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# St Colmcille's Pastoral Area Newsletter

Internet Broadcasting: Mass & other services will be broadcast each day over the internet. The operators of the systems are Fr Paul Byrne PP., Fr Paddy Rushe PP. & Fr Martin McVeigh PP

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7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Sunday Cycle A; Psalter Week 2

Clergy: V. Rev. Patrick Rushe, PP., Vf, Monasterboice & Adm Togher 086 880 7470 (via Whatsapp); V. Rev. Paul Byrne PP., Termonfechin 041 98 22121; V. Rev. Martin McVeigh PP., Clogherhead 087 379 1443;

Rev. Akan Ekpe, MSP, CC. 089 461 3811; V. Rev. Tom Daly, PE, AP. Togher 041 685 2110

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Masses Times - Clogherhead Parish

Sunday 7 December @ <b>10.45am</b> Walshestown ~ Thomas & Monica Hardy
Sunday 7 December @ <b>12 noon</b> St Michael's Church Clogherhead ~ Jack & Lizzie Reilly • Pauline Martin O'Rourke (BR)
Monday 8 Dec @ <b>9.30am</b> Clogherhead ~ <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i>
Thursday 11 December @ <b>9.30am</b> St Michael's Church Clogherhead ~
Sunday 14 December @ <b>10.45am</b> Walshestown ~ Eileen Johnston
Sunday 14 December @ <b>12 noon</b> St Michael's Church Clogherhead ~ Noel Kirwan (BR), Patsy, Lil & Eugene McKenna + Larry, Maggie, Jane & Sr Annette Kirwan + John & Bridie Smith, John McMahon & Jonathon McKenna • Fr George Tancred • Ida Fleming (3 <sup>rd</sup> Av.)

### Masses Times - Monasterboice Parish

Sunday 7 December @ <b>9.45am</b> Church of the Nativity of Our Lady Fieldstown ~ Service of Light (St Patrick's NS) • Dermot & Ann + Oisín Cowley
Sunday 7 December @ <b>11.30am</b> Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Tenure ~ Service of Light (St Buithe NS)
Monday 8 December @ <b>7.30pm</b> Tenure ~ <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i>
Tuesday 9 December @ <b>9.30am</b> Tenure ~ Kevin Kelly (80 <sup>th</sup> BR)
Wednesday 10 December @ <b>9.30am</b> Fieldstown ~
Friday 12 December @ <b>7pm</b> Tenure ~ Pat (60 <sup>th</sup> Av) & Maureen Campbell
Sunday 14 December @ <b>9.45am</b> Fieldstown ~
Sunday 14 December @ <b>11.30am</b> Tenure ~ Roy Culligan (Month's Mind)

### Recently Deceased - Rest in Peace

**Jim O'Reilly** Newtownstallaban • **Anne Taylor (née Keyes)** Annagassan • **Vera Shevlin (née O'Hanlon)** Drumcar • **Thomas Goodman** Clogherhead • **Paddy Cassidy** Dunleer • **Ann Shanahan** Tipperary • **Diarmuid (Dee) Santry** Monasterboice • **Roy Culligan** Monasterboice • **Doreen Cluskey (née Moore)** Drogheda

**St. Patrick's NS (Harestown)** are now accepting applications for enrolment for 2026/2027. Please see <https://www.harestownns.ie/admissions> for information on how to apply.

**Christmas Raffle** The Parents Association of Scoil Naomh Feichin are running another EPIC Christmas Raffle where you could win a €1000 Center Parcs voucher and many other wonderful prizes. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/ChristmasRaffleSNF>



**#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School** For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start. The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting change in **your** school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16th December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

**Balsanter - Text Alert Reminder 086 2747474.**  
Working together we will be safer.

**Mullary Cemetery Draw:**  
# 43 Marie Callery

### Second Sunday of Advent

God's promises to us are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We look forward to the kingdom when, pure and blameless, we will reach the perfect goodness which Christ produces in us.



#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

##### Christmas Eve

**5pm** Tenure  
**5.30pm** Clogherhead  
**6pm** Togher  
**6pm** Termonfechin  
**7pm** Dillonstown  
**7.30pm** Walshestown  
**8pm** Fieldstown  
**8pm** Sandpit

Mass in Dysart to be advised

##### Christmas Day

**9.15am** Sandpit  
**9.30am** Walshestown  
**9.45am** Fieldstown  
**10am** Togher  
**11am** Clogherhead  
**11am** Termonfechin  
**11.30am** Dillonstown  
**11.30am** Tenure

All are welcome.

**Confessions for Christmas** will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December In Termonfechin at 12noon, Tenure at 1pm, Dysart at 5.30pm & Clogherhead at 6.30pm on each of the days.

**St Buithe** Today, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December we honour St Buithe, founder of Monasterboice, who died in 521. His monastery began the long story of faith and community in this place. We gather in the graveyard at 7pm to pray and remember his legacy. All are welcome to join us. St Buithe, pray for our parish today.

**Holy Hour** today, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, from 7-8pm in St Michael's Church, Clogherhead. All welcome.

