me suffer and yet I owe more to you than anybody else. You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness. Never in this world have I seen anything more compromised, more false and yet never have I touched anything more pure, more generous, more beautiful.



Countless times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face, and yet every night I have prayed that I might die in your sure arms. No, I cannot be free of you for I am one with you. Then too, where else would I go? To build another Church? But, I could not build one without the same defects because they happen to be mine. It would then be my Church, not Yours. No, I am old enough to know better!"

Readings for next Sunday - 27th June (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading I: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 **Reading II:** 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 **Gospel:** Mark 5:21-43

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #25 - Cyril Matthews; Michael Molloy.

required to provide a valid email address for the 'Zoom' link milanda@parishandfamily.ie.

Session 2: 'Married Love Growing to Maturity' Mon. 21st June at 7pm-8.30pm

Session 3: 'God's Mercy No one Excluded' Mon. 28th June at 7pm-8.30pm

Exams: As these come to an end later this week, we continue to wish all students from the parish every blessing on their exams. We will light a candle each day in tenure Church which will burn in petition. **Prayer for Exams** Father, Be with me as I take my exams. Keep my mind alert & my memory sharp. Calm my nerves & help me concentrate. I know that you walk with me, guiding my path and inspiring my heart. I pray that I will feel you with me, And that your friendship will soften the pressure I feel. I pray that I will pass my exams and go on to new things with you. Thank you for your peace and your love in my life. Thank you for your kindness and care for me. Amen

Finance: Thank you for your recent subscriptions IN Church and ONLINE. Thank you so much for all your support. Collections will not be taken up - instead place envelope/plate offerings in the baskets. The parish details for online donations; **BIC: AIBKIE2D and IBAN: IE68 AIBK 9320 9421 7710 85;** use your Envelope#/Surname as reference. Or via www.armagharchdiocese.org

Lough Derg: regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional 3-Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. They will again offer the opportunity to **"Do Lough Derg from wherever you are"** on 3rd – 5th July. The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org

St Oliver Plunkett Novena: promoted by the Parish of St. Peter, Drogheda. includes a theme for each day along with a prayer and a short commentary based on each theme from Wednesday 23rd June leading up to the Feast on Thursday 1st July. **The St. Oliver Festival Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty** at the National Shrine of St. Oliver, St. Peter's Church, Drogheda **on Sunday 4th July at 4.00pm** and will be accessible on the St. Peter's Parish website, www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie (St. Peter's) or on ChurchServices.tv.

The Apostles of Love Ireland: a new group of Catholic lay faithful and clergy in the diocese led by deacon John Taaffe and Pat Butterly, are opening up their new **Oasis of Peace Centre for prayer, teaching and healing** in the beautiful grounds of New Mellifont Abbey Collon. See www.apostlesoflove.ie or their facebook page. You are also welcome to join them for their many of planned events such as prayer, retreats, healing and pastoral supports, They can be contacted for bookings and enquiries at 086 8611531 or 089 6152568.



NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass	Intention
Saturday 19th June @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) Darren Berrill (4th Av.)
Sunday 20th June @ 9.45am	(F/Town) Fenton & Alice Howell (Av)
Sunday 20th June @ 11.15am	(Tenure) Parish 'List of the Dead'
Tuesday 22nd June @ 9.30am	(Tenure) Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)
Wed. 23rd @ 9.30am	(F/Town) -
Friday 25th @ 8pm	(Tenure) -
Saturday 26th June @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) Tony Harmon (21st Av.)
Sunday 27th June @ 9.45am	(F/Town) Jim McGinn (Av.) Maggie Murphy, Kellystown (2nd Av.) Patsy & Bridgie Winters (Av.)
Sunday 27th June @ 11.15am	(Tenure) Seamus Winters (Av.) Patrick, Catherine, Jimmy & Paddy McDonnell (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; Betty Brennan, Ardee; Connall Magee, Kilean, Newry; Pat Dillon, Harestown; Mary Sharkey (née Mulholland), Togher; If a family member outside the parish has died, let us know to include them in prayer.

Safeguarding children in the Catholic Church: At the conclusion of the Bishops Conference last week, the following statement was made; Mr John Morgan, chairperson, and Ms Teresa Devlin, chief executive of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland, advised the Conference on activities engaging the current work of the Board particularly since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. The discussion included the National Board's forthcoming annual report.

Throughout 2021 and leading up to the NBSCCCI's national conference in October, the National Board has commissioned theologians, spiritual directors and other experts to produce a video every month on various aspects of a theology of child safeguarding. To view the videos please follow this link <https://www.safeguarding.ie/national-conference-2021>

Our parish Safeguarding representatives are Mrs Edel Matthews, Mrs Helen Ginty; Mr. Declan Nutley and can be contacted via Ann McEvoy (087 648 6809)

Welcome to Pope Francis instituting the Ministry of Catechist: The Bishops also noted the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter *Antiquum ministerium* of 10 May formally instituting the ministry of catechist, a ministry present in the Church from its earliest times. In various parts of the world, lay men and women Catechists are often those who preside over the communities and keep them rooted in the faith with the priest able to visit every month or so.

In encouraging a formal institution of this ministry, Pope Francis is reminding the faithful that there is a variety of lay ministries in the Church, new ways lay