

**Thank you:** to the members of Fieldstown Choir, The Monasterboice Tidy Towns Initiative; Our Sacristans, and all who donated to/volunteered to help erect Christmas Decorations in both Churches.

**Sunday Missal:** Anyone who would like a Missal for 2022 please contact the parish office. These will also be available from the Sacristies in the coming weeks and cost €5. They contain the readings for the three-year cycle for Sunday as well as the regular prayers of the Mass.

Maybe  
CHRISTMAS  
-he thought-  
doesn't come  
from a store  
Maybe  
CHRISTMAS  
-perhaps-  
means a little bit  
MORE  
-The Grinch-

**Monasterboice Tourism & Tidy Towns:** Local Area Calendar produced for Christmas & New Year; Available via Committee 086 8971308.

**Join the Big Family Christmas!** By setting your place at the **Mary's Meals Big Family Christmas table**, you'll help to feed a hungry child for a whole school year for less than €20. You'll get a beautiful digital placemat, featuring the name of your friend or loved one, to email or print out and pass on. Go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) to set your place or call Patricia on 086 314 0814.

**Christmas Gifts of love from Trócaire:** Trócaire's Christmas Gifts range allows you to buy goats, chickens, water and many more vital items. This year, there are special gifts to help women in poorer countries. Please visit [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)

**Birthdays and Special Anniversaries/Celebrations:** recently a few parishioners were acknowledged at Mass for life milestones. Fr. Paddy is always happy to mark these special occasions at the gathering of the community in prayer. Please let him know of any coming up for family members. In these challenging times, it's so important to 'count our blessings'.

**Calling all men - New Year Resolution?** Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men, with over 50,000 who have completed it so far. It's a challenging 90-day period (Jan 17th to Easter Sunday 2022) of prayer and asceticism, supported by a weekly fraternal gathering. Today Exodus 90 is renewing the Church by transforming men. See [www.exodus90.com](http://www.exodus90.com) to learn more.

**Readings for 26th December 2021 - Feast of the Holy Family; Reading I:** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; **Reading II:** 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; **Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

**Mullary Cemetery Draw:** Winning #11; Pat Tiernan; Anne Marie Halpenny.



## Parish of Monasterboice

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

19th December 2021 - Year C

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### Parish Arrangements for Christmas

#### Christmas Eve (Friday 24th) Masses:

Tenure - 5pm & 6.30pm - max 150 at each Mass  
Fieldstown - 8pm & 9.30pm max 100 at each Mass

#### Christmas Day (Saturday 25th) Masses:

Fieldstown - 9.45am & Tenure - 11.15am

**You must book a FREE ticket to attend.**

Please **do not** turn up without a ticket.

The Magic of  
*Christmas*  
 is not in the presents  
 but in *His* presence

**Already the first two Masses are booked out.**

*If your circumstances change, pls return tickets*

While you may not find the time/Church that you normally attend. **Please try to be flexible and you must follow all guidelines (eg, Masks, etc).** All Masses will be on Webcam!

Covid-19 continues to impact on our lives, especially when considering large gatherings. Our thoughts are with the businesses affected by latest restrictions, as well as

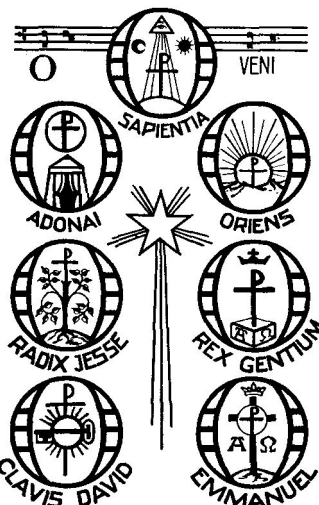
health care workers under pressure at this time, and anyone affected directly/indirectly by Covid. The most important thing is that we continue to do everything we can to keep each other safe over Christmas. Thank you for helping to achieve this. **May the peace of the Christ-child be in your hearts and homes this Christmas. Happy Christmas!**

**Advent:** continues for another week - in this season believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth through reading, prayer, & reflection. On the 4th Sunday of Advent we meditate on the **PEACE** Jesus brings to our hearts & world. God knows that we are in a constant battle against FEAR which wants to cripple us, to push us to react rather than carefully respond, and fear steals our joy. **God has given us the gift of peace so we can live joy-filled lives!** Advent is an invitation for us all to choose to set aside the fear and uncertainty that has defined these last 2 years.

