



# MAINISTIR BHUITHE (MONASTERBOICE) PARISH BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Lent - 12th March 2023 - Year A

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**Triduum of Prayer to St Patrick:** As we celebrate the 150th year since the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, a **special 3-night prayer** will take place in the Cathedral.

**Tuesday 14 March 7.30pm** - A time to look back! (Archbishop Eamon Martin)

**Wednesday 15 March 7.30pm** - A time to give thanks! (Fr Peter Burns CSSR, Rector of Clonard Monastery, Belfast)

**Thursday 16 March 7.30pm** - A time to look forward with hope and joy! (Bishop Michael Router)



## Masses in the Parish on St. Patrick's Day

will be at **9.45am** (*The Nativity of Our Lady, Fieldstown*),

& **11.15am** (*Immaculate Conception, Tenure*).

Mass in Irish in Dillionstown at 10am.

*We hope that you have an incredible St. Patrick's Day full of fun, friendship and lots and lots of Irish music, dance, literature, drama, food and so much more. While we enjoy all the celebrations, we must remember, of course, that this great saint should be celebrated in a spiritual manner and not merely in a secular context.*

**LIGHT THE FIRE 2023:** The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to Slane on St. Patrick's Day. **5:00 p.m. Vespers** on the Hill of Slane and Rosary procession to the Church; **6:00 pm Mass** in St. Patrick's Church followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**. Chief celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty. Event details: [www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony) or 041 983 0441

*Come join the Sisters from 7- 8pm Saturday April 1st, in St. Mary's Church, Drogheda for a Holy Hour incl. Vespers, Scripture, Meditations & Music.*

For Lent, we will be having a **7am Mass in Fieldstown on Thursday mornings**.

**Stations of the Cross**, will be held on Monday evenings (*alternating Churches*) @ 7pm on 13th March in Fieldstown.

**"The Chosen" Film Series** (see Website/Social Media) continues in The Forge @ 6pm on Sundays.



**"What matters is the truth and the love that God sees, not what is superficial, showy and self-centered"**, Pope Francis said during a Mass to mark the beginning of Lent. **"Lent is the time"**, he said, **"to proclaim that God alone is Lord, to drop the pretence of being self-sufficient and the need to put ourselves at the centre of things, to be the top of the class, to think that by our own abilities we can succeed in life and transform the world around us."**

**"How many distractions and trifles distract us from the things that really count! How often do we get caught up in our own wants and needs, lose sight of the heart of the matter, and fail to embrace the true meaning of our lives in this world!"** he said. The Holy Father continued **"Lent is a time of truth,**

**a time to drop the masks we put on each day to appear perfect in the eyes of the world, and to reject lies and hypocrisy. Not the lies and hypocrisies of others, but our own."**

As you may know, this year marks the Golden Anniversary of the setting up of Trócaire; To mark this important milestone several events will be taking place during this Lent.

**Tuesday, 14 March - Trócaire Lent Workshop;** *Marking 50 years of Trócaire - hear from voices past and present about the impact Trócaire has made around the globe.*

**Sunday, 19 March - RTE Mass for Trócaire, 11am;** *Celebrated by Bishop William Crean with introduction by Trócaire CEO Caoimhe de Barra.*

**Tuesday, 21 March - Trócaire Lent Workshop;** *Reflecting on Somalia in light of Laudato Si Pope Francis' writing on Care for Our Common Home.*

To join any of workshops, which are held at 2:30pm and 7:30pm - contact the Trócaire Office at T. 01 629 3333 or E. [info@trocaire.org](mailto:info@trocaire.org)

To register for the Lent Lecture: in



person at this link; <https://bit.ly/3jdPzvv> OR online at this link; <http://bit.ly/3Rho3ty>

**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; **Peter Tierney**, Mullaghbawn; **Tommy Lenehan**, Ardcaif, Slane; **Elizabeth Carey**, Swords; **Brendan Holcroft**, Drogheda & Maiden's Cross; *Let us know of family members outside the parish who have died, so we can include them in prayer.*

Our Parish is part of the **St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area:** Contact; Fr Martin McVeigh (*Clogherhead*) 982 2224; Fr Paul Byrne (*Termonfechin*) 982 2121; Monsignor Jim Carroll (*Togher*) 98 89335.

