



MAINISTIR BHUITHE (MONASTERBOICE) PARISH BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - 15th January 2023 - Year A

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Sacred Time - Ordinary Time: The Liturgical year or Church calendar is a cycle of seasons repeating itself at the end of each cycle and helps us celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is called the paschal mystery, and it is celebrated through specific seasons. There are five specific seasons in the Church's calendar: **Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent and Easter.**

The word liturgical comes from the Greek word liturgy. Liturgy meant "Public Works" In Church language liturgy is the public worship given to God i.e. Mass and sacraments. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word **ordinalis**, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word **ordo**, from which we get the English word order.

Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. For Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives



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We welcome **this weekend again** those families who had children baptised in our parish since the celebration of The Baptism of The Lord last year - **50 in all!** Members of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will be distributing a little gift to the families - a book of prayers for use in your home with the children; We would also like to display photographs of the babies baptised last year. Please place your pictures on the display boards in either Church, **or** email to the parish office.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023: "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17). from **18-25 January**. The Week is the perfect time for Christians to recognise that the divisions between our churches and confessions cannot be separated from the divisions within the wider human family. Praying together for Christian unity allows us to reflect on what unites us and to commit ourselves to confront oppression and division amongst humanity.

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).

Finance: IN-Church donations last weekend **€890 (General); €618 (Dues); €550 (Donations);** The parish regularly receives **online** contributions approx. **€200** weekly. **Thank you for your generosity! Fr. Paddy is thankful too, to everyone who sent cards, gifts, and presents over Christmas. I'm sorry I cannot acknowledge everyone individually, but I am so appreciative of your support.**

New Parish Envelopes: are now available for collection at either Church (we have tried to place them in the Church closest to where you live);

1. Your Envelope Number may have changed. This is a normal part of the computer system.
2. If your box is not in **either** Church, please contact the parish Office.
3. Those who subscribe ONLINE **do not receive a box** of envelopes.



Parish Finance Committee: Meeting Tuesday 25th January at 8pm in the Parochial House.

Psalm Response this week: *Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.*

Pope's Prayer Intention for January: for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

A Prayer by Telephone:

The Sisters of Mercy, "Bethany", 34 Point Road, Dundalk, welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All requests are confidential. Tel: 042 9331602 9am – 9pm Daily One of the sisters will be happy to Listen and Pray with you.

Remembering the

Deceased: Pray for those on the parish list of the dead, the deceased benefactors of the parish, & those who have died recently including; **Frank Murray**, late of Philipstown, died in UK; **Msgr. Richard Mohan**, former PP. Clones & Prior to Lough Derg; **Daniel (Dan) Woods** Beaubec, Drogheda, formerly Monasterboice; **Bridget (Breden) Mathews, née Haggins**, Beechwood Drive, Dunleer; **Bernard McWeeney**, Dowth; **Mick Flannery**, Cork; **Breda Egan**, Old Road; **Paddy Dunne**, Tenure; **Brian Reynolds**, Drogheda; *Let us know of family members outside the parish who have died, so we can include them in prayer.*

Sacramental Preparation:

for Second Class this week, on **Tuesday** in Fieldstown and **Wednesday** in Tenure for their **Enrolment Ceremony @7pm** The Confirmation Children will have a 'Service of Light' on 1st Feb. in **Tenure** & 2nd in **Fieldstown @7.30pm** Please remember our Sacramental Classes, their parents, & teachers in your prayers.

EPSEN Act Review:

There is a very important piece of legislation being reviewed at the minute and people do not know about it. It will potentially affect the education for many children in our country in the future. We are urging parents to have their voice heard. The closing date for your voice to be

heard is the **3rd of March**. Link to the video of recent public meeting in The Monasterboice Inn. <https://youtu.be/d4A7dATo3Do>

Eucharistic Adoration in the Pastoral Area:

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; **Friday** 11am–6pm Termonfechin Oratory internet only www.termonfechinparish.ie/webcam **Saturdays**

NB <u>ALL</u> Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass\Location	Intention
Saturday 14th Jan. @ 6.30pm (T)	Johnny Allen (4th Av.) Jim Byrne (The Mill) Kathleen McGrath (nee McCann) Patrick, Thomas and Olive McCann & decd mbrs
Sunday 15th Jan. @ 9.45am (F/T)	Cecelia Callaghan Michael & Kitty McGahon (Av.) Mary Jerome (Av.)
Sunday 15th Jan. @ 11.15am (T)	Chris (1st Av.) & Teddy Quail (4th Av.)
Tuesday 17th Jan. @ 9.30am (T)	-
Wed. 18th Jan. @ 9.30am (F/T)	Pro Populo (<i>For The People</i>)
Friday 20th Jan. @ 7pm (T)	-
Saturday 21st Jan. @ 6.30pm (T)	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Sunday 22nd Jan. @ 9.45am (F/T)	Joseph & Alice, Theresa, Sean & Carmel and Rosie McGovern Christy Murphy & parents Elizabeth & Thomas
Sunday 22nd Jan. @ 11.15am (T)	Paddy Dunne MM

MONASTERBOICE PARISH

**Fundraising
Swap & Shop**

& Car Boot Sale



Find items of a similar value and arrange a swap.
No money, no clutter – win-win.
Everyone brings an unwanted gift and swaps it for another guest's present.

Drumshallon Forge
Sunday 15th January 2023
From 2-6pm

in Church of St Borchill, Dysart 11am-12noon.

Anniversary Pilgrimage to

Medjugorje: Dublin direct to Mostar – Medjugorje (return via Split) Departing from Dundalk on Wednesday 21st - 28th June 2023. **Early booking discount** for all deposits received before 31st January 2023 price €775 pps. please contact James on 087 220 2173.

The Ballymascanlon Talks:

2023 will mark the 50th anniversary of these which saw the Catholic Church develop strong ecumenical relations that have grown over the past fifty years. An ecumenical joint service of thanksgiving will be held in **Saint Anne's**

Cathedral, Belfast, on 22 January at 3.30 pm with Archbishop Eamon Martin and Rev Harold Good preaching.

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (15th January):

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; **Responsorial Psalm** 26 (27) 1,4,13-14; **Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 10-13,17; **Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23

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

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