

Diocesan Synodal Moment: will be on **Tuesday 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.

Loyola Institute presents 'Theology in a Conversation about Hope' (6pm, Thursday 19th May 2022). A talk that will open Loyola Institute's Festival of Theology at Trinity College Dublin. This is a **free Public Lecture**. A two-day conference will follow, for those who want to go further and develop **'new thinking about how Theology, learning and culture'** interact. Further information available loyola@tcd.ie or phone Helen at 01/8964791

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. Members of the Parish pastoral Council are organising a bus is being organised to go to **Knock on Sunday 29th May**, Armagh Diocesan Day. **All local pick ups.** Anyone interested in booking a seat on the bus please call any of the following numbers: 087 6831259, 087 2882253 or 086 3919613



Finance: Fr. Paddy & The Parish Finance Committee thank you for supporting your parish in these difficult times. The parish details; **BIC: AIBKIE2D and IBAN: IE68 AIBK 9320 9421 7710 85**; using your Envelope#/Surname as reference. Donations also via www.armagharchdiocese.org; Last week, the parish received €689 IN Church (*general*) & €531 (*Dues*) as well as **online** donations of approx. €200, Thank you!

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

For the Month of May: A great tradition is the **May Altar**. All that is needed is a small table, a statue of Our Lady, some flowers. It can be set up in the kitchen, hallway or wherever is convenient. It would be nice if each evening all the family gathered around this Sacred Space and said a little prayer together. One suggestion would be a decade of the Rosary. Make May 2022 a special month of prayer and reflection in your home. Send us in a picture of yours to our email, or Facebook page and we'll share them!!

Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter (15th): Reading I: Acts 9:26-31 **Responsorial Psalm:** 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 **Reading II:** 1 John 3:18-24 **Gospel:** John 15:1-8

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Last week's Winning #12; Ann Devine.



Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

Fourth Sunday Of Easter - Year C
8th May 2022

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Today is Vocations Sunday: A day when we pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, a strengthening of the vocation of marriage and those who are living a committed single life.

Pope Francis has released a message on the theme **"Called to Build the Human Family,"** in which he is encouraging each vocation in the Church to give the very best of themselves **"in this great divine plan!"**

In his message the Holy Father said that when we speak about vocations, we are speaking about making God's dream come true. The Pope also reminded religious and clergy that they are called: to be protagonists of the Church's mission; to be guardians of one another and of creation; to welcome God's gaze; to respond to God's gaze; and to build a fraternal world. He said, "As Christians, we do not only receive a vocation individually; we are also called together. We are like the tiles of a mosaic. Each is lovely in itself, but only when they are put together do they form a picture. **Each of us shines like a star in the heart of God and in the firmament of the universe.**"

At the same time, he said, we are called to form constellations that can guide and light up the path of humanity, beginning with the places in which we live.

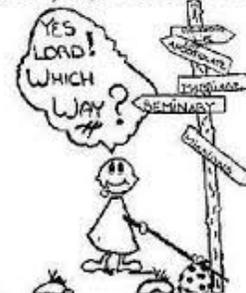
The mystery of the Church, the Pope said, is "a celebration of differences," a "sign and instrument of all that humanity is called to be." **Each, he insisted, is invaluable for their individual contribution.**

The Pope said that when we speak of "vocation," then, it is not just about choosing this or that way of life, or devoting one's life to a certain ministry, or being attracted by the charism of a religious family, movement, or ecclesial community.

Instead, **"It is about making God's dream**



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come true, the great vision of fraternity that Jesus cherished when He prayed to the Father 'that they may all be one'." Visit www.vocations.ie for more information.

Congratulations to the Children from NS Pádraig, Harestown, their parents, families, & sponsors as they made their Confirmation on Friday past; Although it was a damp and grey day outside, the Church of the Nativity of Our Lady was full of warmth, brightness & joy.



