

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



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 or telephone 071 98 61518.

Opening School Liturgy: On Tuesday, **14 September at 11.15am**, Archbishop Eamon will lead an online celebration from St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. Parents, Guardians, Grandparents and other family members are encouraged to participate, as we pray for all the children who have returned to school for another academic year. www.armaghparish.net/cathedral-webcam/

Women in the Bible: Our Mothers in Faith - **October 7, 14, 21, 28** (*Rosalie Moloney*) The diverse women of the Bible offer us inspiring examples of Faith in action. This course invites us to follow in the footsteps of some of these remarkable but very human characters: from Ruth and Naomi and the mothers of Genesis to the women of Jesus' parables and the female leaders of the early Church. €100 for full course; To book please email ceo@mountstannes.com

Annual Pro Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham, England – 23 October: For all those for whom distance prevents attending in person, the Shrine livestream (<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>) will carry the main events of the day so that those watching online can join in the prayers & devotions.

Legion of Mary Centenary: This year is or should be a milestone in the history of the Catholic Faith in Ireland and indeed the whole world. It is the centenary of the founding of the Legion of Mary, by a young civil servant, Frank Duff. Frank had become involved with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Dublin and saw first-hand the problems experienced by homeless and exploited people in Dublin. On 7th September 1921, he founded the www.legionofmary.ie/centenary



Readings for next Sunday - 19th September - 25th in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: 54:3-4, 5, 6, 8

Reading II: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #6 - Sean Mulroy.



Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

12th September 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.**

Thank you: For your collaboration with and support of the initiative of swapping pulpits by the priest of the Pastoral Area. I would like to thank Emily, Margaret & Andrew who welcomed Fr. Paul to the parish, and also those who assisted me by covering duties such as the technology for cameras, as well as sanitising the Churches after Mass. This initiative will continue throughout the year on the first Sunday of the month. The next date is the **2nd/3rd of October.**

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. **Fr. Paddy has been appointed Vf for this pastoral area, for the next 5 years.**



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. 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.

One of the best initiatives we have is that Ann McEvoy is Parish Secretary for **all the parishes in the Pastoral Area.** This common link helps us as we move

forward into the future. Starting soon we will have a new number for the parish secretary. Why dont you subscribe to our parish bulletin on our website, so you can be kept up to date with all the parish information.

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.

Other Liturgies & Sacraments: Our Parish Covid-19 Committee met during the week and recommends - **in line with Government guidelines** - that Holy Communion will now be distributed at the traditional time **during** Mass. We will **keep the distancing** for now, and we **encourage the use of masks and hand gels** - especially after touching your mask. Church buildings will be sanitised after every Mass.

Reconciliation Service: First Saturday of the month at 9.30am. All are welcome. No need to be worried or anxious about past experiences or how long away you may have been. An opportunity to 'let go' and be forgiven.

Finance: Thank you for your donations - amounting to €1600 **IN** Church over the last two weeks. We are also grateful for those who subscribe online - raising 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



Parish Pastoral Council: described as **“a consultative body of the faithful”** which works **“in close partnership with the priest of the parish”**. It is also a valid and essential means by which members of the lay faithful can be helped to discern the particular gifts which the Spirit has given them and to place those gifts at the service of their parish community and the wider community of the Diocese. The 1st meeting of the new term of the current council (*now in its 3rd year*) will take place in The School Hall in NS Padraig, Harestown, on **Tuesday 14th September at 8pm**. Members are; Andrew Ford (*Chair*); Fr. Paddy (*Secretary*); Clare Murphy; Emily Halpin; Francisco Gallagher; Margaret Fahy; Philip King; Teresa Mulroy; Declan Nutly (*Co-opted*)

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 & wish them well for their special day - **please keep them in your prayers.**



NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass	Intention
Saturday 11th September @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) Alicia & Frank Mulholland (Av.)
Sunday 12th September @ 9.45am	(F/Town) Tom McGinn (1st Av.) Sean Hughes (1st Av.)
Sunday 12th September @ 11.15am	(Tenure) Kate & Michael McCullough
Tuesday 14th September @ 9.30am	(Tenure) -
Wed. 15th September @ 9.30am	(F/Town) Vincent & Niamh McGovern (Av.)
Friday 17th September @ 8pm	(Tenure) -
Saturday 18th September @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) Eddie Carter & Liam Eccleston
Sunday 19th September @ 9.45am	(F/Town) Michael Flanagan & Breda Geraghty (Av.) Pat & Eileen Halligan (Av.)
Sunday 19th September @ 11.15am	(Tenure) Brendan Reilly (4th 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; Pat Morgan, Fieldstown; Mary McKenna, Navan; Wendy Fanning (née Lawless), Drogheda; Laura Farrelly, DeLa Salle Crescent, Ardee; Patrick Divine, Tullyallen;; If a family member outside the parish has died, let us know so we can include them in our prayers.

Blessing of Graves: It had been hoped - back in June - that we might be able to have some kind of 'gathering' in our cemeteries around this time of the year, however, despite the easing of restrictions, and in consultation with the committees of each graveyard, **we have decided NOT to have a public gathering**, but that Fr. Paddy will celebrate Mass in each graveyard **privately** in the coming weeks, and bless the graves. This will be recorded and then posted on YouTube, as happened last year. We realise that this is not ideal, but we think it is the best solution for this year. Please God the Blessings of the Graves will be able to be celebrated in the traditional way next year; The dates will be; **Sunday 24th July, 2022 at 12noon** in Mullary; **Sunday 31st July at 12noon** in Ballymakenny and **Sunday 7th August at 2pm** in Monasterboice - please note the new time! We thank and acknowledge all those responsible for the upkeep of the cemeteries in the parish, they are always a credit to the local community.



Season of Creation: 2021 is 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 the rich content of *Laudato Si'* & 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 available www.armagharchdiocese.org/season-of-creation-1st-september-4th-october-2021