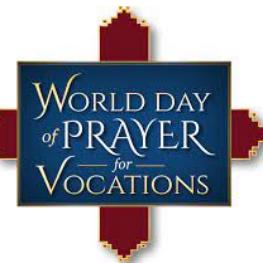


powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy. May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!" **Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2021**

For an increased awareness among our young people of the closeness of the Lord in their vocation discernment and their responsibility to recognize and follow Him. We pray to the Lord. email: info@vocations.ie



The Shape of Parish: As we prepare for returning to public worship, Fr. Paddy would like to offer an opportunity for parishioners to engage about what it might mean to come back to Mass, and what effects the Covid pandemic might have as we go forward. Creativity and flexibility will be needed, in consultation, to reshape structures to best serve the pastoral needs of our communities, taking into account the reducing Mass-going population and the reducing number of priests. Measures to renew our parishes as centres of evangelisation and faith formation, will pose both challenges and opportunities. "The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration" (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 28). **More details next week.**

MABS runs a Helpline Tel: 0761 07 2490 Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm and operates from over 60 locations nationwide. In Louth, we can be contacted on drogheda@mabs.ie We are a free, confidential & non-judgmental service.

In Conversation with Sr Nathalie Becquart: who speaks to the Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB live from Rome next Wednesday, 21 April at 7pm. Sr Nathalie was appointed as undersecretary to the Synod of Bishops by Pope Francis earlier this year, becoming the first woman to hold this position in Church history. Everyone is welcome to join the student-led conversation. Zoom ID: 89575216842 Passcode: Synod21

Preparation for Sacraments: continues in our schools, even though we have no set dates, we're hopeful that both Holy Communion & Confirmation will be administered before end of the school year. Meanwhile it is important to continue to prepare. Fr. Paddy & Patrick Logue have held online meetings with parents, and also regularly online with the boys & girls & their teachers in class. We also pray for our children & their families in the lead up to the Sacraments.

Readings for next Sunday 25th April - 4th Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 4:8-12 **Psalm** 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2 **Gospel:** John 10:11-18

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #16 - Kathleen Loughran; Mary King.



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Third Sunday of Easter

18th April 2021 - Year B

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Sunday Thought: We continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection.

Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel. Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words,

"Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting.

The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well.

Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.



Parish Webcam: We have now been able to integrate the footage from Fieldstown on the <https://www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice> webpage. **Please use this for all Masses from now on.**

Thanks to everyone who has supported the costs of purchase & installation of the webcam (€4,000); In addition, it costs €60 per week to run. This is an important resource for our parish. Please share it with family and friends, especially those who live abroad, & encourage them to tune in each week.

Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council: will take place online by Zoom on **Monday 19th April at 8pm**; This is a group of parishioners that meet regularly to discuss the pastoral life of the parish. Members of the Council are; Andrew Ford (**Chairperson**), Clare Murphy, Emily Halpin, Francisco Gallagher, Margaret Fahy, Philip King, Teresa Mulroy, Fr. Paddy (**Secretary**) & Declan Nutley (**co-opted**). This council began in September 2019, and runs until June 2022. If you have any suggestions for the Council to discuss, pls contact Fr. Paddy.



Fr. Paddy would like to thank all those who have been so kind with cards, gifts, and good wishes over the Easter period. He really appreciates the support given by parishioners.

Thanks also to Kathleen & Teresa and all who help decorate and prepare the Churches for Easter. If you would like to help out in this regard, please contact the parish office.

Trocaire 2021: PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TROCAIRE BOXES IN THE CHURCH AT THIS TIME. Trócaire needs our help more than ever. Owing to the current restrictions it will be difficult for all the boxes to be returned in the normal way. Please consider making your donation online - www.trocaire.org

Finance: Since January, you have donated €6k online; €4.7k cash & cheques and €1.2k at the Church Shrines. Thank you for supporting your parish in these difficult times. Please consider moving to online donations? The parish details; BIC: AIBKIE2D and IBAN: IE68 AIBK 9320 9421 7710 85; using your Envelope#/Surname as reference. Donations also via www.armagharchdiocese.org

Parish Works: Following our Parish Finance Committee Zoom on Monday 12th April, the Committee accepted recommendations for some essential & necessary upgrading and repair works in both Churches and the Parochial House at Tenure. We are liaising with the Archdiocese Buildings & Finance Committees regarding these works, and we will be planning some fundraising at parish level. We will communicate with you further regarding this in coming weeks. **As always, your support is greatly appreciated.**



Something Wonderful: Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Continues on Wednesdays 7th at 7pm UK time (for eight weeks). **Info & Registration:** comeandsee.org

Parish Office Hours: The parish office is closed to the public but on Tuesdays from 2.30pm - 5.30pm, Ann McEvoy (087 648 6809) will be able to take phone calls, and answer emails about parish business, eg certificates, bookings, etc.

Life in the Spirit: Online Zoom seminars, from Dundalk on Wednesdays from 8-9, or Thursdays from 7.30-8.30pm. Pls contact Mabette/Pat/Tony at oratorydundalk@gmail.com

Remembering the Deceased: Please pray for those on the parish list of the dead, for deceased benefactors of the parish, & those who have died recently; Elizabeth Kelly, Ardee; Lynne Brennan, Stonehouse; Mike McGuire, Co. Kildare; John McGowan, Co. Sligo; Flora Nugent, Limerick; Vivienne McGirr, Ballyholey,

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Day\Mass	Intention
Saturday 17th @ 6.30pm (F/Town)	Vera (1st Av.) & Dan (Av.) Rock Dick Usher (Av.) Paddy Winters (11th Av.) Patrick Devine (9th Av.)
Tuesday 20th @ 9.30am	(Tenure) James, Annie & Mary Ann Dunne & dec. family
Wed. 21st @ 9.30am	(F/Town) NO MASS TODAY
Friday 23rd @ 8pm	(Tenure) Peter & Tom Kelly (Av.)
Saturday 17th @ 6.30pm (Tenure)	Kevin Martin (7th Av.)

Raphoe, formerly of Drogheda; If a family member outside the parish has died, let us know, so that we can include them in our prayers here.

Online Ministry: Night Prayer at 10pm on Sunday nights. Rosary from the Kitchen Table on Thursday 22nd April at 7pm. For the Pastoral Area: visit www.termonfechinparish.ie for Mass daily at 9.30am (Sundays @11am & Togher @10am); RTE News Now @ 10.30am.



Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there & unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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Preparation for a National Synodal Assembly: the Irish Bishops' Conference decided to embark on a synodal pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. Synodality is about the whole People of God helping each other listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. Please visit www.catholicbishops.ie for more information.

Next weekend is World Day of Prayer for Vocations: The purpose of which is to publicly recognize vocations in all its forms. Many parishes and religious institutes commemorate this day with prayer for vocations.

"It is the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbour. I pray that you will experience this same joy, you who have generously made God the dream of your lives, serving him in your brothers and sisters through a fidelity that is a