

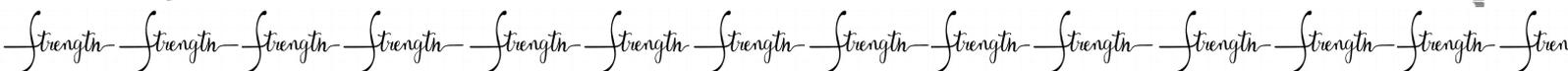


MAINISTIR BHUITHE (MONASTERBOICE) PARISH BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - 22nd January 2023 - Year A

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In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, **Aperuit illis** Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God.

The title of the letter, "**Aperuit Illis**," is also important. The words are taken from **St. Luke's Gospel (24:45)**, where the Evangelist describes how the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples, and how "**He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.**"

The Holy Father had already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (2016).

Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and **Sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.**



Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.
- St Jerome

As we look forward to the celebration of the **Sunday of the Word of God** this year, we are reminded of these words from the homily of Pope Francis on the occasion: *Dear brothers and sisters, let us make room inside ourselves for the word of God! Each day, let us read a verse or two of the Bible. Let us begin with the Gospel: let us keep it open on our table, carry it in our pocket or bag, read it on our cell phones, and allow it to inspire us daily. We will discover that God is close to us, that he dispels our darkness and, with great love, leads our lives into deep waters.*

There will be a special Bible Zoom (ONLINE) Event on Sunday 5th February, at 5pm (Details next week & on Parish website & Social Media) led by Patrick Logue to reflect on the Word of God in our Lives. All Welcome.

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 €876 (General); €330 (Dues); The parish regularly receives **online** contributions approx. **€200 weekly. Thank you for your generosity!**



New Parish Envelopes: If you haven't done so already, please collect your new box from the Church or contact the parish office.

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

Psalm Response this week: *The Lord is my light and my help.*



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; *Let us know of family members outside the parish who have died, so we can include them in prayer.*

Catholic Schools Week:

will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from Sunday 22nd – 29th January. The theme this year is ‘**Catholic Schools: Walking together in Faith and Love**’. We acknowledge and thank all those who work in our Catholic Schools, and encourage our parents to continue the faith development of their children at home, and by coming to Mass together as a family.

Sacramental Preparation: Well done and congratulations to the pupils of second class who completed their Enrolment ceremony last week. The Confirmation class (6th) 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](http://www.termonfechinparish.ie/webcam) 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.

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning # 7; McCarville Family; Marie McLoughlin

NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass\Location	Intention
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
Tuesday 24th Jan. @ 9.30am (T)	Dick Campbell (Rec. Decd.)
Wed. 25th Jan. @ 9.15am (F/T)	** Please Note Earlier Time ** Paddy & Clare and Dick Usher & Ann Abela
Friday 27th Jan. @ 7pm (T)	No Mass - apologies
Saturday 28th Jan. @ 6.30pm (T)	Olivia (6th Av.), Annette and Paddy Donegan
Sunday 29th Jan. @ 9.45am (F/T)	In Thanksgiving - Sp. Intention
Sunday 29th Jan. @ 11.15am (T)	Jackie & Bridget Mullen and Edel Roddy (Av) Breda Egan MM



Chinese New Year: 新年快乐 (Xīn Nián Kuài Lè) This phrase means “happy new year”. It’s the first phrase that you’ll either hear or use when you greet someone on Chinese New Year. There is a verse in the Bible that talks about the same thing. In **Psalm 65:11 (NKJV)**, the psalmist praises the Lord for blessing the year with goodness:

“You crown the year with Your goodness and Your paths drip with abundance.” This verse challenges us by asking whether we believe that despite all situations, God is still a good God who can still do a good work in our lives. If we do believe it, we can indeed have a happy new year, knowing that God has never left us.

Living Church – Faith Development Conference: in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Shaw’s Bridge, Belfast, on **Saturday 28th January**.

This course will equip you with the skills and resources to lead faith development programmes in your parish, with your prayer group or organisation. Five excellent Programmes are being showcased and there will be an opportunity to meet with the developers and presenters of the programmes in taster sessions that they will run. Our keynote speaker will be Mr David Wells. For more information www.livingchurchevents.com Or contact Claire at the Living Church Office, 04890690920 livingchurch@downandconnor.org

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (29th January): Reading I: Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13; Responsorial Psalm 145 (146) 6-10; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

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