

& the **1 hour +** which shows the number of people who typically stay for the length of a Mass.

Current Month Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
1,434	988	422 hrs	1,122	100	116	96
Viewers by Country (22 countries)						
Ireland: 538	India: 3	Italy: 1				
United Kingdom: 336	Croatia: 2	Nigeria: 1				
United States: 66	Philippines: 2	South Africa: 1				
Australia: 8	Indonesia: 2	Bulgaria: 1				
Germany: 7	France: 2	Spain: 1				
Canada: 6	Belgium: 1	Trinidad and Tobago: 1				
Romania: 5	Portugal: 1	Netherlands: 1				

Season of Creation: 2021 marks the 6th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment **Laudato Si': On care for our Common Home**. This year, as in previous years, the

1st September - 4th October will be an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of creation, to explore with parishioners the rich content of *Laudato Si'* and decide on what actions should be taken locally to care for our common home. This year's theme is **"A Home for All?: Restoring Our Common Home"**. Liturgical Resources for use during the Season are now available for downloading on the website of our own diocese at www.armagharchdiocese.org/season-of-creation-1st-september-4th-october-2021



Iona Community: Faith, Hope + Climate Change – FREE 7 Week Countdown to COP26 Course: Trinity College Glasgow invites Church Groups to join with others in listening for God's call as we face up to the Climate Emergency. Each evening, starting 15th September, you can learn from high-profile speakers, & get involved through three innovative action tracks, which will inspire and support you to take creative and prophetic action in your church & community. More information www.iona.org.uk/2021/07/05/faith-hope-climate-change/

Benburb Priory Hosting 'New Beginnings' Event 26 August at 7:30pm: We will feature Servite speakers based in several countries – the famous writer, Sr. Joyce Rupp will be just one prestigious speakers at this event. Please join us on YouTube, via the Benburb Priory Podcast.

Readings for next Sunday - 29th August (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 **Responsorial Psalm:** 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
Reading II: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 **Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #43 - Maria Callery.



Parish of Monasterboice
(Mainistir Bhuithe)

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time
 22nd August 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**.

Sharing the Pulpit: St. Paul writing in his first letter to the Corinthians tells us: **"For all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ."** (1 Corinthians 12) Even though we are four parishes, we are one pastoral area. Many of our pastoral activities in recent years and hopefully in the years ahead, **will be shared** so that the body of Christ of St. Columcille's pastoral area will flourish.



One of the initiatives which we have been exploring is the idea of **'pulpit sharing'**. **Starting the 1st weekend of September, and every first weekend of the month, our Priests will celebrate the Masses in each other's parishes.** This will enable both the congregations in each parish and the priests to become more familiar with each other. It will also mean that in times when one of the priests is unavailable, parishioners will be more comfortable in contacting one of the other priests in the pastoral area when the need arises. **Fr. Paul Byrne will celebrate in our Parish on the first weekend of September. Please give him a warm welcome.**

Other Liturgies & Sacraments: Baptisms are taking place, **Pls contact the office/Fr. Paddy to book - but** we take caution regarding numbers, & ensure all attending observe social distancing, hand hygiene & wear masks. **Funerals** only 50 mourners are permitted in Church for the Funeral Mass, and no gathering of mourners on Church grounds; **Weddings**, 100 guests in the Church for the Mass. **Confessions** available after any Mass, & upon request.

Online Ministry: We are hoping to merge our Facebook & ChurchServices.Tv Broadcasts. But each week, we have **Sunday Night prayer at 10pm**, and **Rosary from the Kitchen Table will be every Wednesday at 7pm**. Fr. Paddy

is doing a **Novena for St. Monica & St. Augustine 12.45am each day** until the 29th - **Check Parish Facebook Page.**

Parish Office HOLIDAYS: Ann will be on holiday for the next week, so please make enquiries **ONLY** via parish email - monasterboiceparish201@gmail.com

Finance: Your donations in last week IN CHURCH have amounted to €1030. Thank you also to the many who have transferred their donations to ONLINE banking, amounting to approx €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



LM/FM Mass: The 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 21st August will be recorded for Broadcast on LFM Radio on Sunday 22nd morning.

“You have received a vaccine; give a vaccine.” the ad reminds us that there are billions of people throughout the world who will not be vaccinated for months, if ever - and may be without health service of any significant sort all their lives. We have freely received the gift of life and vaccines are being currently rolled out. www.unicef.ie



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH
JOHN 17:17

Celebrating the Sacraments: Here in our parish; our principals, Patrick Logue (*Chairperson & Chaplain to NS Buite, Tenure*), and myself took the decision in June to cancel plans for holding the Sacraments during the summer months, **this position remains unchanged.** We will make arrangements to

celebrate these Sacraments when it is safe to do so - but **not before mid-September at the earliest.** Please continue to pray for our children, their families, and our teachers - all of whom are directly affected by how public health advice affects day-to-day living during these pandemic times. We also remember all involved in rolling out vaccines, and the medical professionals working with the sick at home or in hospitals/institutions, & their families.

We need to **re-think** the idea that everybody receives Communion & Confirmation just as a matter of course; How can we celebrate important rites of passage in the Faith in new ways, better ways, of doing things into the future. One possibility is that small groups of children and their families may celebrate the Sacraments during the regular Sunday Masses.

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; Patrick Divine, Tullyallen; Susan Egan, Dromiskin; Fr. Chris O’Brien, Assistant Priest, Monasterboice, 1969-70; Eamon Kirwan, Drogheda; If a family member outside the parish has died, let us know so we can include them in our prayers.

NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice		
Day\Mass	Intention	
Saturday 21st August @ 6.30pm	(Tenure)	Sam McGuinness (1st Av.)
Sunday 22nd August @ 9.45am	(F/Town)	-
Sunday 22nd August @ 11.15am	(Tenure)	Angela Lynn (1st Av.) & Sinead Lynn (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday 24th August @ 9.30am	(Tenure)	Pro Populo - For the people
Wed. 25th August @ 9.30am	(F/Town)	Special Intention
Friday 27th August @ 8pm	(Tenure)	-
Saturday 28th August @ 6.30pm	(Tenure)	Ann Rushe (11th Av.)
Sunday 29th August @ 9.45am	(F/Town)	John & Kathleen Branigan (Av.) Eileen Winters (Av)
Sunday 29th August @ 11.15am	(Tenure)	Dominic & Betty Brennan (Av).

The Priory Institute Study Theology Online: Courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register for Autumn 2021. Find out more on www.prioryinstitute.com

Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living: Monday, 20 September; 1-year programme for those who want a closer relationship with God. Living out faith isn't easy against the backdrop of our fast-paced, noisy and instantaneous culture. This course gives the tools & space to become attuned to God's voice in the midst of the clamour. The course will take place over 21 Monday evening sessions from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm via Zoom. www.pathwaystogod.org

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.



Congratulations to: Martina Boylan & David McMahon; And Shauna Walsh & Mark Healy who were married recently in our parish.

A PRAYER FOR AFGHANISTAN

For those who are fleeing: **Sanctuary**

For those who are staying: **Safety**

For those who are fighting: **Peace**

For those whose hearts are breaking: **Comfort**

For those who see no future: **Hope**



Webcam: This has been a real blessing to our parish. We acknowledge that, for many reasons, there are still parishioners who are unable or unwilling to return to Church. Of course the **‘Sunday Obligation’** remains suspended by the Episcopal Conference, and we do hope that - in time - many people will feel safe to return. However, until then, we appreciate the ability to **‘connect’** with parishioners and those further afield in this way. These are our stats for the month of August. The important number is the **‘5mins to 1 Hour’** number