

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

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*)

18th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year C
31st July 2022

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This Sunday - 24th July -

Blessing of The Graves in Ballymakenny 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.

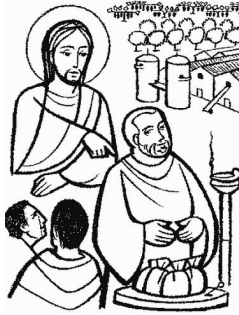
Cemetery Sundays 2022:

Monasterboice is Sunday 7th August @ 12noon

There **will be** Mass in the Graveyard at 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*).



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 **€694 (General)**; 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.

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: *Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

Reek Sunday: The annual pilgrimage takes place this 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.

The Next Matt Talbot Freedom from addiction Mass: takes place on Monday, 1st August at 7:30pm in St Patricks Cathedral, Armagh. We pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction. During the month of August we pray specifically for those with Gambling addictions and all those enrolled in the. If you would like to enrol somebody in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please visit www.matttalbotprayersociety.com

Remembering the Deceased: Pray for those on the parish list of the dead, deceased benefactors of the parish, & those who have died recently; **Laurence (Larry) Holcroft**, Moneymore, Drogheda, and formerly of Kellystown, Grangebellew; **Bridie Carolan**, Yellowbatter, Drogheda; **Mary McCullough**, Whitehouse; **Maureen Rogers (née Matthews)**, Charleville; **Kathleen Kane (née Skelly)**, Drumconrath; **Berdadette Thornn**, Ardee; **Teresa Farrell**, Cockle



NB <u>ALL</u> Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass	Intention
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)	No Mass in Church - Ballymakenny Cemetery @12noon
Tuesday 2nd August @ 9.30am (T)	-
Wed. 3rd August @ 9.30am (F/T)	Peter McCullough (Av.)
Friday 5th August @ 7pm (T)	No Mass - Apologies!
Saturday 6th August @ 6.30pm (T)	Jim Crilly (2nd Av.) Mary Woods Robert McCormack
Sunday 7th August @ 9.45am (F/T)	Jimmy Winters (Av.) Teresa Farrell MM Eamon Briscoe (8th Av.) & Dcsd Family Mbrs
Sunday 7th August @ 11.15am (T)	No Mass in Church - Monasterboice Cemetery @ 12noon

Rd/Ballymakenny Rd; *Pls let us know of family mbrs outside the parish who've died.*

A Mental Health Relative Support Group: offers support and education to relatives and friends of people with mental health difficulties. It takes place on the first Wednesday of each month in Ardee Business Park, Hale Steet, Ardee. Following the removal of Covid restrictions the group are again meeting face to face. Informational sessions on varied topics relating to mental health are also available 3 or 4 times a year.

Monasterboice Tourism and Tidy Towns Group Annual Evening of Poetry, Music and Song: takes place **Saturday 6th August in Drumshallon Forge 8-10pm**. Admission free and light refreshments will be served. Raffle on the night. Always a great night's entertainment.

Archbishop Eamon Martin announced clergy appointments for the Archdiocese: There are three local appointments; **Fr. Paul Murphy**, CC St. Peter's will become CC Kilmore & work in the Marriage Tribunal. **Rev Piotr Wojtala**, on loan from the Diocese of Opole, Poland, to be CC, St Peter's, Drogheda; **V Rev Seán McCartan**, CC, Ardee & Collon, to be PP, Beragh; **Rev Stefano Colleluori**, newly-ordained, to be CC, Ardee & Collon; and **Deacon Patrick Butterly**, newly-ordained Permanent Deacon, to serve in the Parish of Termonfechin. The Archbishop thanked the priests/deacons of the Archdiocese for their continued ministry & service, and wishes well those who are taking up these new appointments. He also thanks the people of the Archdiocese of Armagh for their ongoing prayers & support.

Readings 19th Sunday (7th August): Reading I: Wisdom 18:6-9; Responsorial Psalm: 32:1,12,18-20, 22; Reading II: 11:1-2,8-19 Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #4; Eric Sloane.