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Parish Office Hours: Mon 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm; Friday 9.00 am - 1.30 pm

Mass Times <u>Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh</u> Sunday: 11.30 am Tuesday: 10.00 am Thursday: 7.30 pm <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Thursday: 6.30 pm - 7.15 pm <u>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u> Thursday: 8.00 pm - 9.00 pm <u>Church of St Malachy, Seskinore</u> Sunday: 10.00 am Monday: 7.30 pm <u>Church of St Patrick, Drumduff</u> Wednesday: 10.00 am Saturday: 7.30 pm <u>Oratory, Sixmilecross</u> Friday: 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Adoration each Friday after Mass until 11.00 am.</i> The Rosary is available on YouTube from <i>sixmilecross oratory rosary</i>	<u>Hasten to Meet them, Angels of the Lord</u> <u>Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh</u> <i>Recently deceased</i> Anne McHugh (<i>Donaghanie Road, Beragh</i>) Sun 19th October Mary and Mick Grimes (<i>Deroar</i>) Jennie and Terry McCann <u>Church of St Patrick, Drumduff</u> Sat 10th October Kitty and Sr Teresa Farley & deceased members of the Hackett and Farley families <u>Children's Liturgy</u> Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday at 11.30 am Mass.
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Cardinal MacRory Pastoral Area

Beragh, Kileeshil, Errigal Ciaran, Aghaloo

Very Rev P Hannigan 028 8776 1211
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Reunion Mass

Medjugorje and Fatima

There will be a Reunion Mass for those who went on Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Fatima this year ***on this Thursday 15 October at 7.30 pm.***

Everyone Welcome!

Christmas Carol Service

Preparations are beginning for our Parish Christmas Carol Service.

We hope that many of our previous choir members will be able to join us again this year and we would also welcome anyone who would like to become involved.

A short meeting will be held on ***Monday 19th October at 8.00 pm*** for anyone interested in helping with the organisation of the service.

Annual SMA Mass

Wednesday 21st October at 7.30 pm

The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Beragh

Fr Christopher, SMA, will celebrate the annual SMA Mass on **Wednesday (21st October) at 7.30 pm**. This will be an opportunity for those who support SMA, or who send their children to Summer Camp, to pay their annual subscription.

Anyone willing to sponsor the education of a Missionary Priest for (*£10 minimum per year*), please come along on the night or contact **Katrina O'Neill (07787 561 422); Kathleen Farley (02880 757 095) or Josie Cathcart (02880 758 901).**

Offertory Promise 4th October 2026

Envelopes:	£ 234.00
Loose Collection:	£ 155.12
Candles:	£ 286.80
Priest's Dues:	£1,517.00
TOTAL:	£2,192.92

Thank you to all those parishioners who continue to support the parish.

Flaxmill Centre, Drumduff

Monday - Irish Dancing continues @ 6.00 pm.

Gardening starting soon.

Tuesday - Silver Circle Group continues activities on ***13th October @ 1.30 pm.***

Wednesday - Pilates continues ***@ 7.30 pm.***

Friday - Parent and Toddler Group at ***10.00 am.***

Spinning A Yarn

This exciting 6-week programme facilitated by writer, broadcaster and storyteller, Frank Galligan, starts ***this Tuesday 13th October @ 7.30 pm.***

Everyone is very welcome to come along and tell their stories, memories, reminiscences etc.

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday 29th October - Halloween Event

Sunday 6th December - Christmas Bazaar

Centre Booking - For all parties, workshops and other events - please contact Carmel on 07749 149 836. For more information on any of the above, please ring 07805 712 258 or 07393 019 819 or visit our Facebook page.

Beragh Red Knights GAA

Our Under 16 boys will travel to face Eglisish in the League on Saturday morning with an 11.00 am throw in.

The winning lotto numbers this week were 6, 7, 19, 24 & 27. There was no jackpot winner this week -

Dan McSorley, Nicola McKenna and Catherine Gorman shared the £100 lucky dip.

Next week's jackpot stands at £16,650.

Celebration of Christian Marriage

Any couple intending to celebrate their marriage in the church are advised to have their Pre-nuptial Enquiry Forms (*church papers*) completed no later than **3 months** prior to their wedding.

Your pre-marriage course with Accord should also be completed before your papers are signed (info@accordni.com).

The Marriage Schedule (*civil documents*) (***Ref GRO 446 v06/22***) should also be "served on the Registrar at least 28 days before the date of the intended marriage".

(It is recommended that all civil and canonical papers are completed no later than 3 months prior to the wedding)!



