

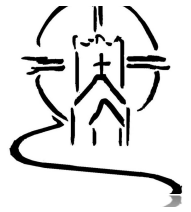


MAINISTIR BHUITHE (MONASTERBOICE) PARISH BULLETIN

The Ascension of the Lord - 21st May 2023 - Year A

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We congratulate the children from NS Padraig, Harestown who received Confirmation in the Church of The Nativity of Our Lady, Fieldstown on Saturday. We also congratulate their parents, sponsors, & family members as well as Ms. Meehan, class teacher, and all the school staff. We acknowledge all the hard work undertaken by teachers in our parish schools in Sacramental preparation.

However, at moments like this, we must ask ourselves honest questions about the value of what we do - especially when it is clear that **only about 20%** of those receiving the Sacraments **regularly attend Mass in our parish.**

At the Sacramental levels, the Catholic Preschool & Primary Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland (2015), and the Religious Education programme deriving from it (**Grow in Love**), invites **parents/guardians, schools and parishes** to work closely together to protect the integrity of the celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, & Confirmation and to ensure that the celebration of the sacraments are events in the life of the wider Christian community, **not just in the life of the school.** Our aim should be to create an appreciation of the **true meaning** of the sacraments our children receive as **something much deeper than "once-off" events.**



We all have a role to play, and our shared desire is to prepare our children to celebrate these important sacramental moments in their faith journey as fully and as reverently as possible.

Invitation to ALL our children (& their families) who celebrated Sacraments this year to our **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION IN TENURE ON SUNDAY 11TH JUNE AT 7PM.**

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.*).

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.

Psalm Response this week: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.



Armagh Cathedral 150: This year marks 150 years since the original dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh by **Archbishop McGettigan on 24 August 1873.** Considerable resources are needed to maintain the character of our Cathedral. To that end a special fundraising programme is being launched throughout the Archdiocese of Armagh in the coming weeks and months. A Fundraising Committee has been established to plan the programme. The Major Phase will initially include people or businesses who could be well placed to offer

significant support. This phase will be implemented in May/June of this year. The General Phase will be undertaken after the summer and will afford everyone an opportunity to contribute.

If you could support this campaign **in a major way**, please get in touch with **Mrs Caroline Caherty** at Armagh Parish Office, 41a Cathedral Road, ARMAGH, BT61 7QX, (armaghparishfinance@gmail.com). All major donors will be contacted directly by a representative of St Patrick's Cathedral Fundraising Committee in the coming weeks.

An invitation to all Mothers and Grandmothers in the Archdiocese to attend the Cathedral at **7pm on Thursday 25th May.** Evening Prayer followed by a presentation on the history of St Patrick's Cathedral (*not live streamed*) Refreshments to follow in The Synod Hall.

Finance: IN-Church donations €657 (General); €530 (Dues); The parish regularly receives **online contributions** approx. **€200** weekly. **Thank you for your generosity! The parish details; BIC: AIBKIE2D and IBAN: IE68 AIBK 9320 9421 7710 85; using your Surname as reference. Donations can also be made via www.armagharchdiocese.org;**

May Devotions: This Sunday (*21st May*) evening in The Church of The Immaculate Conception, Tenure. Rosary, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - **starting 7pm.** All welcome.

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; **Donald McDonnell**, Collon; **Frances Loughran (née McCullough)**, Old Road; **Liam Wherity** Hillview, Monasterboice/Balbriggan; **Rosemary Delves (née Kiernan)**, Rosehall, Killineer; **Very Rev. Thomas Mallon, PE, AP**, Termonmaguirc; **Stephen Hand**, Dunleer; **Aggie McArdle**, Mornington; **Johnie Gregory**, Drogheda; **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.*

NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice	
Day\Mass\Location	Intention
Saturday 20th May @ 6.30pm (T)	Pro Populo - For The People
Sunday 21st May @ 9.45am (F/T)	Sp. Intention - In Thanksgiving
Sunday 21st May @ 11.15am (T)	Sp. Intention - In Thanksgiving
Tuesday 23rd May @ 9.30am (T)	-
Wednesday 24th May @ 9.30am (F/T)	Mary Ann Rushe (6th Av.) Fr. Paddy's sister
Friday 26th May @ 7pm (T)	-
Saturday 27th May @ 6.30pm (T)	Johnny (39th Av.) & Katty (31st) Finegan
Sunday 28th May @ 9.45am (F/T)	Sp. Intention - Birthday
Sunday 29th May @ 11.15am (T)	-



Cemetery Sundays 2023: After 3 beautiful Masses last year, we announce the following dates & times for the Blessing of Graves. Mass will be celebrated in each graveyard on the day.

Mullery is on Sunday 23rd July @ 12noon

Ballymakenny is Sunday 30th July @ 12noon

Monasterboice is Sunday 6th August @ 12 noon



Please note that on 23rd July & 6th August the 11.15am Mass; and on the 30th July, the 9.45am Mass will be cancelled. No Baptisms will be held on these Sundays.

Today is World Communications Day: It was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (*the press, motions pictures, radio, television and the internet*) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

Catholics recognise Easter — when Christ rises from the dead after sacrificing his life for all of humanity — as the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox. But, as it turns out, they can continue saying “**Happy Easter**” into June. **Easter lasts for a total of 50 days**, from Easter Sunday until the **feast of Pentecost (28th May)**, when the Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Christ, and includes the Solemnity of the **Ascension of Christ, which falls on the 40th day of Easter**. Other important feasts coming up **Trinity Sunday (4th June)**; **St. Colmcile (Columba)**, Patron of our Pastoral Area (9th June); **Corpus Christi (11th June)** & **he Sacred Heart of Jesus (16th June)**.



Exams Mass: will be celebrated for students undertaking the Leaving / Junior examinations on Saturday 3rd June at 6.30pm (*Tenure*). A warm invitation is extended to all students & their families.

Drumshallon Forge Ltd: (*Drumshallon Forge Heritage Centre*) will hold their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 24th May at 8.30pm** in the Forge Hall.



Naomh Mairtin Club are due to officially open our recently completed (1) astro all-weather pitch & (2) revamped community room & facilities. Our All Stars group to cut the ribbon on the day plus a Family Community day on bank holiday **Monday June 5th kicking off at 11am** - will have stalls, activities, refreshments, etc for all to enjoy.

Annual bus trip to Knock this year will be shared with St Peters parish, Drogheda. On 3rd June pick up from Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 7.45am. To book your seat please call Damien at 083 3504551 or Jacqueline at 086 1607287.

The next meeting of the Drogheda COPD support group the Barbican Centre, **Friday 26th May** from 2.30pm - 4.30pm. People with the condition welcome to attend & please bring a friend Contact Peter Mc Quillan (*Chairperson*) 0878071138 or Ollie Morgan (*Secretary*) 0834156104.

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #19 - Kathleen Black; Molloy Family

Readings for **Pentecost Sunday (28th May): Reading I:** Acts 2:1-11; **Responsorial Psalm** 103 (104): 1,24,29-31,34; **Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7,12-13; **Gospel:** John 20:19-23.



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