

# Parish Office

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# Monasterboice & Togher Parishes

3rd December 2023 - 1st Sunday of Advent - Year B



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**Welcome to our new Parish Bulletin format**, which is a joint effort between the parishes. Each week, we hope to include information for each parish community, as well as those things which we share in common. We hope that you will find the new format easier to read, and just as helpful when trying to find out what's on, and where. **Notices for the Bulletins must be received by 5pm on Wednesday evening to be included the following Sunday.**



**Advent season:** Advent means 'coming'. Using the Advent Wreath to count the weeks before Christmas almost certainly originated in ancient harvest festivals of Europe.

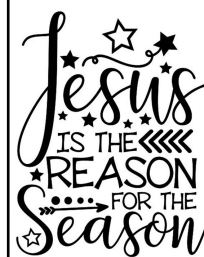
Evergreen branches were draped as decoration, wound around wagon wheels brought inside for the winter. These year-end celebrations were also marked by feasting & lighting of lamps against the growing darkness. Early Christians adapted these traditions to fit their celebration of the birth of Christ. Although Advent wreaths originated and remain primarily a tradition for the home, many parishes incorporate them into the Liturgical environment. The Advent wreath stands in our midst as a **symbol of Christ** who comes to save.

**Friday is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** and Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on that day. See the tables below for Mass times in our Parishes.



**Togher Notes: Finance: €843 (Envelopes); €584 (Loose); €40 (Dues, Retired priests & Peters pence) Fr. Paddy & The PFC thank you for supporting our parish in difficult times; Meeting of PFC on Tuesday night @7pm**

**Togher.Info's 2024 Calendar "Now & Then" on sale now:** it showcases past and present images of Togher and Annagassan and is bound to stir up memories and stories of places and people. Get yours now for €10. They are available to purchase in local outlets.



**Annual Collection at all Masses this weekend. Thank you!**

**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; **Michael McGlynn Dundalk; Sandra McCartney Annagassan; Paddy Maguire Dromiskin; Stephen Lawless, Dunleer; Fr Brian White, Tullysaran, Armagh; Thomas Murray, Coolfore, Monasterboice;**

**Daily Mass Times: CLOGHERHEAD: St. Michael's Mondays 9am; MONASTERBOICE: Church of The Immaculate Conception, Tenure, Tuesdays 9.30am & Fridays at 7pm; Church of The Nativity of Our Lady, Fieldstown, Wednesdays 9.30am; TERMONFECHIN: Church of The Immaculate Conception; Mon, Tues. & Fri. 9.30am (1st Tuesday @7pm instead); Church of The Assumption; Wednesdays 9.30am; TOGHER: St. Finian's, Dillonstown Fridays 10am;**

**Carol Services:** St. Colmcille's, **Togher** Wednesday 13th December @ 6.30pm. Church of The Immaculate Conception, **Tenure** Sunday 17th December @ 5pm. **All welcome.**

**St Peter's Parish / Apostles of Love Ireland invite all to a Three Day Advent Parish Mission:** in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda; **Dana will lead the Music Ministry** each evening and offer reflections. Testimonies as follows: Monday 4th December - Ger Brennan (*new Louth GAA Senior Manager*); Tuesday 5th December - Ciaran Clarke (*professional MMA Fighter*); Wednesday 6th December - Martina Purdy (*former BBC Northern Ireland Political Correspondent*); Mass with Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday.

**Please see Parish websites for Christmas Schedules**



**Emmanuel God-is-with-us!**



**Clogherhead RNLI lifeboat shop open the following times before Christmas** for sale of Christmas cards & gifts: Sat. 2 Dec, & Sun 3 1-4pm; Sat. 9 & Sun 10 1-4pm

We continue to **pray for peace** in the Middle East, Ukraine & other parts.