**Advent Service** will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfechin. All are welcome.

**Parish Envelopes** The boxes of envelopes for 2026 are now available for distribution for **Monasterboice and Termonfechin Parishes**. The Monasterboice envelopes are available for collection at the back of the church and the Termonfechin distributors are asked to please call to the Parochial house on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings between 9am & 1pm to collect the boxes for their area. Many thanks to all who help out with this task.



**Tots & Co Carol Service** will take place in Fieldstown Church on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. All welcome.

**Togher children's choir, Glyde Folk group and Ardee local Vocals** will hold a Carol service in St Colmcille's Church, Togher on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in aid of Ardee Hospice Homecare.

**Drogheda & District Floral Art Group** invite you to join them for 'Christmas Delights' a seasonal flower demonstration by our talented club members. We welcome you for a social cup of tea and mince pie following the demonstration. The Boyne Valley Hotel, Tuesday December 9th at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Telephone line in Clogherhead** We have been informed by the telephone company that our landline number 041-9822224 will be restored by 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

#### Next Sunday's Scripture

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Gaudete Sunday) Isaiah 35: 1 - 6, 10; Psalm 145; James 5: 7 - 10; Matthew 11: 2 - 11

#### December Newsletters

Are kindly sponsored  
in memory of Ina Kierans.

### Masses Times - Termonfechin Parish

Saturday 6 December @ <b>7.30pm</b> Termonfechin ~ Betty McBride • Mary, John & Phil Kavanagh + Mab Farrell • Heuston Stanley, Molly & Kevin Reilly & dec'd members of the Reilly, Toner & Stanley families • Patrick Drew + Denis & Eileen McMahon + John & May Drew
Sunday 7 December @ <b>9.15am</b> Church of the Assumption Sandpit ~ Baby Agatha Maureen Campbell • Mary Hanna
Monday 8 December @ <b>10am</b> Termonfechin ~ <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i> • Daniel & Jane Duffy • Sheila & Billy Fanning
Tuesday 9 December @ <b>9.30am</b> Termonfechin ~
Wednesday 10 December @ <b>10am</b> Sandpit ~ School Mass SMgS
Thursday 11 December @ <b>9.30am</b> Termonfechin ~ Patrick & Veronica Taaffe
Saturday 13 December @ <b>7.30pm</b> Termonfechin ~ Ina Kierans • Maureen & Michael Grace & family deceased • Ann Rooney • Jim Wilkinson + Liam & Maura Moore • Dominic Hodgins • Charlie O'Brien • Ann & Paddy McArdle
Sunday 14 December @ <b>9.15am</b> Sandpit ~ Tom & Dympna Flanagan

### Masses Times - Togher Parish

Saturday 6 December @ <b>6.15pm</b> St Borchill's Church Dysart ~ Service of Light (St Colmcille's NS) • John Campbell
Sunday 7 December @ <b>10am</b> St Colmcille's Church Togher ~ Joey & Eva Hand • Christy & Rose Mulroy + Joseph & Julia Connor
Sunday 7 December @ <b>11.30am</b> St Finian's Dillonstown ~ Service of Light (St Finian's NS) • Brendan McDonald (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) + Thomas (Tucker) Dunne • Marilyn, Stephen & John Matthews • John Mc Gee
Monday 8 December @ <b>7pm</b> Togher ~ <i>Feast Day</i> • Maura & Eileen Dunne
Thursday 11 December @ <b>10am</b> St Borchill's Church Dysart ~
Friday 12 December @ <b>10am</b> St Finian's Dillonstown ~
Saturday 13 December @ <b>6.15pm</b> Dysart ~ Evelyn Rourke & Joey Lynch • Jack, Bridget, Francis & Mildred Murphy
Sunday 14 December @ <b>10am</b> St Colmcille's Church Togher ~
Sunday 14 December @ <b>11.30am</b> St Finian's Dillonstown ~ Margaret Mathews, Bridie Meade, Patricia, Jim, Seamus & Noel Corrigan • Rose Caffrey (25 <sup>th</sup> Av), Mary Harmon (25 <sup>th</sup> Av), Patrick, Paddy & May Caffrey

**Sandpit Church Altar Society** will hold a church gate collection next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December after Mass

**St Colmcilles SVP** Need help? Remember, you are not alone. Ring this number..... 1800 677777. *Your call can be the beginning of solutions.*

#### Your Euro Gift to your Parish.

**Togher Parish** - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €763.90 in envelopes, €441.15 on the plate and €80 online

**Monasterboice Parish** - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €413.00 in envelopes, €384.00 on the plate & €290.00 online.

**Termonfechin Parish** - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €692.50 in envelopes, €420.60 on the plate, Priests Dues €20 and €363 online.

**Clogherhead Parish** - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €658.00 in envelopes, €222.00 on the plate & €10 online.

*Thank you for your support for your Parish.*

**Parish Office Hours:** Please note the parish office is open **Monday - Thursday** from 9am-1pm, for all your enquiries, certificates & bookings. Please call Rosey/Ann **087-3791443**.