Parish websites:
www.monasterboiceparish.com
www.termonfechinparish.ie

St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area Newsletter

Parish websites:
www.clogherheadparish.ie
www.togherparish.com



Sunday Cycle A/Weekday Cycle 2/Psalter Week 4

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th October 2026

Clergy: V.Rev. Patrick Rushe, PP., Vf, Monasterboice & Adm Togher 086 8807470 (via Whatsapp); V.Rev. Martin McVeigh PP., Clogherhead 041 9822224; V.Rev. Akan Ekpe, MSP, PP., Termonfechin 041 9822121; V.Rev. Tom Daly, PE, AP, Togher

<i>Masses Times - Clogherhead Parish</i>
Sunday 11 October @ 10.45am Walshestown ~ Andy Sharkey, Jane Verdon & Rose Sharkey
Sunday 11 October @ 12 noon St Michael's Church Clogherhead ~ Mary, John & Anthony Tuite • Nancy Rath
Monday 12 October @ 9am Clogherhead ~
Tuesday 13 October @ 9am Clogherhead ~
Thursday 15 October @ 9am Clogherhead ~
Sunday 18 October @ 10.45am Ss Peter & Paul Church Walshestown ~
Sunday 18 October @ 12 noon Clogherhead ~ Lynn Kirwan (<i>Month's Mind</i>) • Anthony Murphy (<i>1st Anniversary</i>) • Nicholas McLeer

<i>Masses Times - Monasterboice Parish</i>
Sunday 11 October @ 9.45am Church of the Navitty of Our Lady Fieldstown ~ Michael McDonagh & deceased members of the McDonagh family • Mickey & Maisie Harmon + Oliver & Mary Harmon + Sandra McCartney
Sunday 11 October @ 11.30am Tenure ~
Tuesday 13 October @ 9.30am Tenure ~
Wednesday 14 October @ 9.30am Fieldstown ~
Friday 16 October Tenure ~ No Mass
Sunday 18 October @ 9.45am Fieldstown ~
Sunday 18 October @ 11.30am Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Tenure ~ Edel Campbell (<i>Month's Mind</i>) • Kathleen Boylan (<i>BR</i>) • Marie & Peter Boylan • Pat Ussher & deceased members of the Ussher family

Recently Deceased - Rest in Peace

Agnes (Aggie) Butterly (née Clarke) Annagassan • **Josephine Lyons** (née McEvoy) Liverpool • **Briege McQuillan** (née Murphy) Julianstown • **Mary Brodigan** (née McEvoy) Monasterboice • **Frances Griffin Kells** • **Michael O'Grady** Liverpool • **Eileen Young** (née Casey) Drumcar • **Patrick (Patsy) Fulham** Drogheda • **Lynn Kirwan** Clogherhead • **Sr Bridget Callaghan** Togher • **Very Rev Mark O'Hagan PP** Ardee • **Edel Campbell** Monasterboice • **John Torris** Dunleer

Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist As we begin a new season in our parishes, we are inviting people from across the Pastoral Area to consider becoming a Reader or Minister of the Eucharist at Mass. Whether you have served before or would like to become involved for the first time, you would be very welcome. If interested, please send your name and contact details to the Parish Office. A short meeting and preparation session for new and existing ministers will take place soon.

Pieta Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service – Louth & Meath The Pieta Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service provides information, support and guidance to individuals, families, communities and organisations who have been bereaved by suicide. The service can also assist with identifying appropriate supports and referral pathways.

Referrals: Individuals, families or professionals can make a referral by contacting the Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer for Louth and Meath in the following ways: Email: sblo.referrals@pieta.ie Tel: 0818 111126

Fechin Go For Life Active Retirement Group Join the active retirement group, make friends, stay fit and enjoy fun social activities every **Tuesday** from 10am-12noon at St Fechin's Community Center A92 ET95. New members welcome. Please contact Geraldine on 086-1072018 or Lorraine on 0187 8516520.

Cáirde Fhéichín Praise and Worship Come and see just as you are Tuesdays at 8pm in Termonfechin Parish Hall A92 DNT9. Join us for uplifting prayers and joyful music. Please Contact 085 8110475 for more information. Donations only

November Dead Lists will be available at the back of the churches from next weekend 17th/18th October.

Meeting for Parents of the Confirmation and First Eucharist children of Clogherhead & Walshestown on Wednesday 14th October @ 7-8pm in the Parish Community Hall (Old School).

Refreshments after 11.30am Mass today Sunday 11th October in the Parish Room, Tenure. Everyone welcome.

