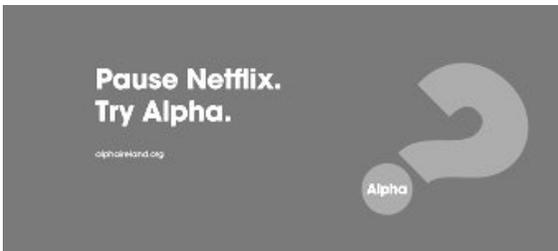


would look like this: **20 + C + M + B + 22**. The C M B serves two meanings: The initials of the wise men; The first letters of the Latin phrase: **Christus Mansionem Benedicat** (*May Christ bless the house*). Why not try it this year yourself? Fr. Paddy will lead the blessing at the Epiphany Masses in the Parish.

World Youth Day: The young people of our parish are invited to consider a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in **Portugal, 2023**. This is a life changing experience for those who attend. The trip will include a visit to Fatima, daily mass, along with the numerous spiritually enriching opportunities that are part of the World Youth Day program. If interested, please contact the parish office. The experience is designed for those in their 20's and 30's, but **anyone 18-40 can attend**. WYD takes place **August 1-6, 2023**.

Calling all those who've had a Baby Baptised in the last year: Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and we would love you to come to Mass. Fr. Paddy will be offering a 'blessing of babies' at all the Masses next weekend, and members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be distributing a little gift to the families - a book of prayers for use in your home with the children; We would also like to display photographs of the babies baptised last year - **43 in all!** Please place your pictures on the display boards in either Church, out email to the parish office.



New Year - A Fresh Start to look again and see how Faith fits into my everyday Life.

Eleven Tuesday evenings exploring how Faith can relate to your life in normal but powerful ways.? This can happen online from the comfort of your own

home for just one hour each of these evenings. Whatever about involvement, it certainly is for those who are seeking and searching for deeper meaning in life which can easily relate to Life to Faith. **For the first time, this Alpha is being run on a Nationwide basis with each parish having its own small group of 7 to 8 people.** If you're interested please check out www.alphaireland.org/refocus for more details and online Registration.

Readings for 9th January - Feast of the Baptism of The Lord; Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 103:1-4, 24-25, 27-30; **Reading II:** Titus 2:11-14, 3:3-7; **Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #31; Joe Foyle; John Byrne.



Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

2nd Sunday of Christmas - Year C
2nd January 2022

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As we come to the end of another year, each of us are offered the opportunity to reflect on the year past and to prepare to greet a New Year.

We give thanks for the many blessings which God has given us and for the many ways those blessings come into our lives. For the gift of family and friends, for the gift of good neighbours and all those who bring kindness into our lives each day. For health and happiness, for the gift of faith and love, we give thanks.



For many, 2021 has been a difficult year. Covid-19 continuing, bereavement, illness, addiction, financial difficulties and more can leave us hurt and feeling isolated. May you know the healing presence of God in your life through the support of others.

For some it marks other life-changing moments; marriage, the birth of a new baby, a new job, or moving to a new home.

For Parish too, it is a time of reflection. We give thanks to God For all those who enrich our Parish and Community life by their generous giving, for those who look after those in need, for those who keep us safe or are there when we are in need,

We ask forgiveness for our failures and offer forgiveness to those who have failed us. We renew our commitment to live as Jesus asked, to be loving, forgiving, caring, sharing, supportive and truthful in a way that brings joy and peace to all those we share life with in the New Year.

May the Lord bless our efforts & our world with His continued presence in 2022. **Happy New Year!**





Parish Office: Tuesdays from 2.30pm - 5.30pm; Our secretaries, Mary/Ann (087-3791443) will be able to take phone calls, & answer emails about parish (certificates, etc). reopening Tuesday 4th January

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

Finance: Thank you for your support last weekend which totalled €2300; and over €250 per week in **ONLINE Donations PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE PARISH BY ONLINE DONATIONS VIA YOUR BANK;** The parish details; **BIC: AIBKIE2D and IBAN: IE68 AIBK 9320 9421 7710 85;** Pls give your Envelope#/Surname as reference. Donations also via www.armagharchdiocese.org

New Envelope Boxes: begin the first weekend of January. As it will not be possible to deliver these due to the Pandemic, boxes will be available **for collection at the Church closest to your area.** Please pick up your box at your earliest convenience. **NB your envelope number might be different** from previous years, don't worry, this is merely due to the computer system we are using. Your subscriptions will still be credited to you. An **'End of Year' financial statement** will also be made available early in January.

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. Exodus 90 is renewing the Church by transforming men. See www.exodus90.com to learn more.

New Year Resolutions: Whatever they are, it's important to engage our faith in our goal-planning. By following God's purposes and direction, we have real hope in accomplishing our resolutions. Seeking His direction, we can marvel at the possibilities of using our talents, gifts and skills in the way they were ultimately intended. Even the most well-intentioned goals cannot come to full fruition if they are not based on God's plans for us. Blessings on all our efforts.



NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass	Intention
Saturday 1st January 2022 @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) George, Kitty (100th Birthday Rememb.) & Jim Conaghy
Sunday 2nd January 2022 @ 9.45am	(F/Town) -
Sunday 2nd January 2022 @ 11.15am	(Tenure) Gerry & Eva Hyland Maura Treacy and Des Beirne & Dec. Mbrs. Of the Berne & Hyland Families
Tuesday 4th January 2022 @ 9.30am	(Tenure) Parish ' List of The Dead '
Wed. 5th January 2022 @ 9.30am	(F/Town) -
Thursday 6th January 2022 @ 9.30am	(F/Town) -
Thursday 6th January 2022 @ 8pm	(Tenure) Pro Populo (For the People)
Friday 7th January 2022 @ 8pm	(Tenure) -
Saturday 8th January 2022 @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) -
Sunday 9th January 2022 @ 9.45am	(F/Town) -
Sunday 9th January 2022 @ 11.15am	(Tenure) Joseph & Margaret Devine; James Murtagh

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; Dermot Seberry, Brownstown; Mickey Dunne, Dunleer; Frank McKiernan, Cavan; Eugene (Gus) Bourke, Silogue and late of Navan & Castlebar; If a family member outside the parish has died, let us know & we can pray for them at Parish Masses.

The Feast of The Epiphany: January 6th is the day we typically call "Three Kings Day," more formally known as The Epiphany. Epiphany is derived from a Greek word *ἐπιφάνεια*, meaning "**manifestation**" and refers, generally, to Jesus being manifested to the gentile visitors from the East. In the Western Christian church they have been commonly known as: **Melchior** a Persian; **Caspar** an Ethiopian; **Balthazar** an Arabian. Three gifts are explicitly identified in Matthew: **gold, frankincense, and myrrh.** Many different theories of the meaning and symbolism of the gifts have been brought forward. While gold is fairly obviously explained; Myrrh was commonly used as an anointing oil, and frankincense as a perfume. The three gifts had a spiritual meaning: **gold** as a **symbol of kingship** on earth, **frankincense** as a symbol of **deity**, and **myrrh** (an embalming oil) as a symbol of **death.**

Epiphany House Blessing: The traditional date for the feast of Epiphany is January 6, and household members, using chalk and holy water can make this simple blessing on your door as follows: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the new year. So, today, it

