

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path: on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071 9861518.

Catholic Schools Week: will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from **Sunday 23rd January – 30th January**. The theme this year is ‘**Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full**’. We acknowledge and thank all those who work in our Catholic Schools, and encourage our parents to continue the faith development of their children at home, and by coming to Mass together as a family.



Bringing Theology Home: The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. Theology Matters! Join our great student community and study theology from home. Application deadline is 22nd Feb. 2016. Phone 01 404 8124. Email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

Volunteer Drivers Needed: The Irish Cancer Society is looking for help to drive patients to and from cancer treatments in our locality to the hospital. If you are available 2 weekdays per month and interested in this role, you can find further information including an online application form on www.cancer.ie If you like further information, email volunteer@irishcancer.ie for more details.

“Patrick Kavanagh – A Poet for Spring” with Sr Una Agnew SSL PhD, hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 11:00 am – 12:15 pm (2, 9 & 16 March 2022) Suggested Donation: £30 per person. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 048 28272196/28276455 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter: A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9/10 April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry. This 2-day non-residential course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: www.marriageencounter.ie or 048276 38512

St. Colmcilles SVP wish to sincerely thank all for your generosity to our Christmas Church Gate collection, which will support all who requested Christmas assistance in our Parish. Thank you all so much it is very much appreciated. For assistance call Free Phone No: 1800 677 777

Readings for 23rd January 2022 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 **Responsorial Psalm:** 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 **Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #23; Kevin Wall; Dessie Connor



Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

16th January 2022

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Shock & Horror: Many people felt this, and more, with the murder of Aisling Murphy last week. It has kicked off again the righteous demand of women to be able to go about their lives without fear.

All of us bear a responsibility to cultivate a just and fair society, one which respects everyone - and women especially, and ensures they are not objectified.

This means **everyone** needs to call out any kind of ill-treatment, or sexualised behaviour; We ought to be more careful of what content we allow into our homes and online material, and we need to teach our young people the values of respect and responsibility.

As long as we continue to think that things like that happen to others, and effect others **only**, then we are perhaps more part of the problem than we think! **#SheJustWentForARun**

Mass next Saturday evening, at 6.30pm will be offered for all who have been victims of violence or abuse.



Last call: Please consider doing the Alpha Course - and perhaps, more importantly, inviting family members and friends who don't normally go to Church to try it out - even for a week or two. It's one hour, on a Tuesday nights starting on the 18th. Its not a heavy course, but does help to ask the important questions... **Why are we here? Does God really guide us? Where does Faith and Prayer fit in? Why is there Evil in the World?**

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 alphaireland.org/refocus for more details and **online Registration**.

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).

Pastoral Area: Along with Termonfechin, Clogherhead, and Togher, our Parish is part of the St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area: **Contact numbers;** Fr Paul Byrne 982 2121; Fr Martin McVeigh 982 2224; Monsignor Jim Carroll 98 89335

Mass Times in The Pastoral Area:

Time	Location	Time	Location
		9.30am Sun.	Sandpit
6.15pm Sat.	Dysart	9.45am Sun.	Fieldstown
6.30pm Sat.	Tenure	10am Sun.	Walshestown & Togher
7pm Sat.	Termonfechin	11am Sun.	Termonfechin
7.30pm Sat.	Clogherhead	11.15am Sun.	Tenure
		11.30am Sun.	Clogherhead & Dillionstown

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; **Wednesdays** in The Church of The Nativity of Our Lady, Fieldstown 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 €958; €250 from the Shrines in Tenure, 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: 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 soon.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting: Monday 17th @ 8pm via Zoom. At the end of this year, there will be THREE positions to be renewed on the Finance Council. Pls consider putting your name forward for this consultative body.

Why Not... Learn about other Christian denominations and pray for unity among Christians as the week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins 18th January. The resources for this year, which were compiled in Lebanon, can be found on www.ctbi.org.uk These reflect the civil conflict and experiences of the people there; a yearning for a light leading to the Saviour who overcomes darkness. Please see www.armagharchdiocese.org for information about **Unity** week.



NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass	Intention
Saturday 15th January 2022 @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) -
Sunday 16th January 2022 @ 9.45am	(F/Town) Cecelia Callaghan (Av.) Paddy, Claire & Dick Usher & Ann Abela (Av.)
Sunday 16th January 2022 @ 11.15am	(Tenure) Jim Byrne (The Mill) Johnny Allen (3rd Av)
Tuesday 18th January 2022 @ 9.30am	(Tenure) -
Wed. 19th January 2022 @ 9.30am	(F/Town) Pro Populo (<i>For the people</i>)
Friday 21st January 2022 @ 7pm	(Tenure) Eileen Coletta, Cordoogan (1st Av.)
Saturday 22nd January 2022 @ 6.30pm	(Tenure) For those who have been victims of violence & abuse
Sunday 23rd January 2022 @ 9.45am	(F/Town) Dermot Seberry (MM)
Sunday 23rd January 2022 @ 11.15am	(Tenure) Rita Dolan (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; Brian Toner, Glennane, Armagh; If a family member outside the parish has died, let us know & we can pray for them at Parish Masses.

The Popes Monthly Intentions: True human fraternity: For all those suffering from religious discrimination/persecution; may their rights & dignity which originate from being brothers & sisters in the human family be recognised.



Next week 'Word of God Sunday': Pope Francis began this celebration in 2019 to encourage the members of the Church to spend time with, celebrate, study and spread The Word of God. This year the theme is; **"Enlightened by the Word of on the Synodal Path"**, inspired from the apostolic letter **Aperuit illis** and the Preparatory Document for the Synod on Synodality.

In October 2021 we began the synodal journey at the diocesan level. Our discernment through journeying together in & for communion, participation, and mission is possible when we open ourselves to the Word of God, by reading and listening to it.

Being enlightened by the Word (*i.e. Jesus*), we will be able to listen to each other's words along the journey. The Word of God stands as a meeting point for ecumenism, interfaith dialogue, and dialogue with society, which are among the ten themes proposed for the synodal consultation.

Fr. Paddy would like to extend sincere thanks to all parishioners were so generous at Christmas time with cards, gifts, and good wishes. He feels very blessed by your support.



Ireland Lights Up @ Your Local GAA: Naomh Mairtin track will be open to all on the Monday, Wednesday & Friday nights from 6.30-8pm, and the lights will be on. Supported by the Health & Wellbeing Committee.