Togher Parish Children Choir returns on Tuesday 13th October from 5.45-6.30pm in Dillonstown Church. New members welcome. Contact Maria 087 9001408

October: The month of the Holy Rosary. At St.Michael's church, Clogherhead-7pm each Friday. Time for prayer and meditation, with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and prayer to St. Joseph.

Rosary at the Grottos You are also warmly welcome to join others at the different Grottos in Termonfechin Parish to pray the Rosary on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm during October. The venues are as follows; Scoil Mhuire gan Smál 15th October; Church of Immaculate Conception 22nd October; Baltray 29th October.

The Rosary is recited in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfeckin @ 9am (before Mass) on Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays and after 9.30am Mass in the church of the Assumption, Sandpit. All are welcome to come along.

Monasterboice Senior Citizens Table Quiz on Friday 6th November at 8pm in the Valley Inn, Mullary. Team of 4 €40, all welcome. Please contact one of the following in advance to let them know you have a team Joe Grogan 086 8653437, Miriam McDonnell 086 8581277, Ann Murphy 086 2727435 or Fr Paddy Rushe 086 8807470

Monthly Prayer meeting dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus, starting in October. If interested please call: 087 132 4750. Please feel free to text petitions/prayer intentions you would like prayed for at the meeting.

The HSE Living Well Programme a free six-week self-management programme for adults aged 18 years and over who are living with one or more long-term health conditions. The programme helps participants develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence to better manage their health and improve their quality of life. The programme is suitable for people living with conditions such as: Diabetes, Asthma or COPD, Heart conditions, Stroke, Arthritis, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Chronic pain, Inflammatory bowel disease, Long COVID and many other long-term health conditions. Upcoming November Programmes: Drogheda (2 programmes running on the same day), Barbican Centre, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 X004 on Wednesday 3rd November to Wednesday 9th December 10:00am to 12:30pm and Barbican Centre, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 X004 on Wednesday 3rd November to Wednesday 9th December 1:30pm to 4:00pm or Online via Webex on Thursday 10th November to Thursday 17th December from 10:30am to 1:00pm. Participants can be referred to the programme by healthcare professionals (through Healthlink, email or phone) or participants can self-refer with the below details. Contact Áine or Elaine directly by email elaine.duffy5@hse.ie or aine.mcnamee@hse.ie alternatively by telephone: 041 6860710 or 041 6860567 / 087 4308735

Eucharistic Adoration – A Time of Quiet Praise and Blessing Monday in Termonfeckin Church 7pm to 8pm. Tuesday after Mass in Tenure Church. Wednesday in Clogherhead Church 10am to 11am and after Mass in Fieldstown. Thursday after Mass in Dysart and Friday after Mass in Dillonstown. For those unable to be present in person, we warmly invite you to join us online through the parish webcams. As Scripture reminds us: *“Be still, and know that I am God.”* — *Psalms* 46:10

The Diocesan Adoration Lay Committees of Armagh & Dromore are being renewed, expanded and consolidated for the promotion of Eucharistic Adoration in all parishes. **You** are invited to attend a *Special Information Meeting* on Tuesday 20th October in the Parish Centre, Hale Street, Ardee A92 X5DE @ 8pm for an information presentation. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in attending.

Next week - World Mission Sunday the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. The proceeds of the collection from Mission Sunday support young fledgling Churches worldwide including many Irish-founded missionary societies overseas. This includes building new faith communities, church buildings and parish centres, as well as helping to provide assistance for priests and sisters, lay catechists, and assisting in the effort to alleviate poverty. There are Mission Sunday envelopes in your box of envelopes or alternatively there are envelopes at available in the churches for this collection next weekend.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTERS
Are kindly sponsored by a Parishioner

<i>Masses Times - Termonfechin Parish</i>
Saturday 10 October @ 7.30pm Termonfechin ~ Nicholas & May Elizabeth Duff + family deceased • Len Clifford + Len & Marge + deceased members of the Clifford family • Paddy Mooney (11 th Av.) Yellowgap • Robert Hayes • Nance & Andrew McDonnell
Sunday 11 October @ 9.15am Church of the Assumption Sandpit ~ Nana Connor
Monday 12 October @ 9.30am Termonfechin ~
Tuesday 13 October @ 9.30am Church of the Immaculate Conception Termonfechin ~
Wednesday 14 October @ 9.30am Sandpit ~
Thursday 15 October @ 9.30am Termonfechin ~
Saturday 17 October @ 7.30pm Church of the Immaculate Conception Termonfechin ~ Geraldine Beardsley (née Reynolds) (<i>1st Anniversary</i>) • Michael McConnell • John & Rose Murphy + Sinéad Reilly • Tommy O'Brien
Sunday 18 October @ 9.15am Church of the Assumption Sandpit ~ James (<i>4th Av</i>) + Albert & Joan Anderson + family deceased

