

flexibility than ever, & many pathways to achieving what you want, so whatever you decide, may God's blessing & the prayers of this community be with you.

**Sacraments:** Following the updated advice from Government, and having met with the principals of our schools, & Patrick Logue (*Chairperson and Chaplain in St. Buite's NS*), the parish will hold the delayed Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation on **Saturday 18th & 25th September** with several ceremonies being held on each day. All ceremonies will take place in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tenure to maximise participation of family members. We thank our teachers, staff, parents and the pupils themselves for their preparation for these important faith moments.

**Diocesan Theology programme:** The course takes 2-years with 1-night per week & 2-weekends over the academic year; accredited by St Patrick's College, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, & completion of the course is based on submitted work & does not include sitting exams. The course will be starting on 14th September. If you are interested & would like more information please contact Milanda at [milanda@parishandfamily.ie](mailto:milanda@parishandfamily.ie)



**Pope's Prayer Intentions:** The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month: The Intention for September is; ***An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle - We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.***

**"All My Children: Genesis and Exodus. Who said family was easy?"** with Sr Pam Thimmes OSC. An eight part Zoom series exploring the theme of family in the Books of Genesis and Exodus. The course will take every 2nd Thursday from 7:00 pm – 9:15 pm starting 9th September; email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk)

**Lough Derg:** Guided pilgrimages on the Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 12th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September & Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop with a shorter 8km option. **Booking is essential.** For further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 071 98 61518.

**Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS):** is a free, confidential service for people who have problems with money management): National Helpline 076 107 2000 Mon - Fri 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

**Readings for next Sunday - 12th September - 24th in Ordinary Time**

**Reading I:** Isaiah 50:5-9a. **Responsorial Psalm:** 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

**Reading II:** James 2:14-18 **Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

**Mullary Cemetery Draw:** Winning #2 - Paddy Devine.



## **Parish of Monasterboice**

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

### **Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**5th September 2021 - Year B**

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**Welcome:** As part of a process to facilitate closer collaboration within the Pastoral Area, Fr. Paul Byrne, PP Termonfechin, will be celebrating **ALL** Masses this weekend in our Parish. Fr. Paddy will be celebrating weekend Masses in Togher Parish; Monsignor Carroll & Fr. Daly will celebrate in Termonfechin. Clogherhead is not affected this month. A member of our Parish Pastoral Council will welcome Fr. Paul at each Mass.

**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.**

**Stats about our Pastoral Area:** The area takes in the four parishes on the east coast running from Togher in the North to Termonfechin in the South. Clogherhead in the East, and Tenure in the West. An area approximately **190 sq. Km.** There are **over 2,500 catholic families** in this area. The area has **9 Churches, 9 schools,** and is served by **4 active priests,** with **3 priests 'in residence'** in the area. Each parish has an active **Parish Pastoral Council,** and the four parishes together have a **Pastoral Area Resource Team (PART),** who along with the **Vf (Vicar forane - an appointment by the Archbishop)** promote closer working together of the Pastoral Area.

**Facing the Future:** As we go forward, it will be unlikely that there will be sufficient priests to replace all those who retire. Therefore, **remaining priests will become responsible for larger areas.** In order to best prepare for this eventuality, we must begin now by working together on the things we can, and putting into place the structures which will help us meet the challenges of the parishes of the future.

**Change is not easy - for any of us!** It can bring many challenges, and often make people very fearful. However, it is important to remember as a people of faith that **we do not face these realities alone.** God's Spirit is with us as we seek to navigate the way forward, especially in these post-pandemic times.

For I know the  
*Plans*  
I have for you,  
declares the *Lord*  
*Plans to Prosper you*  
and not to harm you  
*Plans to give you*  
*Hope and a Future*  
-Jeremiah 29:1

You can help all of this by; 1. **Praying** for the future; 2. **Taking part** in the life of your parish/pastoral area using your **gifts/talents** to benefit the life of the parish/area; 3. Share your faith in Jesus with those around you; 4. Keep yourself **informed and up to date** with developments on this front.