It's also a chance to be intentional about taking our focus off of the hustle & bustle of Christmas preps. We can also give to God the sadness that many may be feeling - even at this joyful time.

This Advent Sunday we are reminded Jesus offers us peace in every season & nothing is impossible with him!

**This week, we also hear the seven titles of Christ, as the "O" Antiphons** prayed by the Church since at least the 8th Century. They are a magnificent theology using ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfilment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well.



**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; Mickey Dunne, Dunleer; Frank McKiernan, Cavan; Eugene (Gus) Bourke,

NB <u>ALL</u> Masses can be accessed via <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice">www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice</a>	
Day\Mass	Intention
<b>Saturday 18th December @ 6.30pm</b>	(Tenure) -
<b>Sunday 19th December @ 9.45am</b>	(F/Town) Larry Johnson & Decd. Mbrs of Johnson Family Decd. Mbrs Roche Family
<b>Sunday 19th December @ 11.15am</b>	(Tenure) Michael & Christina O'Brien & their son, Johnny and John Jnr. & their daughter Maggie; and Colette Martin
<b>Tuesday 21st December @ 9.30am</b>	(Tenure) -
<b>Wed. 22nd December @ 9.30am</b>	(F/Town) -
<b>Friday 24th December @ 5pm</b>	(Tenure) -
<b>Friday 24th December @ 6.30pm</b>	(Tenure) <b>Pro Populo</b> (For the People)
<b>Friday 24th December @ 8pm</b>	(F/Town) -
<b>Friday 24th December @ 9.30pm</b>	(F/Town) Kathleen & Gabriel Byrne (Av.)
<b>Saturday 25th December @ 9.45am</b>	(F/Town) -
<b>Saturday 25th December @ 11.15am</b>	(Tenure) Bridie & Johnny Dowling Philip Dowling; Michael McQuillan
<b>NB - NO EVENING MASS ON SATURDAY 25th DECEMBER</b>	
<b>Sunday 26th December @ 9.45am</b>	(F/Town) Mary Ann Rushe (Birthday Rememb.)
<b>Sunday 26th December @ 11.15am</b>	(Tenure) John Mulroy (8th Av) Jim Clarke (24th Av)

Silogue and late of Navan & Castlebar; If a family member outside the parish has died, let us know & we can pray for them at Masses in the parish.

**Confessions for Christmas: Tuesday 21st after Mass & 7-8pm** in Tenure; **Wednesday 22nd after Mass** in Fieldstown; **Thursday 23rd 7-8pm** in Fieldstown; **Friday 24th 1-2pm** in Tenure

**Eucharistic Adoration available in the Pastoral Area as follows: Mondays** Church of the Immaculate Conception Termonfechin 7pm-8pm; **Tuesdays** in Immaculate Conception Tenure 10-10.30am; **Saturdays** in Church of St Borchill, Dysart 11am-12noon. Also from Termonfechin Oratory each **Friday** 11am-6pm via the internet only see [www.termonfechinparish.ie/webcam](http://www.termonfechinparish.ie/webcam)

**Finance: Thank you for your support last weekend which totalled €696; and over €300 per week in ONLINE Donations.** The details for which are; **BIC:** AIBKIE2D and **IBAN:** IE68 AIBK 9320 9421 7710 85; **Ref.** Envelope#/Surname Or via [www.armagharchdiocese.org](http://www.armagharchdiocese.org) The **NEW** parish envelope boxes will be available for collection at Church from next weekend. An **'End of Year' financial statement** will also be made available.

**Parish Office:** The 2022 Diary is now available for Mass bookings. Tuesdays from 2.30pm - 5.30pm; Our secretary, Mary/Ann **(087-3791443)** will be able to take phone calls, and answer emails about parish (certificates, etc).