Parish Intention for the month of October:
That the prayer of the Holy Rosary would help all in the parish to share the Gospel

<i>Masses Times - Togher Parish</i>
Saturday 10 October @ 6.15pm St Borchill's Dysart ~ Ann Dunne (<i>Month's Mind</i>) • Donnie (<i>12th Av</i>), Connie (<i>3rd Av.</i>) & Desmond (<i>8th Av.</i>) Butterly
Sunday 11 October @ 10am St Colmcille's Church Togher ~ Anne & Pat Manning
Sunday 11 October @ 11.30am St Finian's Church Dillonstown ~ Ann Carter
Thursday 15 October @ 10am St. Borchill's Church Dysart ~
Friday 16 October @ 10am St Finian's Church Dillonstown ~
Saturday 17 October @ 6.15pm St Borchill's Dysart ~
Sunday 18 October @ 10am Togher ~ Raymond Carron (<i>1st Anniversary</i>)
Sunday 18 October @ 11.30am St Finian's Church Dillonstown ~

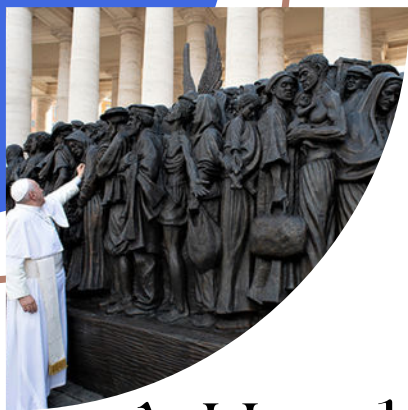
Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winner # 38 Derek Devine

Church cleaners Clogherhead & Termonfeckin Parishes is looking for volunteers to help with church cleaning and flower arranging. If you are interested please contact the parish office in Clogherhead 041 9822224 or Marian on 089 4114382 for Termonfeckin.

Your euro Gift to your Parish.
Monasterboice Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €362 in envelopes, plate collection €397, €40 Sick & Retired Priests, €155 Dues, €120 Cathedral Fund & €380 online
Clogherhead Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €536.45 in envelopes and €563.55 on the plate collection.
Termonfechin Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €718.50 in envelopes, plate collection €426.25, St Patrick's Cathedral Restoration Fund €10, Sick & Retired priests €4, Dues €622.00 & €640 online.
Togher Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €664.70 in envelopes, €255.25 on the plate collection, Dues €15 & Sick & Retired Priests €92 & €80 online.
Thank you for your support for your Parish

Parish Office Hours: Please note the office (**Termonfeckin, Togher & Monasterboice**) is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9am-1pm, for all your enquiries, certificates & bookings, call 087-3791443.
Clogherhead & Walshestown parish office will be open on Tuesday & Friday mornings 9.30am to 12.30pm. To book Mass intentions, anniversaries, etc the preferred way is to phone 041-9822224 during office hours. Outside these hours, just leave a message on the answer phone.
Kindly note that the deadline for booking Mass Intentions is the Wednesday of each week as the bulletin is printed on Thursday.

NEXT SUNDAY - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
World Mission Sunday Isaiah 45: 1, 4 - 6; Psalm 95; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 5; Matthew 22: 15 - 21



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PASTORAL LETTER

A Hundred Thousand Welcomes?

Exploring what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland



Hospitality in Today's Ireland

Ireland's tradition of hospitality - céad míle fáilte - faces challenges due to rising immigration, which has exposed longstanding societal issues like housing, homelessness, and gaps in social services. These challenges existed before immigration became a prominent issue, but some fearful and angry voices now call for closing borders. However, the Irish people, conscious of our own history of migration and Christian faith, must continue to welcome newcomers. Many immigrants bring valuable skills and talents, while others seek support for a better future.

As Christians, the belief in the sanctity of life and the commandment to 'love your neighbour' calls us to care for everyone, regardless of their background. The parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us that our neighbour includes all, regardless of ethnicity or status. The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference urges all Christians, and people of goodwill, to embrace this Biblical invitation to welcome the stranger, creating parishes and communities of hospitality where people truly belong. Welcoming others is not only a societal duty but also a Gospel command to love and serve as Christ did.

Reflect: When have you been blessed by hospitality that you received?

Migration: An Irish Reality

Migration has been a central part of Irish history, shaped by events such as war, famine, economic collapse, and now, climate change. During the Great Famine (1845 - 1852), nearly two million people left Ireland, but migration has long been a reality for the Irish, with significant exoduses as recently as the

1950s and 1980s - the legacies of which remain with us today. It is a new experience for Ireland to be a destination for migrants, a clear sign of the country's economic and social progress.