**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesdays from 2.30pm - 5.30pm; Our secretary, 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 hoping to merge our Facebook & ChurchServices.Tv Broadcasts. But each week, we have **Sunday Night prayer at 10pm**, and **Rosary from the Kitchen Table on Wednesdays at 7pm**.

**Other Liturgies & Sacraments:** With the new Government roadmap issued last week, we will be taking on board the possibilities that it affords for our gatherings in Church. We will be awaiting specific direction from the Archdiocese, & our own COVID-19 Committee will be meeting in coming weeks to decide how best to move forward. Until further notice, please remember to exercise hand hygiene, mask wearing, & social distancing while at Church. It is recommended to receive the vaccine, as directed by Public Health.

**Devotions:** Sunday 5th, September in The Church of Our Lady of the Nativity, Fieldstown, for the First Sunday of the month. Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - starting at 7pm. A little half hour of prayer and reflection. **Everyone welcome.** Why not introduce your children to prayer and devotions, & come as a family to this special time of prayer?



**Finance:** Thank you for your donations - both **online** and **IN** Church. Totals will be published in next week's Bulletin. 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)



**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](http://www.armagharchdiocese.org/season-of-creation-1st-september-4th-october-2021)

**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; Pat Morgan, Fieldstown; Mary McKenna, Navan; Wendy Fanning (née Lawless), Drogheda; Laura Farrelly, DeLa Salle Crescent, Ardee; Patrick Divine, Tullyallen;

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 4th September @ 6.30pm</b>	(Tenure) Mary Murphy ( <i>nee O'Brien</i> ) Rec. Dec'd Jim Murphy & Dec'd Mbrs of the O'Brien & Usher Families ( <i>Castlemumney &amp; Monasterboice</i> )
<b>Sunday 5th September @ 9.45am</b>	(F/Town) Peter Mulroy & Ann McArdle Anna & Patrick Winters (Av.)
<b>Sunday 5th September @ 11.15am</b>	(Tenure) <b>Pro Populo</b> - For The People
<b>Tuesday 7th September @ 9.30am</b>	(Tenure) -
<b>Wed. 8th September @ 9.30am</b>	(F/Town) -
<b>Friday 10th September @ 8pm</b>	(Tenure) Christina O'Brien (Av.)
<b>Saturday 11th September @ 6.30pm</b>	(Tenure) Alicia & Frank Mulholland (Av.)
<b>Sunday 12th September @ 9.45am</b>	(F/Town) Tom McGinn (1st Av.) Sean Hughes (1st Av.)
<b>Sunday 12th September @ 11.15am</b>	(Tenure) Kate & Michael McCullough

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

**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.

**Back To School:** For many going back to school can be a traumatic experience - the emotional experience of bringing children to school for the first time - or of children growing up & going to Secondary. Parents & children need support & understanding. **'Back to school'** is also an experience for each and every one of us.

As a Christian Community because of Covid 19 and lockdown our normal routine of celebrating Sunday and meeting as a Christian Community of Faith has been diminished. We have got used to Webcam participation - many are still afraid and reluctant to celebrate publicly with the Christian Community of Faith. **We would like to assure those who may have reservations, that we are fully compliant with all the directives. Our Church is a safe place.** We would love to see you all back, active and participating in our Faith-Community. We miss your presence.

Let this September be your time of decision - your time to be part of our Faith Community on Sunday. You are welcome and we would love to see you back in the Church. When we break routine it is hard to re-engage. Renew your routine of being part of the Sunday celebration of our Faith-community of Monasterboice. You are always welcome. We miss you!

We also **congratulate all those who received Leaving Cert. results** during the week, & wish them well in whatever lies ahead, remembering that while important, exam results don't define a person. There is greater

