



MAINISTIR BHUITHE (MONASTERBOICE) PARISH BULLETIN

Baptism of The Lord, 8th January 2023 - Year A

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The feast of the **Baptism of the Lord** concludes the celebration of the Christmas season and is the event that began Jesus' public ministry.

In today's Gospel, we see in Jesus' actions the implication of **four** of our sacraments. He was baptised by John (**baptism**) for the forgiveness of sins (*even though he didn't have any* – **reconciliation**). The Holy Spirit descended on him (**confirmation**) and God's voice from heaven declared: "**You are my beloved Son. On you my favour rests**" (**ordination**).

Our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles says: "**God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with him.**" In a sense - although he was sent for this purpose - at Baptism, God called and Jesus responded.

Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; **he cleansed the waters.**

'He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake ... to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water' (St. Gregory Nazianzen).

Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptised because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father.



We welcome **this weekend & next** those families who had children baptised in our parish since this Feastday 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.



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 €955 (General); The parish regularly receives **online** donations approx. **€200** weekly. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Fr. Paddy is thankful too to everyone who sent cards, gifts, and presents. 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*);

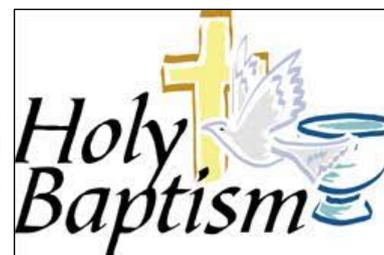
1. Your Envelope Number may have changed. This is a normal part of the computer system.
2. If your box is not in **either** Church, please contact the parish Office.
3. Those who subscribe **ONLINE do not receive a box** of envelopes.

SwapShop & Car Boot Sale (Cars €10): A chance to exchange unwanted Christmas Gifts for something different - **Drumshallon Forge 15th January from 2-6pm**

Psalm Response this week: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

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.

Both Parish Schools until - Friday 13th

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January 2023. Please consult school websites or contact schools directly; **Tenure:** 041 6851503. E: office@tenurens.ie **Harestown:** 041 98 22112. E: office@harestownns.ie

Health is Wealth: We pray that all our Parishioners who are sick or housebound feel better and keep improving, everyday. We keep you in our thoughts & prayers.

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; **Msgr. Richard Mohan**, former PP. Clones & Prior to Lough Derg; **Daniel (Dan) Woods** Beaubec, Drogheda, formerly Monasterboice; **Bridget (Breedon) Mathews, née Haggins**, Beechwood Drive, Dunleer; **Bernard McWeeney**, Dowth; **Mick Flannery**, Cork; **Breda Egan**, Old Road; **Paddy Dunne**, Tenure; **Brian Reynolds**, Drogheda; **Declan Kehoe**, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow *Let us know of family members outside the parish who have died, so we can include them in prayer.*

Pastoral Area: Along with Termonfechin, Clogherhead, & 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.

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** 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.

Youth Advocate Programme: is recruiting advocates to work with young people and their families locally. Flexible role, hourly rate and training provided. Driver's licence req. Visit www.yapireland.ie **Closing date 9th January.**

NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass\Location	Intention
Saturday 7th Jan. @ 6.30pm (T)	Richard Campbell MM
Sunday 8th Jan. @ 9.45am (F/T)	Ann Cowley MM Kevin McCabe (Av.)
Sunday 8th Jan. @ 11.15am (T)	Parish List of The Dead
Tuesday 10th Jan. @ 9.30am (T)	Pro Populo (<i>For The People</i>)
Wed. 11th Jan. @ 9.30am (F/T)	-
Friday 13th Jan. @ 7pm (T)	-
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.)

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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.



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.

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (15th January): **Reading I:** Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6; **Responsorial Psalm** 39 (40) 2,4,7-10; **Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; **Gospel:** John 1:29-34.

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