Historically, Irish migrants often faced discrimination abroad. Father Gerry McFlynn, of the Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas office in London, recalls the change since migrating to live in England at the end of the 1970's. The 1980's and 1990's were difficult decades to be Irish there. 'One had the strong sense of being "a suspect community", having to keep one's head down, say little publicly, always conscious of one's accent and background.' He adds that it was not until the *Good Friday Agreement* of 1998 that attitudes began to change for the better.

The Catholic faith itself is a migrant's faith, spread throughout Ireland by Saint Patrick, an immigrant and former slave. The Irish diaspora played a key role in spreading the faith, with Irish missionaries and communities flourishing globally. Pope Francis, the son of immigrants, constantly highlights the sacredness of the migrant's journey, reminding us that welcoming migrants is akin to welcoming Christ.

Reflect: Have you or your loved ones been migrants? How did that experience feel?

Welcome: The Migrant's Gift

In recent years, Ireland has seen many immigrants seeking a better life, and local parishes, schools, and community organisations have played a key role in integrating them. The Catholic Church in Ireland has become a space where



long established communities encounter and befriend newcomers, fostering diversity - which is a gift and a source of renewal.

One example is Irene Nunes, who came from Brazil to Ballyhaunis thirteen years ago. Irene and her family were warmly welcomed by the local parish, where she now serves as a sacristan and member of the Parish Pastoral Council. She speaks of the strong sense of belonging and community that she and other Brazilians have experienced in the parish, exemplified by a celebration where five Brazilian couples were married at the same ceremony in Saint Patrick's Church. This experience of radical hospitality reflects early Christian communities, where cultural and ethnic divisions were overcome through shared faith in Jesus. The Church in Ireland now experiences this same sense of welcome and renewal through the presence of immigrants.



Caption Irene Nunes, her husband and four other Brazilian couples who were married by Canon Stephen Farragher PP in Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo, Archdiocese of Tuam, in May 2023.

Encounter: Moving from Welcome to Belonging

Irish Catholic Bishops strongly encourage a "culture of encounter" that goes beyond mere tolerance of newcomers. Such a culture fosters authentic participation and integration. Polite tolerance can leave migrants feeling isolated, but true Christian encounter involves mutual enrichment, where established communities and newcomers share and learn from each other. It is noted that the Irish Council of Churches and the Irish Inter-Church Meeting, bodies which facilitate dialogue between all of the Churches across the island, have recently produced resources to help enhance such encounter and belonging. Pope Francis emphasises the need to engage with others deeply, not just seeing but truly listening and connecting with them. This spirit of encounter reflects the early Christian understanding that believers are 'foreigners and exiles' in the world, called to form connections beyond borders.

Our Church's universality ensures that every parish is connected globally. Furthermore, Church teachings affirm the dignity of every person - including that of the migrant - and remind us that every person possesses inalienable rights and deserve respect and welcome.

Reflect: When have you felt truly encountered, listened to, and valued? How did that impact you?

Challenges to Integration

Immigration to Ireland is high at present, though not at the levels previously seen through the peak of the Celtic Tiger era. In the most recent year for which there are statistics (up to April 2024), 149,200 people came to live in Ireland. However, 69,900 people left Ireland in the same period.¹ The figures for Northern Ireland are lower, with the most recent statistics suggesting a net immigration of 2,300 people in 2022.² These numbers contain a great diversity. It includes Irish citizens returning to live here, people on employment visas coming to take up particular roles, EU citizens availing of the freedom of movement, people from Britain who benefit from the Common Travel Area and many others besides. A significant factor in the numbers coming to Ireland in recent years were Ukrainians who are fleeing the Russian invasion of February 2022. Their numbers constitute a net figure of just over 81,000.³ The number of people who come seeking International Protection is a small proportion of the overall number – about 14,000.⁴ According to the European Union statistics body, the number of people found to have been here in Ireland illegally in 2023 was 1,485 people.⁵

One of the reasons why the topic of immigration can be contentious is that differences within the meaning of the term are not always acknowledged. "Immigrant" often means someone who has made a permanent home in a new country. "Migrant" often means someone who is only based in the new country for a period. "Asylum seeker" refers to someone who is claiming protection outside their country of origin, which is different from a "refugee", who is someone who has had that claim confirmed. It is important to note that the formal definition of refugee does not include anybody displaced within their own country, or who travels abroad to escape poverty or famine.