We thank our teachers for their great work preparing the Children, and we acknowledge our Catholic Schools which seek to sustain our children in the faith by adopting the invitational approach Jesus had throughout his public life. The Catholic school, at all levels, aims to reflect a distinctive vision of life based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its educational philosophy is inspired by that vision and corresponds to it. It strives to create a facilitative environment in which the student may grow in an appreciation of the presence of God, as Patrick Kavanagh puts it, "in the bits and pieces of everyday life".

The children from NS Buite, Tenure will receive Confirmation in The Church of The Immaculate Conception, on **Friday, 13th May**.



First Holy Communion: The children from both schools will be making the Sacrament on **Saturday 14th May**, in The Church of The Nativity of Our Lady, Fieldstown & **21st May** in the Church of The Immaculate Conception, Tenure **both at 11am**.

We ask you - **the Christian Community** - to pray for the children, their parents, (*sponsors*), teachers & Patrick Logue, Chaplain & Chair of Scoil Naomh Buite, Tenure for all their hard

work, for this special day. It is also an opportunity for all of us to recall the steps on our own journey & to re-commit ourselves to living out our Christianity

May Devotions will commence **this** Sunday, 8th May at 7pm, with Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction, in the Church of The Nativity, of Our Lady, Fieldstown. **We will pray for Vocations!** All Welcome.

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*).

Eucharistic Adoration in the Pastoral Area: Mondays Church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfechin 7-8pm; **Tuesdays** Immaculate Conception, Tenure 10-10.30am; & St. Michael's, Clogherhead 10-11am; **Wednesdays** The Nativity of Our Lady, Fieldstown 10-10.30am; **Fridays** Termonfechin Oratory 11am-6pm **internet only** www.termonfechinparish.ie/webcam **Saturdays** Church of St Borchill, Dysart 11am-12noon.

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;

NB <u>ALL</u> Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass	Intention
Saturday 7th May @ 6.30pm (T)	Jim Dunne (Av.) Peg & Jack Crilly
Sunday 8th May @ 9.45am (F/T)	-
Sunday 8th May @ 11.15am (T)	For the Parish 'List of The Dead'
Tuesday 10th May @ 9.30am (T)	-
Wed. 11th May @ 9.30am (F/T)	-
Friday 13th May @ 7pm (T)	-
Saturday 14th May @ 6.30pm (T)	Nicholas Sullivan (Av.)
Sunday 15th May @ 9.45am (F/T)	-
Sunday 15th May @ 11.15am (T)	-

Mary Curtis, Ardee; **Margaret Treacy**, Surrey England, and of Kellystown; **Mary Wherity**, Balbriggan; **Michael Carroll**, Cartown; **Mary Butterly**, Grangerath; **Sr. Ann (Assumpta) Kierans**, Drogheda; **Josephine Howard**, Monasterboice; **Deidre Delaney**, Clogherhead; *If you have a family member from outside the parish who has died, let us know.*

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.

Trócaire will be hosting a special Spring Gala Concert at Clonard Monastery, Belfast at 7.30pm on Friday 20th May, with performances from Margaret Keys, The Priests and St Dominic's Girls' School Choir. Tickets are free of charge but donations will be gratefully received on the night of the concert with all donations matched by the UK government in support of the 2022 Lent Appeal. To reserve tickets, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search '**Clonard Concert Belfast**', email infoni@trocaire.org or call 048 9080 8030.

Please pray for Carlos Esteban Rojo from the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, Dundalk will receive the **Order of the Diaconate** from Bishop Michael Router, in St. Patrick's Cathedral Armagh on 8 May 2022 at 12:30PM. View at <https://armaghparish.net/cathedral-webcam/>



No Visible Scar: Comfort for those Bereaved: Workshop at Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre, outside Newry. Losing a loved one can be a lonely, isolating and disorienting experience. These feelings of loss have been felt even more keenly in the time of a global pandemic. This workshop provides a gentle, safe and comforting space to help those bereaved before or during the pandemic to better understand their feelings, sensitively unpack the layers of grief their loss has brought and learn how to respectfully carry grief and embrace life again. Friday 20th (5pm) - Sunday 22nd (2pm) **£220 Stg / €260 Euro**