

an opportunity for us to again promote the work of our missionaries who share the Good News on our behalf over the entire world but in a particular way those who work and share Christian witness in our own communities. **A few practical things we can do this Mission Month:**

- **light a candle at each Mass** to pray for those who do not know God - that they would be open to engaging with the Church.
- **encourage school children to write to retired Missionaries** from your Parish to thank them for their work.
- **invite the "New Irish" to be interviewed** on social media about their faith journey many of whom met Irish Missionaries in their home country.

These are just a few practical examples and of course there are many more ways to highlight Mission Month & particularly **Mission Sunday, October 24th.**

**Get well:** Knowing that someone really cares helps healing along its way, so we pray you are wrapped in God's love, found deep in his everlasting wings, carried and kept, safe and cherished always. We keep you in our thoughts & prayers.



**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2021:** Each year, 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. **For October, the theme is: Missionary Disciples:** We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**Congratulations to:** Louise McKeever & Andy Synott who were married in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tenure, last week.

**Feast of the Guardian Angels was celebrated on 2nd October:** Angel of God my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule and guide. Amen.



**Readings for 10th October - 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** Wisdom 7:7-11    **Responsorial Psalm:** 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
**Reading II:** Hebrews 4:12-13    **Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30

**Finance:** THANK YOU for your donations - amounting to €650 **IN Church** over the last week. In addition, **another €250** was also received by the candle shrines in Tenure. We are also grateful for those who subscribe online - raising approx **€300 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)

**Mullary Cemetery Draw:** Winning #46 - No Winners.



## Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

3rd October 2021 - Year B

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**Pulpit Swapping:** On the **1st Sunday of the month** we welcome priests from the other parishes in the Pastoral Area, as we continue an initiative to prepare for the future when the Pastoral Area will be collaborating more closely. Fr. Paddy is ministering in Termonfechin this weekend, and here we welcome (back) Monsignor Carroll & Fr. Daly.

**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.**

**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. The Diary for 2022 is now available.

**Holidays:** Fr. Paddy will be taking a break during the month of October; Masses will be cancelled (*see below*). However, there will still be prayer in our Church in the absence of a priest led by PPC members. Details are;

- Lay-led **Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion** at 9.30am; Tuesday 12th & 19th in **Tenure** and Wednesday 13th & 20th in **Fieldstown.**
- **Eucharistic Adoration with Morning Prayer, and prayer for healing with St. Padre Pio** Thursday 14th & 21st at 9.30am in Fieldstown.



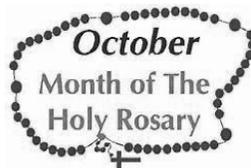
- There will be **no** Mass on Friday 15th & 22nd.
- There will be **no** Masses on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th. Please either;
  1. Attend **Mass** in the **Pastoral Area**, or another nearby parish.
  2. Attend a **Mass** on Sunday 18th, at **5pm, in Tenure.**
  3. Join Mass online from a Church/parish using webcam.
  4. Attend a **Liturgy of the Word led by members of the PPC at 10.30am in Fieldstown.**

Prayer should not stop just because the priest is absent. It is important to realise that our parishes can have prayer ongoing. Please try and support these initiatives, as we continue to explore the new realities that lie ahead.

**Liturgies & Sacraments:** Our Parish Covid-19 Committee 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, & **encourage the use of masks & hand gels** - especially after touching your mask. Church buildings will be sanitised after every Mass.

**Day for Life:** This is an annual celebration in Ireland, Scotland, England & Wales. A day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning & value of human life at every stage and in every condition. **This year it will be celebrated on Sunday 3 October on the theme 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'**. In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year's message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. **The Catholic Church's approach to end of life care is well articulated in the recent Vatican document *Samaritanus bonus* on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life.**

**October Devotions:** Every Sunday in October - alternating between Churches - **starting on 3rd October** in The Church of Our Lady of the Nativity, Fieldstown, at 7pm with Eucharistic Adoration, The Rosary, & Benediction.



**Coastal Rosary Ireland:** On Sunday October 10th, at 2.30pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life & Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. We encourage you to gather safely being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Sign up a Rosary location at [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) or text location to 087 278 6552.



**Season of Creation:** Concludes this week, with the feast day of St. Francis on 4th October. Please consider once again how our personal actions affect the climate, and let us try and do our bit - in our time and place - to make some concrete changes that will enhance the environment. Vatican climate initiative [www.laudatosimovement.org](http://www.laudatosimovement.org)

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

**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; Olive Ryan, Warrenpoint; Jimmy Bowden, Killybegs formerly Dunleer; Mary Sullivan, Tullyallen; Mick Byrne, Togher; Sean Culligan, USA; Denis McLoughlin, Bog Road; Sean Murphy, Drogheda; Ignatius O'Neill, Mullingar; If a family member outside the parish has died, let us know so we can pray for them

NB ALL Masses can be accessed via <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice">www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice</a>	
Day\Mass	Intention
Saturday 2nd October @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) Pap Usher & Decd. family mbrs
Sunday 3rd October @ 9.45am	(F/Town) -
Sunday 3rd October @ 11.15am	(Tenure) Parish List of the Dead
Tuesday 5th October @ 9.30am	(Tenure) -
Wed. 6th October @ 9.30am	(F/Town) -
Thurs. 7th October @ 9.30am	(F/Town) <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
Friday 8th October @ 8pm	(Tenure) Teré McCullough
Saturday 9th October @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) Pro Populo ( <i>For the People</i> )
Sunday 10th October @ 9.45am	(F/Town) Oliver & Mary Harmon Mickey & Maisie Harmon
Sunday 10th October @ 11.15am	(Tenure) -

**Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Annual Service of Remembrance:** Sunday 3rd October in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda at 3pm. Join us as we remember those affected by pregnancy, infant and childhood bereavement.



**Radio Maria Ireland:** On Saturday October 9th, The Hail Holy Queen Conference will be on at 2pm (**online**). Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr. Patrick Kenny, Fr. Gerry McCloskey, and Dr. Blythe Kaufman.

**Young People & The Church:** The Parish Pastoral Council are keen to begin a Children's Mass, once a month in each Church. We also want to find ways to engage with our teenagers and help them engage with & deepen their faith. Please email the parish office if you would like to volunteer to help.

**What is a Synod? 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. 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 key question is: **What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?**



**October is the month traditionally dedicated to prayer for and promotion of the Mission of our Church:** Pope Francis' theme for this year is **"We cannot remain silent - 'we cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20)"**. This is