While these definitions are important from a legal perspective, we should not allow them to obscure what matters most to Christians: regardless of where a person was born or what passport they carry: they are our neighbour.

An example of the challenges to integration is Patrick's story. Patrick was born in Nigeria and grew up in a loving Catholic home before marrying and coming to work in Ireland in 2002. He tells us that adjusting to Irish society was challenging but he and his family gradually integrated 'through a long process of acculturation'. He adds, 'we have four children, all born in Ireland, who identify more as Irish than Nigerian. After my wife's passing, we navigated through difficult times but also enjoyed good moments together. Finding employment was a difficult challenge but I got help and training through State sponsored FÁS courses and I am now in my third and, hopefully, most lasting job.' While Patrick is aware of the cultural differences he has experienced in work, in Church and with neighbours, he concludes that despite all of this, 'coming to Ireland has been a blessing. We have the freedom to practice our faith and we are happy, although we miss Nigeria and find travel there expensive.'

It is common to hear people talk about the costs of immigration. But almost one-in-five workers in the Irish economy are 'non-Irish-nationals'.⁶ Our economy could not function without the people working in the sectors of hospitality, education, healthcare and technology, who have come here from elsewhere. Economists describe our economy as "at full employment" and it is still growing. There is clearly an inescapable need for migration. No one can but doubt that these newcomers have become foundational to the positive operation of our society.

Reflect: How have migrants blessed your life?

Building a Friendly Society

Ireland faces significant challenges, such as homelessness, strained health services, and an education system struggling to meet demands. However, these issues have been on the landscape for some time - they have not been caused by migration.

Migrants can help address these needs, contributing positively to society. It is important to approach immigration policies in a way that serves the common good, which includes both migrants and citizens. We are fortunate to live in a country with a stable democracy and a vibrant civil society, and we encourage all citizens to participate in such political debate to the fullest of their abilities and convictions. Pope Francis urges political leaders to prioritise effective solutions to social and economic exclusion, emphasising "political charity" to overcome individualism. Christians are called to support this vision collectively.

Reflect: How can you encourage constructive debate on the things that really matter in our society?



Caption Pope Francis greets pilgrims in Croke Park, Dublin, during the Holy Father's visit to Ireland for the 9th World Meeting of Families in August 2018.

A Call to Parishes: Community Sponsored Programme

As Irish society changes, the Church is tasked with welcoming and integrating migrants. Pope Francis warns against building "walls in the heart" and encourages a culture of openness, reflecting Jesus' inclusive ministry and his command 'Ephphatha' – be opened! (*Mark 7:31-37*). Parishes are urged to oppose fear and recognise the image of God (*Genesis 1:27*) in every migrant, regardless of nationality.

One practical response is the Community Sponsorship Programme, where local communities sponsor and resettle refugee families. This scheme is supported by the Government of Ireland and led by the Irish Red Cross and partners. One example of this is the parish of Clane in Co Kildare, which successfully welcomed a Syrian family in 2019, and it provides a model for how parishes can respond to refugee needs with hospitality and support.⁷

Reflect: How can migrants in your parish help shape the journey from welcome to belonging?



Conclusion

Migration presents many challenges for all involved: immigrants seeking safety and a better future, as well as for those who welcome them, and the governments and communities responsible for providing shelter and support.

As migration to Ireland increases, it brings both difficulties and opportunities for society. While the changes ahead remain uncertain, the teachings of the Gospel provide timeless guidance on addressing these challenges.

Catholic Social Teaching emphasises the dignity of every human being and the common good, offering a foundation for action. The Church sees the “travail of migrants” as a violation of human dignity, and urges us to welcome migrants so as to support the defence of their inalienable rights.⁸

The patron saints of immigrants and refugees, such as Saint Patrick, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini and Saint Josephine Bakhita, remind us of the Christian call to compassion, love, and service to the marginalised. As we face the ongoing realities of migration, displacement, and human trafficking, we must draw from these sources of faith for guidance.

May we always welcome and advocate for migrants. In doing so, we fulfil our shared role as a “migrant pilgrim people,” continuing the Irish tradition of openness, encounter, and hospitality, and bearing witness to God’s eternal love.



Caption Brother Kevin Crowley OFM Cap as CEO of the Capuchin Day Centre, and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin, greet Pope Francis during the Holy Father’s visit to Ireland for the 9th World Meeting of Families in August 2018.



