

**Parish websites:**[www.monasterboiceparish.com](http://www.monasterboiceparish.com)[www.termonfechinparish.ie](http://www.termonfechinparish.ie)

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

**Parish websites:**[www.clogherheadparish.ie](http://www.clogherheadparish.ie)[www.togherparish.com](http://www.togherparish.com)

# St Colmcille's Pastoral Area Newsletter

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2025****Sunday Cycle A; Psalter Week 3**

Clergy: V. Rev. Patrick Rushe, PP., Vf, Monasterboice &amp; 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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT****Masses Times - Clogherhead Parish**

Sunday 14 December @ <b>10.45am Walshestown</b> ~ Eileen Johnston
Sunday 14 December @ <b>12 noon St Michael's Church Clogherhead</b> ~ 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.)
Thursday 18 December @ <b>9.30am Clogherhead</b> ~ Deceased members & Patrons of Dreadnots GFC
Sunday 21 December @ <b>10.45am Walshestown</b> ~
Sunday 21 December @ <b>12 noon Clogherhead</b> ~ Maggie & Frank Matthews • Lizzy & Philip McEvoy • Philip Moore • Mary & Jim Sherry

**Masses Times - Monasterboice Parish**

Sunday 14 December @ <b>9.45am Fieldstown</b> ~
Sunday 14 December @ <b>11.30am Tenure</b> ~ Roy Culligan (Month's Mind)
Tuesday 16 December @ <b>9.30am Tenure</b> ~
Wednesday 17 December @ <b>9.30am Fieldstown</b> ~
Friday 19 December @ <b>7pm Tenure</b> ~
Sunday 21 December @ <b>9.45am Fieldstown</b> ~ Eileen Winters & Callan family deceased • Dermot Seberry • Larry Johnson • Roche family deceased, Ballymakenny
Sunday 21 December @ <b>11.30am Tenure</b> ~ Christine & Michael O'Brien

**Recently Deceased - Rest in Peace**

**Alan Brodigan** Miltown, Termonfeckin • **Margaret Rogers (née Blaney)** Adamstown, Dunleer • **Colette Campbell**, Tullyallen • **Owen D'Arcy**, Annagassan • **Kathleen Boylan (née Byrne)** Rathdaniel, Tinure • **Patrick (Pat) Rath** Annagassan • **George Floyd** Tinure • **Liam Gough** Navan • **Jim O'Reilly** Newtownstallaban • **Anne Taylor (née Keyes)** Annagassan • **Vera Shevlin (née O'Hanlon)** Drumcar • **Thomas Goodman** Clogherhead • **Paddy Cassidy** Dunleer • **Ann Shanahan** Tipperary

**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.

**Poinsettia donations** to all churches in the pastoral area are very welcome. Please drop them off at the Sacristies.



**Monasterboice Parish Finance Committee** will meet in the Parish Room, Tenure, tomorrow, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm

**Closing date is Tuesday - #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 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

**Thirld Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)**

The term is derived from the Latin word gaudete meaning rejoice, "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always."

The theme of the day expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE****Christmas Eve**

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

*All are welcome.*

**Christmas Day**

**9am Dysart**  
**9.15am Sandpit**  
**9.30am Walshestown**  
**9.45am Fieldstown**  
**10am Togher**  
**11am Clogherhead**  
**11am Termonfechin**  
**11.30am Dillonstown**  
**11.30am Tenure**



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

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

**St Colmcille's NS** Carol Service will take place in Togher Church on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm

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

**St. Patrick's NS (Harestown)** applications for enrolment for 2026/2027, are now available, please see <https://www.harestownns.ie/admissions> for more information.

**Naomh Fionnbarra and St. Anne's GFG** will host a Christmas disco for under 10s in Dillonstown Hall Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 7-9p.m.

**Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love** Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. To donate, go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you

**Christmas Raffle** The Parents Association of Scoil Naomh Feichin are running another EPIC Christmas Raffle where you could win a €1,000 Center Parcs voucher and many other wonderful prizes. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/ChristmasRaffleSNF>



**The Living well programme** is a Self-Management programme for people living with long term health conditions e.g. Heart issues, Asthma, Stroke, Parkinson's, Diabetes etc. Starting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, in the Barbican Centre, Drogheda from 10:30am-1pm & running for 6 weeks. To book your place please contact Aine 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 Elaine 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

**Balsanter - Text Alert Reminder 086 2747474.**

Working together we will be safer.

**Next Sunday's Scripture****FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 7: 10 - 14; Psalm 23;  
Romans 1: 1 - 7; Matthew 1: 18 - 24

**Mullary Cemetery Draw:**

# 42 Mary Brennan

**December Newsletters**

Are kindly sponsored  
in memory of Ina Kierans.

**Masses Times - Termonfechin Parish**

Saturday 13 December @ <b>7.30pm Termonfechin</b> ~ 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 Sandpit</b> ~ Tom & Dympna Flanagan
Monday 15 December @ <b>9.30am Termonfechin</b> ~ Special Intention
Tuesday 16 December @ <b>9.30am Termonfechin</b> ~ Joseph & Margaret Walsh + Jack & Collie Rafferty
Wednesday 17 December @ <b>9.30am Sandpit</b> ~
Thursday 18 December @ <b>9.30am Termonfechin</b> ~
Saturday 20 December @ <b>7.30pm Church of the Immaculate Conception Termonfechin</b> ~ Patricia Doolan (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) • Peg, Harry & Jimmy Clarke • Ned, Kathleen & Majorie Cullen & Christy Dooley
Sunday 21 December @ <b>9.15am Sandpit</b> ~ Liam Gorman

**Masses Times - Togher Parish**

Saturday 13 December @ <b>6.15pm St Borchill's Dysart</b> ~ Evelyn Rourke & Joey Lynch • Jack, Bridget, Francis & Mildred Murphy
Sunday 14 December @ <b>10am St Colmcille's Church Togher</b> ~
Sunday 14 December @ <b>11.30am St Finian's Dillonstown</b> ~ 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
Monday 15 December @ <b>7pm Togher</b> ~
Thursday 18 December @ <b>10am St Borchill's Church Dysart</b> ~
Friday 19 December @ <b>10am St Finian's Dillonstown</b> ~
Saturday 20 December @ <b>6.15pm Dysart</b> ~ Nuala & Kevin Murphy • Arlene Kearney
Sunday 21 December @ <b>10am Togher</b> ~ Edward Martin & family deceased
Sunday 21 December @ <b>11.30am St Finian's Dillonstown</b> ~ Kitty, Andy & Rea McQuillan + Alice Clarke

**70th anniversary celebration at St.Finian's NS** A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined in the celebrations last week.

**St Fechins AGM** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in St Fechins Community Centre.

**Sandpit Church Altar Society** will hold a church gate collection today 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.**

**Monasterboice Parish** - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €300.00 in envelopes, €370.00 on the plate & €310.00 online.

**Termonfechin Parish** - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €840.10 in envelopes, €467.20 on the plate, Priests Dues €850 and €579 online.

**Clogherhead Parish** - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €499.95 in envelopes, €300.05 on the plate & €10 online.

**Togher Parish** - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €750.40 in envelopes, €573.63 on the plate, Dues €30, Sick & Retired Priests €15, Missions €15, Trocaire €100 and €80 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.**

