



MAINISTIR BHUITHE (MONASTERBOICE) PARISH BULLETIN

Third Sunday of Easter - 23rd April 2023 - Year A

Parish Priest: Fr. Paddy Rushe; 086 880 7470

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Lough Derg: One-day retreat: Bank Holiday, 1st May 2023. Package includes; Return Bus fare, Boat, Retreat programme, Tea&Scones on arrival, Light lunch, Evening tea on return journey and free raffle. Bus points in Drogheda, Monasterboice & Ardee. To book, please contact Mary Maguire 086 4032364 /041-6851754 Or Rose Duff 086 8458808 /041-9822504

The Parish Pastoral Council & Fr. Paddy have organised greeting & prayer cards for distribution - could you take 10/15 houses in your locality and deliver these cards to your neighbours over the Easter season, please?

Please pray for the young boys and girls from NS Buite & Padraig (& their families) who will celebrate The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on **28th April (Fieldstown)** & **5th May (Tenure)**. **First Holy Communion** on **13th (Tenure)** & **20th (Fieldstown) May**; We acknowledge all the hard work undertaken by teachers in our parish schools in preparation.



Retirement: Fr. Paddy would like to express his appreciation to **Mr Fiachra Bell**, who announced recently that he will be retiring as principal of NS Padraig, Harestown, at the end of the current school year. Fiachra has been a hard working, dedicated principal and has led the school community in Harestown so well over the last 20 years, as principal and as a member of staff for 31 years; He will be deeply missed by the generations from our parish who have been through the school; We wish him, and his family, every blessing on his retirement.

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).

Finance: IN-Church donations €646 (General); €360 (Dues); The parish regularly receives **online contributions approx. €200 weekly. Thank you for your generosity!**



DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY
of St. Vincent de Paul

This weekend we welcome the Daughters of Charity to our Parish, they are conducting a Parish Mission Appeal in the Archdiocese of Armagh. The Sisters will speak at all Masses about their work in Africa. Thank you for your support.

Psalm Response this week: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: urges everyone to pray and work for a nonviolent culture which promotes peace. As the Church marks 60 years since Pope St. John XXIII published his encyclical **Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth)** Pope Francis is calling on Christians to pray for a nonviolent culture.

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; **Josephine (Josie) Harmon**, Harestown; **Maura Finegan**, London & Late of Mullary; *Let us know of family members outside the parish who've 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.

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Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: takes place on Saturday 3rd June led by Archbishop Eamon.

Pilgrimage Medjugorje: Departing from Dundalk on Wednesday 21st - 28th June Price €795pps Spiritual director, Fr Paul Montague, Reaghstown Parish. For more information contact James on 087 220 2173 - a few seats now available due to cancellations.

The Cathedral in Armagh is 150 years old this year: In this special year, parishioners from the Archdiocese are invited to make a special effort to visit the Cathedral and to light a candle and say a prayer, in gratitude for those who built it and all who have helped maintain it over the years. We also invite people to offer a donation when



visiting the Mother Church of

the Archdiocese, to help support the Cathedral in the future. There will be a series of events throughout the months May-August, especially the 'Hike The Reek' on Saturday 17 June, which will be both a pilgrimage & a fundraising event. Please see Armagh Parish Website for further details or Armagh Parish Office @ 048 37 522813. armaghparishoffice@gmail.com

NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass\Location	Intention
Saturday 22nd April @ 6.30pm	(T) (Kathleen) Kitty Brennan (6th Av.)
Sunday 23rd April @ 9.45am (F/T)	Richard Usher (17th Av.) Paddy Winters (13th Av.) Fintan Murphy (22nd Av.) Colm Delves (3rd Av.)
Sunday 23rd April @ 11.15am (T)	Shelagh Dowell
Tuesday 25th April @ 9.30am (T)	-
Wednesday 26th April @ 9.30am	(F/T) Frank Harty (19th Av.)
Friday 28th April @ 7pm (T)	Jack & Peg Crilly and Brendan Molloy
Saturday 29th April @ 6.30pm	(T) Dan & Vera Rock
Sunday 30th April @ 9.45am (F/T)	-
Sunday 30th April @ 11.15am (T)	Sean & Sally Levins

The Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Memorial Library & Archive, Armagh: forthcoming lecture series to mark the upcoming centenary of the Cardinal's birth in 1923. All events are free of charge but pre-booking is essential. Dates for events - **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

Vocations: a 'Year for Promotion of the Diocesan Priesthood' has begun. There are Vocations - we congratulate Br Denis-Bernard Cazes OCSO, a French National, who was ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop Eamon Martin last week, in Mellifont Abbey, Collon. We congratulate him, and pray for him and his brothers in the Cistercian Order. and Carlos Esteban Rojo of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk, will be ordained to the Priesthood for The Archdiocese, on Sunday 7th May 2023 at 3pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, please keep him in your prayers. www.armaghpriest.com www.vocations.ie & on social media channels.

Prayer in time of need: Lord, show us during these uncertain days how to not take the daily things of life for granted, and by connecting them in the sacred, to fill them with a great love for you O God, and for others. Guide us to perform simple acts of love, kindness and prayer, the real works of reform and renewal. Lord, help us not to waste these precious days of our souls spiritual springtime. As we make our Easter journey to new life, remain with us and guide us in the days ahead. Help us to recognise and accept your constant care for us as we witness change to routine in our daily lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



Prayer for the Sick: Compassionate and healing God, let your hand of healing and protection be upon all who are sick. Ease fear and anxieties. Let them feel your comfort and the comfort of those around them. When afraid, give them courage & strength. When alone, send someone who can listen and be present to them. When confused, give them reassurance and direction. When in pain, provide them with caregivers who can ease their suffering. In their times of darkness, help them to be sustained by the resources of their faith and inner spirit. May all who are sick or injured know you are with them today and you hold them always in Your loving embrace. Amen.

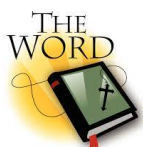
Coeliacs: For those who are coeliac, we have coeliac hosts available at all Masses. Anyone who is coeliac can approach the priest to receive the gluten-free host.

Fund Raiser for Alzheimer's: on Wednesday 3rd May from 10:30am to 13:30pm at Joanne O'Dowd's home, A92 XN29 (close to Fieldstown Church). Your support for this important cause would be appreciated.



Wee County Vintage Club are hosting a Social Dance with Bernie Heaney in Drumshallon Forge on Friday night April 28th at 8.30pm in aid of Cystic Fibrosis. Admission €10. Supper Served. Raffle on the night.

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #6 Sean Mulroy (last week) and #20 Paul Clarke & Betty Kelly (this week);



Readings for **Fourth Sunday of Easter (30th April): Reading I:** Acts 2:14, 36-41; **Responsorial Psalm** 22 (23); **Reading II:** 1 Peter 2:20-25; **Gospel:** John 10:1-10.

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