

## Refurbishing Tenure Parochial House

Over the last two years, the Parish Finance Committee (PFC) has given considerable thought and consideration as to what to do with this property. The house is in poor condition, deteriorating as each year passes. Having explored the matter, we were advised by the Louth CoCo planners, through our Architect, that we are not permitted to demolish it as it's on Church grounds and the Church has a preservation order on it which - according to the Council - extends to the House. The Diocese won't permit its sale for the same reason.

As Clergy numbers decline, the Pastoral Area will become more important as a way to organise things. Not every parish will have a resident priest. Also, bearing in mind the financial pressures on maintaining two houses in this parish for only one priest; and in an effort to ensure that as we move forward, our Parish will be best placed for a resident priest; the PFC having discussed and considered matters in detail, proposes to;

**1. Upgrade and add a small extension to the Parochial House situated on the grounds of Tenure Church, following which Fr. Paddy will move there, making it the Parish Priest's house.**

**2. When this work is complete and Fr. Paddy has re-located, to then sell/dispose of the Parochial House in Fieldstown.**

The parish does not have the funds needed to refurbish the property, and in order to secure funding - in the form of a bridging loan - from the Diocese, we are liaising closely with the Diocesan Office as we are obliged to do for these kinds of projects. The bridging loan from the dioceses if/when approved would have to be repaid from the sale of Fieldstown House with any remaining funds to be used for other parish projects.

We have received approval from the Diocesan Authorities to progress to the next stage of the process - which includes seeking planning permission. We will be making these proposed plans for Tenure House available in both Churches in the coming weeks.

The PFC hope that you will give your support to this project in the face of the huge changes coming in the future; We believe this is the best way to ensure that our parish makes best use of its resources, and provides the best possible chance of having a resident priest in the years ahead.

Please feel free to contact the Committee in writing via The Parish Office, Parochial House, Hamlinstown, Monasterboice, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 RT66; or via email [monasterboiceparish2018@gmail.com](mailto:monasterboiceparish2018@gmail.com)

**Ray Mitchell** (*Chairperson of PFC*) **Fr. Paddy** (*Secretary*) **Alison Quail, Aidan Berrill, Denis Mulroy, Michael Murphy, Bridget Robinson, Ann McEvoy.**



## Parish of Monasterboice

(*Mainistir Bhuithe*)

17th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year C

24th July 2022

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**This Sunday - 24th July -**

**Blessing of The Graves in Mullery at 12noon.**

The blessing begins with the **Celebration of Mass** in the graveyard  
**Please note the 11.15am Mass in Tenure Church is cancelled.**

After Mass, Fr. Paddy will then circulate around the graveyard and bless each grave. If you wish to bring holy water for the sprinkling of your own family grave you are welcome to do so. You may choose to wear a face mask.

Not everyone will yet feel ready to return to the annual Cemetery Sunday celebration, and this is understandable. Some parishioners may prefer to make a private visit to the Cemetery later on the Sunday evening or during the week. The Mass and Blessing will be filmed for YouTube in the coming days for family and friends abroad. Please visit the Parish Webpage/Facebook for the link.

Please safe and think of others when parking surrounding Cemeteries and please comply with directions issued by stewards. There will be a Gate Collection for the upkeep of the Cemetery. Please use a special/spare envelope in your box which can be put into the basket in the Cemetery or in the Church. Those who look after the graveyards rely on your support.

**Cemetery Sundays 2022:**

**Ballymakenny is Sunday 31st July @ 12 noon**

**Monasterboice is Sunday 7th August @ 12noon**

**Please note** that on each of these Sundays the 11.15am Mass in The Church of The Immaculate Conception, Tenure, **will be cancelled. No Baptisms will be held.**

**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.

**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](http://www.termonfechinparish.ie/webcam) **Saturdays** Church of St Borchill, Dysart 11am-12noon.



**Finance:** Fr. Paddy & The Parish Finance Committee thank you for supporting your parish in these increasingly difficult times; The parish regularly receives online donations of **approx. €200 per week**. The IN Church donations last weekend amounted to **€850 (General) €105 (Dues)**; Thank you. **Collection Baskets will once again be circulated in the Church during Mass at the offertory time**, to facilitate Envelopes or any other donation you may wish to give. And the Car Boot last weekend raised **€530 Thank you!**

**Thanks to all who helped prepare for/organise/run/assist at/support these events: We hope to continue our 'Community Building' & Fund-raising efforts:** with an **'Outdoor Cinema' (Weather Permitting)** in the grounds of Tenure Church on **Saturday 13th August from 7.45pm**. The Film will be Shrek. Entrance is €5 individual or €10 for a family. **Please note** there will be a **limit of 200** on Church grounds. Popcorn & Juice/water will be on sale €1 each; Please feel free to bring a rug/small folding chair to sit on.

**The Car Boot Sale** will be held again at Fieldstown Church Carpark on the **3rd Sunday of August (again, weather permitting) - 21st August from 2pm-6pm. Car €20.** Tea/Coffee/Juice & biscuits available €1 each.

**Professional Supervision:** Dealing with work issues? This service offers a safe, supportive, non-judgmental & confidential space to talk about it. Contact **Annamarie (086 7300231)** or **Mickey (087 1387413)** for an appointment.

**Psalm Response this week:** *On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*

**Reek Sunday:** The annual pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 31st July at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit from 7:30am to 2:00pm. Mass will be celebrated hourly from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

**Readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (31st July): Reading I:** Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23 **Responsorial Psalm:** 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17; **Reading II:** Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 **Gospel:** Luke 12: 13-21

**Mullary Cemetery Draw:** Winning #40; Una McCabe

**Remembering the Deceased:** Pray for those on the parish list of the dead, deceased benefactors of the parish, & those who have died recently; **Mary McCullough**, Whitehouse; **Maureen Rogers (née Matthews)**, Charleville; **Kathleen Kane (née Skelly)**, Drumconrath; **Berdadette Thornn**, Ardee; **Fintan**

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 July @ 6.30pm (T)	Jerry (10th Av.) & Kathleen Taaffe Emmie & Joey Grogan (Av.)
Sunday 24th July @ 9.45am (F/T)	Jim Robinson (Av.)
Sunday 24th July @ 11.15am (T)	<b>No Mass in Church</b> - Mullery Cemetery @ 12noon
Tuesday 26th July @ 9.30am (T)	<b>No Mass</b> - Liturgy of The Word with Holy Communion
Wed. 27th July @ 9.30am (F/T)	Maureen Harty (39th Av.)
Friday 29th July @ 7pm (T)	-
Saturday 30th July @ 6.30pm (T)	Dominick & Betty Brennan Margaret, Ben & Marion Holdcroft
Sunday 31st July @ 9.45am (F/T)	-
Sunday 31st July @ 11.15am (T)	<b>No Mass in Church</b> - Ballymakenny Cemetery @12noon

**Harmon**, Maple Drive, Drogheda; **Teresa Farrell**, Cockle Rd/Ballymakenny Rd; *If you have a family member outside the parish who has died, let us know.*

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage and World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:** will be celebrated on Sunday 24th July. All are welcome to this wonderful celebration at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock at 3.00pm, celebrated by Most Rev. Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: **"In old age they will still bear fruit"** (Psalm 92:15)

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care Amen

**Cardiac Rehab Podcast:** "It' s Cardiac Rehab" – A podcast series bringing together experts in cardiac rehab and patients who have attended cardiac rehabilitation. Topics included: *exercise, medication, healthy eating and the psychological impact of living with heart disease.*

