



# MAINISTIR BHUITHE (MONASTERBOICE) PARISH BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Lent - 19th March 2023 - Year A

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**Today is called - Laetare Sunday**, coming from, the names from the first words of the **Entrance Antiphon for Mass**, "Laetare Jerusalem" - "Rejoice O Jerusalem". It marks the half-way point of the Lenten season, even though the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the actual midway point. Signs of joy are encouraged on this day, expressing our belief in the hope of the resurrection and to inspire us as we continue our Lenten commitments to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **Happy Laetare Sunday!**



**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.

**Sunday, 19 March - RTE Mass for Trócaire, 11am**; Celebrated by Bishop William Crea 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 the workshop, held online at 2:30pm & 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>

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

**Stations of the Cross**, will be held on Monday 20th March @ 7pm in Tenure.

**"The Chosen" Film Series** continues in The Forge @ 6pm on Sundays.

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 parish enquiries (certificates, etc).

**Mother's Day: Today we celebrate Mother's Day.** *Loving God bless all mothers, as we celebrate this day in their honour. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.*



*May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and*

*protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord.*

**Confessions:** Because Lent is a time of conversion, don't miss out on one of the greatest gifts the Church offers us as we confront our brokenness: **the sacrament of confession**. Even on a purely human level, there's something special here; shining light in the darkness — it allows you to see clearly and move forward.

While the subject of confession is our failings, **the experience is one of love and mercy**, not punishment or fear. It's a simple opportunity for honesty.

You don't have to worry about what to say or do — if you walk into the confessional, the priest will guide you through the process. It's not complicated — **better to think of it as a conversation**.

It can be intimidating for even those of us practiced at it, though. It's not easy to confront the dark parts of our lives. So if you've never been to confession, or if it's been years since you've experienced it, just know that we are all nervous when we walk through that confessional door. And that's the whole point — **you're never alone**.

**Confessions available after every Mass until Easter.**



**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; **Virginia Bowden**, Killybegs; **Paddy Murphy**, Grangebellew; **Tammie Lynch**, Tullyallen; **Peter Tierney**, Mullaghbawn; **Tommy Lenehan**, Ardcaif, Slane; **Elizabeth Carey**, Swords;

NB ALL Masses can be accessed via <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice">www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice</a>	
Day\Mass\Location	Intention
Saturday 18th March @ 6.30pm (T)	Gerry & Kathleen Molloy Teddy & Nancy Farrelly & Anna Carton
Sunday 19th March @ 9.45am (F/T)	Pro Populo (For The People)
Sunday 19th March @ 11.15am (T)	Brendan Holcroft MM
Tuesday 21st March @ 9.30am (T)	-
Wednesday 22nd @ 9.30am (F/T)	-
Thursday 23rd March @ 7am (F/T)	-
Friday 24th March @ 7pm (T)	-
Saturday 25th March @ 6.30pm (T)	-
Sunday 26th March @ 9.45am (F/T)	Paddy, Bridget, Vincent & Niamh McGovern
Sunday 26th March @ 11.15am (T)	-

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

**Finance:** IN-Church donations last weekend €682 (General); €685 (Dues) The parish regularly receives online contributions approx. €200 weekly. **Thank you for your generosity!**

**Collection for the Emigrants:** Second collection after communion at all Masses this weekend. Since 1957 the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) has been offering pastoral and practical assistance to Irish citizens who have left their homeland. Emigration continues to mark the life of contemporary Ireland with just under 204,000 Irish people having emigrated over the last seven years, including almost 28,000 in the year to April 2022. Proceeds from the IECE sponsored 'Emigrant Collection' help to provide important services to members of the Irish emigrant community across the world – including prisoner support, social outreach and chaplaincy work.



**First Penance:** Please pray for the young boys and girls from NS Buite & Padraig who will celebrate their **First Penance** on **28th (Fieldstown) & 29th (Tenure) March**. **First Holy Communion** on **13th (Tenure) & 20th (Fieldstown) May**; The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on **28th April (Fieldstown) & 5th May (Tenure)**.

**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 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 through the Reconciliation Fund. Contact Roddy Hegarty 048 3752 2981 email [roddy.hegarty@ofiaich.ie](mailto:roddy.hegarty@ofiaich.ie)

**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.



**Lenten Reflection Day:** Saturday 25th March 9.30am – 5.00pm; Time and space to reflect and pray on themes of Lent and to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Led by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA Cost (inc. lunch) £35/€40 Tel: 04830821964 or [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**The Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on Wednesday, 5 April at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, by Archbishop Eamon, along with the clergy of the diocese, All are welcome. In particular, an invitation to attend is extended to families with children who will make their Confirmation this year. The Mass is also available via Armagh Parish Cathedral webcam at [www.armaghparish.net](http://www.armaghparish.net)

**World Down Syndrome Day (WSD), 21 March:** is a global awareness day officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The date for WSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. This year the theme calls for people and organisations around the world to be... **"With Us Not For Us"**.

**HomeInstead care for the aging adults in your community:** Visit [Careers@Homeinstead.ie](mailto:Careers@Homeinstead.ie) or call 041 213 2322

**Mullary Cemetery Draw:** Winning #31 - **Joe Foyle; John Byrne**. There are several 'places' available in the draw, please contact a cemetery committee member to join the draw and support this cause.

**5th Sunday of Lent (26th March): Reading I:** Ezekiel 37:12-14; **Responsorial Psalm** 129 (130); **Reading II:** Romans 8: 8-11; **Gospel:** John 11: 1-45

