

**Divine Mercy:** In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday.

This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.

St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbour.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.

You can watch the Vatican celebrations from Rome starting at 8am (10am Rome); or in St. Nicholas' Church, Dundalk 2:00pm - Holy Hour and Confessions; 3:00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:15pm - Solemn Mass Veneration of the relics of Saint Faustina & her confessor Blessed Fr. Sopoćko.

**We would like to thank the sponsor of our two beautiful images of Divine Mercy hanging in each Church.**



**Thank You:** Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh and Archbishop Dermot Farrell of Dublin, as President and Vice-President of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, have published the following statement to thank the parishes across Ireland for their **extraordinary generosity in raising to date of over €3.25 million in response to the crisis in Ukraine.**

Following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia on 24 February, the Bishops of Ireland asked for a special collection in parishes across the island.

This mainly took place over the weekend of 26 and 27 March, as an additional way of helping to address the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

**Readings for 31st April - Third Sunday of Easter: Reading I:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 **Responsorial Psalm:** 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 **Reading II:** Revelation 5:11-14 **Gospel:** John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14.



## Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

**Second Sunday Of Easter - Year C**

**24th April 2022**

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### “WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE”

#### The Blessings of Easter to all our families!

It was heartening to see such large numbers attending our Easter Triduum/Easter Sunday liturgies. This was the first time in two years that we had “live & in-person” ceremonies.

**Thanks:** to all who took part in the Easter Ceremonies, particularly our hard working Sacristans, without whom a lot of things would go undone. Special thanks must also go to Choir leaders & members, other musicians, ministers of the Word & Eucharist; collectors/stewards, those who tidied Church grounds, did flowers, and anyone who helped out this year. We thank God for the many gifts and gifted people in our parish. If you would like to consider volunteering for a ministry in the Church, please contact Fr. Paddy or the Parish office.



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

**Trócaire boxes:** Thank you for your generosity - please try and count the coins in your box, replacing them with notes before you hand in your box. Boxes may be handed in at any Mass.



**LAST CALL FOR Special Parish Trip:** The PPC have organised an outing to ‘Joseph & The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat’, in the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre on Wednesday 24th August, 2022; **Tickets €70 (incl. Bus). Places limited** - First Come basis - **about half tickets are already booked.** Please book via The Parish Office - Tickets **must** be fully paid by Tuesday 26th April.

**Covid-19 Pandemic News: In Diocesan Communications** From Easter Sunday, 17 April, **attending** Mass is once again deemed an **essential expression** of faith for all in the Irish Church.



**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](http://www.termonfechinparish.ie/webcam)

**Young Adult Catholic Conference (18 - 40) -** St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Saturday April 30th, 10am - 5pm. Hear great speakers, meet new friends and discover more about your Catholic faith. **Cost €25**, includes lunch. **Search:** Young Adult Catholic Conference on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) for more information and to book. **THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL SPONSOR €15 to EACH PERSON ATTENDING** Contact Parish Office.

**Annual Local One Day Retreat to Lough Derg: 2nd May.** For further details, please contact Mary Maguire 086 403 2364 / 041 68 51754 Or Rose Duff 086 845 8808 / 041 98 2254.



**The Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:** will be celebrated this year on the last Sunday of May (*ie. May 29th*) joined by Dromore Diocese and the Knights of St Columbanus. As always the success of the Pilgrimage depends largely on your support for Ireland's International Eucharistic Marian Shrine.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Wednesday 22nd June for 7 nights – cost €765 Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Montague. Phone James 087-2202173 for details.



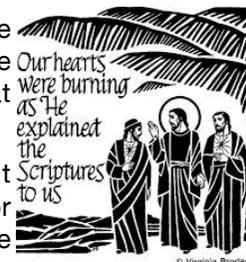
**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** from 26th September to 1st October through Marian Pilgrimages. The fare is: **€750 euro pp sharing (Single Room Supplement 190 euro)** The ongoing impact and uncertainty around the Covid-19 Pandemic means that we will not be in a position to provide Medical and Nursing Support in the Accueli Notre Dame to Assisted Pilgrims as in prior years. Those Pilgrims intending to travel will need to be able to travel independently or to be accompanied by a family member/carer who can provide all of their care and support needs. All applicants will be required to complete a comprehensive booking form, which will include Medical information. All applicants will need to provide proof of vaccination. While in Lourdes the Medical Team will be on call to serve the wider needs of our pilgrimage community & oversee the implementation of Covid Protocols, should the need arise. Bookings can be made through your local committee.

NB <u>ALL</u> Masses can be accessed via <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice">www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice</a>	
Day\Mass	Intention
Saturday 23rd April @ 6.30pm (T)	Philomena McEntee (1st Av.) Kathleen (5th Av) & Tom (40th Av) Brennan
Sunday 24th April @ 9.45am (F/T)	Dick Usher (Av.) Paddy Winters (12th Av.) Colm Delves (2nd Av.)
Sunday 24th April @ 11.15am (T)	Patrick Devine (10th Av.) Jim Conaghy & Dec'd Mbrs Conaghy & Cassidy
Tuesday 26th April @ 9.30am (T)	-
Wed. 27th April @ 9.30am (F/T)	-
Friday 29th April @ 7pm (T)	-
Saturday 30th April @ 6.30pm (T)	Fintan Murphy (21st Av.)
Sunday 31st April @ 9.45am (F/T)	-
Sunday 31st April @ 11.15am (T)	-

**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; **Michael Carroll**, Cartown; **Mary Butterly**, Grangerath; **Sr. Ann (Assumpta) Kierans**, Drogheda; **Josephine Howard**, Monasterboice; **Deidre Delaney**, Clogherhead; **Celine Carroll (nee Victory)**, Chord Rd, Drogheda; *If you have a family member from outside the parish who has died, let us know.*

**Diocesan Synodal Moment:** will be on 10th May in the Armagh City Hotel. Tea/Coffee and sandwiches will be served from 6.15pm with the meeting proper starting at 7pm. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

**Diploma in Youth Ministry & Spirituality:** from Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth. The diploma is tailored for those who wish to work in Youth Ministry. For more information please see [www.maynoothcollege.ie/courses](http://www.maynoothcollege.ie/courses)



**Accord** is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Application forms [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) Selections will take place in June, with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples & families. Please contact us for support [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) To book your Church wedding, please make contact with your local parish to complete pre-nuptial wedding papers, and obtain the appropriate certificates. At least 3 months notice is required.

**The Matt Talbot Prayer Society** prays daily for those with addictions. You can enrol somebody to be prayed for each day as well as at the monthly Mass which takes place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on the First Monday of each month at 7:30pm. We welcome everybody to join us in person or online. [www.mattalbotprayersociety.com](http://www.mattalbotprayersociety.com)