

the process of Synodal preparatiron was launched. Please see the parish website [www.monasterboiceparish.com](http://www.monasterboiceparish.com) for links to watch aspects of the Mass, especially Bishop Michael's Homily, and the commissioning.

**Theology of the Arts. Does the Church Need Art?:** One-week online summer school. Six lectures will examine current theological debate on beauty and the arts, and consider some of the challenges posed by a contemporary culture of image and sound to the Church's traditional understanding of the function of sacred art. Led by Michael Dunleavy OP from 8-13 August and again from the 22-27 August. Register for just €50 at [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

**Pope's Intentions for the month of July:** Social Friendship; We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**Website of the Week:** The late, great Irish poet, author and philosopher, John O' Donohue, wrote that "The greatest sin is the un-lived life". Listen to his powerful one-hour talk on "Imagination as the Path of Spirit", where he urges us to enter fully into our own lives on [www.newpilgrimagepath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimagepath.ie)

**Sunday 11th July:** Centenary of the Signing of the Truce which brought an end to the War of Independence. The Feast of Blessed Oliver was celebrated on that day in 1921, just one year after his beatification. It was the first day on which the Mass of Blessed Oliver was authorised for use and also the first day that the Divine Office of Blessed Oliver was prayed. Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich wrote: **"It is worthy of note that the Truce, which brought to an end the War of Independence, came into force on the Feast of Blessed Oliver in 1921."** 11.00am Mass in



St Peter's celebrated by Bishop Michael Ruter [www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie](http://www.saintpetersdrogheda.ie)  
**Prayer to St Oliver Plunkett:** *Glorious Martyr, St Oliver, who willingly gave your life for your faith, help us also to be strong in faith. May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter. By your intercession and example, may all hatred and bitterness be banished from the hearts of Irish men and women. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, as it did in your heart, even at the moment of your death. Pray for us and for Ireland. Amen.*

**Used Stamps:** Fr. Paddy sends these to charities, & they are used to raise much needed funds. If you have any, please drop them to the parochial house, or the Church Sacristy at any time.

**Readings for next Sunday - 18th July - (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**Reading I:** Jeremiah 23:1-6      **Responsorial Psalm** 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

**Reading II:** Ephesians 2:13-18      **Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

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



## Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

### Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

11th July 2021 - Year B

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**This first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly** is being celebrated on **Sunday 25th July**, midway through the year dedicated to family by the Holy Father, on the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*.

**"I am with you always"** (*Mt 28:20*): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. "I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this

first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you –

to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an

unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone,

but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or

experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings

that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him

because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, was considered useless. So the Lord sent an angel to console him.

**PRAYER:** *I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for*



having blessed me with a long life.

*I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming & tell of your wonders to new generations.*

*Protect & guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled & wars ended. Sustain me in weakness & help me to live life fully in each moment that you give me, in the certainty that you're with me, until the end of the age. Amen.*

**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.**

**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: Your donations in recent weeks IN CHURCH have amounted to €4,982. Thank you also to the many who have transferred their donations to ONLINE banking, amounting to over €500 per week. 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](http://www.armagharchdiocese.org)**

**This 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.*

NB <b>ALL</b> Masses can be accessed via <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice">www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice</a>	
Day\Mass	Intention
<b>Saturday 10th July @ 6.30pm</b>	(Tenure) Maggie Martin (1st Av.) Jim Dunne (Birthday Remembrance)
<b>Sunday 11th July @ 9.45am</b>	(F/Town) -
<b>Sunday 11th July @ 11.15am</b>	(Tenure) -
<b>Tuesday 13th July @ 9.30am</b>	(Tenure) -
<b>Wed. 14th July @ 9.30am</b>	(F/Town) -
<b>Friday 16th July @ 8pm</b>	(Tenure) -
<b>Saturday 17th July @ 6.30pm</b>	(Tenure) -
<b>Sunday 18th July @ 9.45am</b>	(F/Town) Robert Grennan (5th Av.) Elizabeth & Kevin Molloy (Av.)
<b>Sunday 18th July @ 11.15am</b>	(Tenure) Gerry Hyland (3rd 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; 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.

**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.



**Get well:** Knowing that someone really cares helps healing along its way, so we hope all our Parishioners who are sick or housebound feel better and keep improving, day by day. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

**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.

Also Invitation to one of **Our Lady's Pilgrim Days (Medjugorje Style)** on the **2nd Tuesday of each month** and the **last Saturday of each month** from 11am-6pm at the Oasis of Peace Centre, Mellifont Abbey, Collon, Co Louth. (Cost Free) Strictly by booking at Apostles of Love Ireland See also [www.apostlesoflove.ie](http://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