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3 According to the Central Statistics Office (CSO), up to 2 June 2024, 107,406 people arrived in Ireland from Ukraine under the Temporary Protection Directive. Of these, some 76% had ‘administrative data’ after 31 March 2024. See, Arrivals from Ukraine in Ireland Series 13 - Central Statistics Office

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7 For further information, visit Community Sponsorship Ireland - Irish Red Cross

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Front page caption Pope Francis with the sculpture ‘Angels Unawares’ by Timothy Schmalz, which was installed in September 2019 in Saint Peter’s Square, Vatican City, to mark the 105th World Migrant and Refugee Day. Permission for publication has been granted to the Catholic Communications Office by Timothy Schmalz.

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Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Blessing of Caregivers: Marking the feast of St Luke, we invite all who have a ministry of caring for others, whether professionally or within their family, to a special Blessing of Caregivers in St Brigid's Church on Saturday, October 17th, after the 7.30pm Vigil Mass. Doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, hospital & homecare staff, nursing home teams, family carers, and all who care for others are warmly invited. A special blessing will be given for the hands of those who care.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism: with great joy we welcome Baby Oisín into the Church of God. May the Lord bless him abundantly, and may his parents, godparents, & families be strengthened as they nurture him in the faith & love of Jesus Christ.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Mass & Blessing of Graves in Dromin: will be celebrated on Sunday October 11th at 11am. Please note there will be no 11.30am Mass in Dunleer on that day. Saturday evening Mass times are as usual.

Parish Collections: Last Weekend – Parish €1,670; Dues €1,015; St Patrick's Cathedral Restoration Fund €55. Sincere thanks for your ongoing support.

CHY Tax Relief Forms: are being been posted out in these weeks. These are a valuable source of income for the parish. Thank you to all those who complete and return their forms.

A Welcome for Families with Young Children

One of the things our Parish Pastoral Council has been reflecting on is how we can continue to make our churches places where every family feels welcome and at home. In particular, *we want to say something to parents of babies, toddlers and young children:*

Please don't worry if your child cries, wriggles, wanders or makes a little noise during Mass! And for all of us, a little patience, understanding and a welcoming smile can make such a difference. Our children are not simply the future of the Church — they are part of the Church today. They are learning how to pray, how to participate and how to find their place within our parish family. So, families, come to Mass. Bring your children. Bring the wriggles. Bring the noise. Bring the joy! There is always a place for you here.

	Parish Mass Times 6pm Sat Vigil St. Kevin's 7.30pm Sat Vigil St. Brigid's 10.30am Sun St. Finian's 11.30am Sun St. Brigid's Mon-Tue, Thu-Sat 10am St. Brigid's <i>Wed 10am Liturgy of the Word</i>
	Twenty Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Mass Intentions This Week
Sat 10 th 6pm	Pro Populo (for the people of the parish)
Sat 10 th 7.30pm	1 st Av. Bridie Hunt & Brendan (son), Charlie & Maggie Fay and Fay & Hunt families; Av. Eddie Rock; Av. Michael Coulter
Sun 11 th 11am Dromin Mass & Blessing of Graves	MM. John Torris; 1 st Av. Colm Mathews & Eileen Mathews & Special Intention; Av. Rose, Pat, John Joe & Bridget Smith & Phillips Family; Av. Peter, Una & Oliver Sands; Av. Mary McCabe; Av. Jim & Lizzie Gaffney & Family; Av. Joe & Eileen Smyth; Av. Harry Conlon; Av. Carole Clarke
Mon 12 th 10am	Av. Maureen Keane
Thu 15 th 10am	Holy Souls
Sat 17 th 10am	Special Intention
Sat 17 th 6pm	Pro Populo (for the people of the parish)
Sat 17 th 7.30pm	Av. Kevin Kirwan
Sun 18 th 10.30am	Av. Michael Campbell
Sun 18 th 11.30am	1 st . Av. Kieran Matthews: Av. Fidelma McCarville
Recently Deceased	Seamus Walker; Anthony Ruane Snr; Patricia Duff; Fr. Mark O'Hagan; John Torris



Parish websites:
www.monasterboiceparish.com
www.termonfechinparish.ie

St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area Newsletter

Parish websites:
www.clogherheadparish.ie
www.togherparish.com



Sunday Cycle A/Weekday Cycle 2/Psalter Week 4

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th October 2026

Clergy: V.Rev. Patrick Rushe, PP., Vf, Monasterboice & Adm Togher 086 8807470 (via Whatsapp); V.Rev. Martin McVeigh PP., Clogherhead 041 9822224; V.Rev. Akan Ekpe, MSP, PP., Termonfechin 041 9822121; V.Rev. Tom Daly, PE, AP, Togher

