

**Holidays:** Fr. Paddy will be taking a short break during the month of October; Masses will be cancelled while he is away. However, there will still be prayer in our Church in the absence of a priest led by PPC members. Details to follow.



**What is a Synod?** For the Church it's a time-honoured way of working out the "navigation map" for the Church at particular times. **Synodality** is about the whole People of God helping each other **listen** to what the **Holy Spirit is saying** to the Church.

Pope Francis emphasises that this is **not** simply a matter of discussion as in a parliamentary debate. Rather it is **a prayerful spiritual time of communitarian discernment** about finding the best ways for every baptised person to fulfil the Church's mission of proclaiming to the world, God's love & salvation in Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis has emphasised that **"it is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium"**. Synodality is at the heart of the pastoral conversion that Pope Francis emphasises in his work 'the Joy of the Gospel' (*Evangelii Gaudium*).

**When will the Synodal Assembly take place?** The journey towards a more synodal Irish Church **begins now**. But preparing ourselves to think and act synodally cannot happen overnight. A Synod without preparation risks being merely a parliament of competing voices.

**The process that is currently proposed is as follows:**

**1. The Initial Phase – Prayer, Listening, Consultation, Discernment:** The initial two-year phase which our Bishops envisage as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme. This will allow individuals and parishes, religious orders and associations as well as groups, movements and organisations both within the Church and in society at large, to share their insights into the Church – past, present and future. It will also include discussion & debate via related information sessions and educational programmes.

**2. The Planning Phase – Preparation for a National Synodal Assembly** collating & implementing the fruits & recommendations from the Initial Phase. Taking account of the conclusions of the General Assembly in Rome in 2022, and any Apostolic Exhortation (*teaching*) by the Holy Father. The aim of this phase is; to design the particular form of our National Synod and prepare directly at local, regional and national level for the holding of the Synod.

**Next Steps:** The next 2 years (2021-2023) will be a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation: The key question is: **What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?**



**Readings for 26th September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading I:** Numbers 11:25-29

**Responsorial Psalm:** 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

**Reading II:** James 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Mullary Cemetery Draw:** Winning #32 - Marie Russell & Teresa Flood.



## Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

### Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

19th 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**.

**Pastoral Council:** met last week, and looked ahead to the coming year. We have decided to do a parish visitation programme before Christmas, renew the rotas of readers and Eucharistic Ministers for both Churches, start a monthly Children's Mass, & have Morning Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration in The Church of Our Lady of The Nativity, Fieldstown every Thursday at 9.30am, starting **next Thursday, 23rd September with a special Mass** to mark the feast-day of St. Padre Pio, & the donation of a Statue of St. Pio to our parish.



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:** In order to best prepare for the changes that lie ahead 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 don't 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 & hand gels** - especially after touching your mask. Church buildings will be sanitised after every Mass.

**Reconciliation Service: First Saturday of the month (2nd October) at 9.30am in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tenure.** 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 €760 **IN** Church over the last week. 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](http://www.armagharchdiocese.org)

**Sacraments:** We congratulate the children from our parish who attend/attended NS Buite, Tenure and NS Padraig, Harestown on receiving their 'delayed' Sacraments of **First Holy Communion & Confirmation.** **A further set of ceremonies will take place next Saturday 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.**

**Blessing of Graves:** 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 we will be able to be celebrate in the traditional way next year; The dates will be; **Sunday 24th July, 2022 at 12noon** in Mullary; **Sunday 31st July**



NB ALL Masses can be accessed via <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice">www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice</a>	
Day\Mass	Intention
<b>Saturday 18th September @ 6.30pm</b>	(Tenure) Eddie Carter & Liam Eccleston
<b>Sunday 19th September @ 9.45am</b>	(F/Town) Michael Flanagan & Breda Geraghty (Av.) Pat & Eileen Halligan (Av.)
<b>Sunday 19th September @ 11.15am</b>	(Tenure) Brendan Reilly (4th Av.)
<b>Tuesday 21st September @ 9.30am</b>	(Tenure) -
<b>Wed. 22nd September @ 9.30am</b>	(F/Town) -
<b>Thurs. 23rd September @ 9.30am</b>	(F/Town) Healing Mass of St. Padre Pio
<b>Friday 24th September @ 8pm</b>	(Tenure) Angela Lynn & Marie Clarke & decd. mbrs of the ICA
<b>Saturday 25th September @ 6.30pm</b>	(Tenure) -
<b>Sunday 26th September @ 9.45am</b>	(F/Town) -
<b>Sunday 26th September @ 11.15am</b>	(Tenure) -

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, always a credit to the local community.

**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; If a family member outside the parish has died, let us know so we can include them in our prayers.

**Season of Creation:** 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](http://www.armagharchdiocese.org/season-of-creation-1st-september-4th-october-2021) In May 2021, Pope Francis launched the Laudato Si' Action Platform. This is a seven-year road map for the Catholic Church to implement Laudato Si'. You can read more about this exciting journey at [www.laudatosiactionplatform.org](http://www.laudatosiactionplatform.org)



**Lough Derg:** Guided pilgrimages on the Pilgrim Path will be offered on 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 071 98 61518.

**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](mailto:ceo@mountstannes.com)