**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 €732 (General); €1560 (Turkey/Syria)** The parish regularly receives online contributions approx. **€200** weekly. **Thank you for your generosity!**  
**Collection for the Emigrants: WE WILL HAVE A SECOND COLLECTION AFTER COMMUNION AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND. Parish Finance Meeting Tuesday 14th in the Parochial House.**

**Drogheda Floral Art Group:** will host a Floral Demo night with tea & refreshments & fun! Tuesday 14th March in the Boyne Valley Hotel, Drogheda, at 8pm. Everyone welcome!

**Pilgrimages in 2023:** Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - **23 – 28 May** For more information please contact your local Lourdes Committee; Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - **Saturday 3 June**; St. Oliver Pilgrimage to London - **9 – 10 June.** For further information and booking email: [tobroin@gmail.com](mailto:tobroin@gmail.com) or Tel: 087 769 3477; Pilgrimage to Fatima - **20 – 27 July** For information, contact: Joe McLaughlin 00 4477 118 08207. All bookings through Joe Walsh Tours 0808 189 0468 or 01-2410800.

**The Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Memorial Library & Archive, Armagh:** forthcoming lecture series to mark the upcoming centenary of Cardinal Ó Fiaich's birth in 1923. All events are free of charge but due to limited numbers pre booking is essential. Dates for events - **29 March; 5 April; 8 May; 24 May; 14 June.** All events will begin at 7.00 pm unless otherwise indicated. This series is part of a programme of activities funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs through the Reconciliation Fund. contact Roddy Hegarty 048 3752 2981 email [roddy.hegarty@ofiaich.ie](mailto:roddy.hegarty@ofiaich.ie)

**March 13th marks the 10th Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis** as the **266th pope** and the **first** from Latin America - head of the nearly 1.38-billion-member Roman Catholic Church. In that time, Francis has **named 111 cardinals**; has visited **60 states**, clocking up almost **410,000 km**

NB ALL Masses can be accessed via <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice">www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice</a>	
Day\Mass\Location	Intention
Saturday 11th March @ 6.30pm (T)	Maureen Campbell Peter & Agnes, Peter Jnr; and Irene Boylan
Sunday 12th March @ 9.45am	(F/T) John Bennett, Bessbrook (1st Av.)
Sunday 12th March @ 11.15am (T)	John O'Brien, Castleumney (34th Av.)
Tuesday 14th March @ 9.30am (T)	-
Wednesday 15th March @ 9.30am	(F/T) -
Thursday 16th March @ 7am (F/T)	Pro Populo ( <i>For The People</i> )
Friday 17th March @ 9.45am (F/T)	Josephine Traynor (Av.)
Friday 17th March @ 11.15am (T)	-
Saturday 18th March @ 6.30pm (T)	Gerry & Kathleen Molloy Teddy & Nancy Farrelly & Anna Carton
Sunday 19th March @ 9.45am	(F/T) -
Sunday 19th March @ 11.15am (T)	Brendan Holcroft MM

(**255,000 miles**); made more than **35 trips** in Italy; has **left the Vatican nearly 150 times** for visits and events inside Rome, his diocese. Francis has created **about 900 new saints.** An encyclical is the most important form of papal document. Francis has written three - "**Lumen Fidei**" (Light of Faith); "**Laudato Si**" (Praised Be); **Fratelli Tutti** (Brothers All). Blessings & Continued health to the Holy Father

**Louth Looking Good:** Monasterboice Tourism & Tidy Towns achieved 3rd Place in these awards - **congratulations to all involved!** The following were the concluding comments from the judges; *Overall Impact "Your work ethic has certainly put the ZING into AMAZING. That work ethic, creativity and ambition has led to your rise in Tidy Towns which has been nothing short of miraculous and it is this creativity, vitality and positivity that is making you such an unstoppable force in Louth Looking Good and reaping the rewards you richly deserve!"*

**Mullary Cemetery Draw:** Winning #12 - **Ann Devine.** There are several 'places' available in the draw, please contact a cemetery committee member to join the draw and support this cause.

**4th Sunday of Lent (19th March):**  
**Reading I:** 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13;  
**Responsorial Psalm** 22 (23);  
**Reading II:** Ephesians 5:8-14;  
**Gospel:** John 9:1-41



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