**Find ways to make your Advent 'special'; Gather the Family for prayer** once during the week; **Light a Candle** in your home & put it in the window; Make a **donation (no matter how small)** to a homeless charity; **Buy sustainable/eco-friendly** gifts where possible; Make the time to **visit a Church** for a quiet prayer; **Write a note or card** to someone you haven't seen/lost contact with; Follow a **Christian/Catholic Social Media** Channel; Listen to **Spirit Radio** in the car/your smart speaker; Engage with the **Online Advent Calendar** ([www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)); Decide to **go to Confession** before Christmas; **Find Jesus** in the heart of Christmas.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** after all Masses next weekend, for approximately 10mins ending with Benediction.

The THIRD Sunday of Advent, the theme is **JOY** - you are invited to wear your **Christmas Jumper to Mass**, and bring your **Baby Jesus crib figurine to be blessed**. This is **Bambinelli Sunday**, a tradition begun by Saint Pope John Paul II.

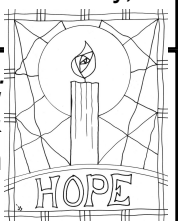
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**Mullary Cemetery Draw:** Winning #2; Patrick Divine; Tommy Devine. There are several 'places' available in the draw, please contact a cemetery committee member to join the draw.

**Devotions:** for the 1st Sunday in The Church of the Nativity of Our Lady, Fieldstown @7pm. All Welcome.

**Feastday of St. Buite:** 7th December, at 7pm, members of the Tour Guides & friends will gather to commemorate the death of Boice, at the graveyard. Devotions and prayers. Bring a torch.

**The Children from 6th Class:** will be celebrating their **Service of Light** in each Church on Thursday 7th Dec. Pls pray for them.



| NB Masses from St. Colmcille's can be accessed <a href="http://www.churchmedia.tv/church-of-st-columcille">www.churchmedia.tv/church-of-st-columcille</a> |   |
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| Day\Mass\Location   | Intention   |
| Saturday 2nd Dec. @ 6.15pm (D/Y)  | John Campbell   |
| Sunday 3rd Dec. @ 10am (TOG)  | Joey & Eva Hand<br>Patrick & Rose Caffrey; Mary & Oliver Harmon;<br>Paddy & Mary Caffrey; Patrick Hullen (Av.)                                    |
| Sunday 3rd Dec. @ 11.30am (D/T)   | Margaret Matthews, Bridie Meade, Noel, Seamus, & Jim Corrigan<br>Peter, Brigid & Jim Matthews & decd mbrs of Matthews/Bannon fams<br>Thomas Dunne |
| Friday 8th Dec. @10am (D/T)   | -   |
| Friday 8th Dec. @7.30pm (TOG)   | -   |
| Saturday 9th Dec. @ 6.15pm (D/Y)  | Pat Campbell // Peter (6th) & Pierce (21st Av.) Callaghan   |
| Sunday 10th Dec. @ 10am (TOG)   | John Joe & Eliza Shevlin and Pat Kirwan   |
| Sunday 10th Dec. @ 11.30am (D/T)  | Tadhg Feely (20th Av.) & Vera, Tim, Declan & Mary Feely   |

| NB ALL Masses can be accessed via <a href="http://www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice">www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice</a> |   |
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| Day\Mass\Location  | Intention   |
| Sat. 2nd Dec. @ 6.30pm (T)   | Jim Irwin   |
| Sunday 3rd Dec. @ 9.45am (F/T)   | Roche Family decd.  |
| Sunday 3rd Dec. @ 11.15am (T)  | -   |
| Tuesday 5th Dec. @ 9.30am (T)  | -   |
| Wed. 6th Dec. @ 9.30am (F/T)   | -   |
| Fri. 8th Dec. @ 9.30am (F/T)   | -   |
| Fri. 8th Dec. @ 7pm (T)  | Kathleen & Gerry Molloy & decd mbrs of Molloy & Winters Families          |
| Sat. 9th Dec. @ 6.30pm (T)   | Charlie, Maisie & Jim and Kevin Kelly (B'day Remembrance) // Pat Campbell |
| Sunday 10th Dec. @9.45am (F/T)   | Olive McGinn (3rd Av.) // Ann Cowley (1st Av.)                            |
| Sunday 10th Dec. @ 11.15am (T)   | -   |