

and a classmate of Fr. Paddy's at his Silver Jubilee Mass last Sunday spoke about the power of Story. He recommended some books which people might like to use for their own reflection and prayer: 1. Brian Cavanaugh, "Sower's Seeds" (There are 6 follow-on books in the series). 2. Ronan Scully, "Time Out" and "Hold that thought" 3. Margaret Silf, "Wisdom Stories" and "More Wisdom Stories". 4. Anthony De Mello, "The Song of the Bird" and "The Prayer of the Frog" 5. Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen, "Chicken Soup for the Soul" (The first 5 volumes) 6. William J. Bausch, "A World of Stories" 7. J. John and Mark Stibbe, "A Bundle of Laughs" (4 volumes).

On Tuesday 29th June, Pope Francis said he was marking an anniversary "that touches the hearts of us all: **70 years ago, Pope Benedict was ordained a priest!**" Addressing the pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square the Pope said: that "To you, Benedict, dear father and brother, goes our affection, our gratitude and our closeness". He told those present that the Pope Emeritus lives in a monastery, "a place intended to house the contemplative communities here in the Vatican, so that they could pray for the Church." He is now the contemplative of the Vatican, the Pope continued, who spends his life praying for the Church and for the diocese of Rome, of which he is Bishop Emeritus: "Thank you, Benedict, dear father and brother. Thank you for your credible witness. Thank you for your gaze, constantly directed towards the horizon of God: thank you!"

Venerable Matt Talbot – Novena Mass and prayers for Healing: in the Oasis of Peace Centre, Mellifont Abbey, Collon, Co Louth, on 9th July at 7.30pm. Celebrant will be Fr. Brian Lawless, Vice Postulator for the Cause. We will pray especially for all those suffering from any form of addiction, those in recovery, their families and the wider community affected by alcohol, drug misuse and other addictions. For booking call Deacon John at 086 8611531. See also www.apostlesoflove.ie for information about further events.

Closing of Year of Reflection and Prayer and Commissioning of Diocesan Synodal Core Group: Last Wednesday, at a special Mass in Armagh Cathedral, the process of Synodal preparation was launched. Please see the parish website www.monasterboiceparish.com for links to watch aspects of the Mass, especially Bishop Michael's Homily, and the commissioning. We will have a listening process in the diocese over the next two years in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in 2024, but parallel to that there will be a consultation in the coming months for the Synod in Rome in 2023 and over the next few years for the National Assembly or Assemblies in 2026.

Readings for next Sunday - 11th July (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading I: Amos 7:12-15 **Responsorial Psalm:** 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
Reading II: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 **Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #13 - Bernie O'Connor; Fr. Paddy.



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Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4th July 2021 - Year B

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Sacraments for 2nd & 6th Class: In light of the guidelines announced on Tuesday last, 29th June, **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** will now **NOT** take place as arranged during the month of July.



The decision has had a profound effect on the young people celebrating the Sacraments, their families, the staff of our primary schools and the parish, especially in light of the preparation and the hard work which many had given in an attempt to enable the celebrations to take place safely. **It is with regret that we are unable to make any arrangements for alternative dates at present.** We continue to keep all - but especially the children - in our prayers at this time.

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 water for use at the cemetery at any time, but will be holding a **blessing of Holy Water** again - at Mass - **on the 24/25th July.**

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

Session 4: 'A Gospel of Hope for our Families' Mon. 5th July at 7pm-8.30pm

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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction: for 1st Sunday will take place in The Church of Our Lady of the Nativity, Fieldstown, on **Sunday 4th July at 7pm.** Up to 50 people can be accommodated.

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.

Other Liturgies & Sacraments: Baptisms are still taking place, **but** with caution regarding numbers, & 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.

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.

Finance: Thank you so much for all your support. Collections will not be taken up - instead place envelope/plate offerings in the baskets at the doors. 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

Next week, please bring your envelope for **Peter's Pence Collection** which will be taken up: *This collection enables Pope Francis to continue the mission of the Universal Church, to support the upkeep of the Vatican offices and missions abroad, and for the discretionary use by the Holy Father for any charitable initiatives he may support within the Universal church, including for the relief of those most in need.*

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.

Loveboth Project: Support Mum's and babies this summer with **LoveBoth 5k Your Way.** Taking part is easy and fun, whether you decide to run, cycle or swim!. You decide. How and where you do the 5k is your choice. You may decide to do it with a group of friends or solo, it's up to you! Just remember to tell your family and friends about your plans and ask them to sponsor you. You might also encourage others to sign up! All the funds raised will support the **LoveBoth 'Show Your Love'** initiative to support women in unplanned pregnancy and new mothers in need. Registration still open For more information www.loveboth.ie/5k2021/ to register.



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;

NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass	Intention
Saturday 3rd July @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) Jim McDonnell (Av.) Ann Rushe (11th Av. Fr. Paddy's Mum)
Sunday 4th July @ 9.45am	(F/Town) Pat Dillon (MM) James, Hugh, & Catherine Callaghan & Stephen McCabe John & Bridget Whelan
Sunday 4th July @ 11.15am	(Tenure) Mary Woods, Rita Dolan, & Shelagh Dowell (Av)
Tuesday 6th July @ 9.30am	(Tenure) -
Wed. 7th July @ 9.30am (F/T)	Frank & Mary Ann Bellew & dec'd Mbrs of Bellew Family
Friday 9th July @ 8pm	(Tenure) Special Intention
Saturday 10th July @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) Maggie Martin (1st Av.) Jim Dunne (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 11th July @ 9.45am	(F/Town) Pat Dillon (MM) James, Hugh, & Catherine Callaghan & Stephen McCabe
Sunday 11th July @ 11.15am	(Tenure) -

Marie Clarke, Castletown; Kitty Corrigan, Collon; Paddy Gregory, Drogheda; Betty Brennan, Ardee; Connall Magee, Kilean, Newry; If a family member outside the parish has died, let us know to include them in prayer.

Bishops encourage Catholics to support Vaccination: At their Summer General Meeting, bishops renewed this call not only for people's own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable. The hard work that has been done to implement the Covid-19 vaccination programme was acknowledged & appreciation to all involved.

Last December, bishops wrote to the relevant authorities in both jurisdictions in Ireland, and also in Westminster, expressing concern at the dependence of some vaccines on human foetal cell lines and asking that, in the future, the focus be placed on developing ethically untainted vaccines.

Recognising the urgent need to address the huge shortfall of vaccine supply to developing countries, bishops welcomed commitments made by the G7 group of nations, to make large quantities of COVID- 19 vaccines available to developing countries and by the EU to support the expansion of vaccine production in Africa. Bishops stated that vaccine equity is a very serious moral test for the global community.

The Reek Sunday Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick: which was cancelled last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will be going ahead this year albeit in a much extended format from Wednesday to Saturday, 1- 31 July. Pilgrims are asked to plan their climb well in advance, and to choose a weekday when Croagh Patrick is quieter. Scan this image with your smartphone for more information.



Stories with Morals and Hope filled meanings: Fr. John Nally, PP Ashbourne,