<i>Masses Times - Clogherhead Parish</i>
Sunday 11 October @ 10.45am Walshestown ~ Andy Sharkey, Jane Verdon & Rose Sharkey
Sunday 11 October @ 12 noon St Michael's Church Clogherhead ~ Mary, John & Anthony Tuite • Nancy Rath
Monday 12 October @ 9am Clogherhead ~
Tuesday 13 October @ 9am Clogherhead ~
Thursday 15 October @ 9am Clogherhead ~
Sunday 18 October @ 10.45am Ss Peter & Paul Church Walshestown ~
Sunday 18 October @ 12 noon Clogherhead ~ Lynn Kirwan (<i>Month's Mind</i>) • Anthony Murphy (<i>1st Anniversary</i>) • Nicholas McLeer

<i>Masses Times - Monasterboice Parish</i>
Sunday 11 October @ 9.45am Church of the Navitty of Our Lady Fieldstown ~ Michael McDonagh & deceased members of the McDonagh family • Mickey & Maisie Harmon + Oliver & Mary Harmon + Sandra McCartney
Sunday 11 October @ 11.30am Tenure ~
Tuesday 13 October @ 9.30am Tenure ~
Wednesday 14 October @ 9.30am Fieldstown ~
Friday 16 October Tenure ~ No Mass
Sunday 18 October @ 9.45am Fieldstown ~
Sunday 18 October @ 11.30am Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Tenure ~ Edel Campbell (<i>Month's Mind</i>) • Kathleen Boylan (<i>BR</i>) • Marie & Peter Boylan • Pat Ussher & deceased members of the Ussher family

Recently Deceased - Rest in Peace

Agnes (Aggie) Butterly (née Clarke) Annagassan • **Josephine Lyons** (née McEvoy) Liverpool • **Briege McQuillan** (née Murphy) Julianstown • **Mary Brodigan** (née McEvoy) Monasterboice • **Frances Griffin Kells** • **Michael O'Grady** Liverpool • **Eileen Young** (née Casey) Drumcar • **Patrick (Patsy) Fulham** Drogheda • **Lynn Kirwan** Clogherhead • **Sr Bridget Callaghan** Togher • **Very Rev Mark O'Hagan PP** Ardee • **Edel Campbell** Monasterboice • **John Torris** Dunleer

Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist As we begin a new season in our parishes, we are inviting people from across the Pastoral Area to consider becoming a Reader or Minister of the Eucharist at Mass. Whether you have served before or would like to become involved for the first time, you would be very welcome. If interested, please send your name and contact details to the Parish Office. A short meeting and preparation session for new and existing ministers will take place soon.

Pieta Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service – Louth & Meath The Pieta Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service provides information, support and guidance to individuals, families, communities and organisations who have been bereaved by suicide. The service can also assist with identifying appropriate supports and referral pathways.

Referrals: Individuals, families or professionals can make a referral by contacting the Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer for Louth and Meath in the following ways: Email: sblo.referrals@pieta.ie Tel: 0818 111126

Fechin Go For Life Active Retirement Group Join the active retirement group, make friends, stay fit and enjoy fun social activities every **Tuesday** from 10am-12noon at St Fechin's Community Center A92 ET95. New members welcome. Please contact Geraldine on 086-1072018 or Lorraine on 0187 8516520.

Cáirde Fhéichín Praise and Worship Come and see just as you are Tuesdays at 8pm in Termonfechin Parish Hall A92 DNT9. Join us for uplifting prayers and joyful music. Please Contact 085 8110475 for more information. Donations only

November Dead Lists will be available at the back of the churches from next weekend 17th/18th October.

Meeting for Parents of the Confirmation and First Eucharist children of Clogherhead & Walshestown on Wednesday 14th October @ 7-8pm in the Parish Community Hall (Old School).

Refreshments after 11.30am Mass today Sunday 11th October in the Parish Room, Tenure. Everyone welcome.

Togher Parish Children Choir returns on Tuesday 13th October from 5.45-6.30pm in Dillonstown Church. New members welcome. Contact Maria 087 9001408

October: The month of the Holy Rosary. At St.Michael's church, Clogherhead-7pm each Friday. Time for prayer and meditation, with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and prayer to St. Joseph.

Rosary at the Grottos You are also warmly welcome to join others at the different Grottos in Termonfechin Parish to pray the Rosary on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm during October. The venues are as follows; Scoil Mhuire gan Smál 15th October; Church of Immaculate Conception 22nd October; Baltray 29th October.

The Rosary is recited in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfeckin @ 9am (before Mass) on Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays and after 9.30am Mass in the church of the Assumption, Sandpit. All are welcome to come along.

Monasterboice Senior Citizens Table Quiz on Friday 6th November at 8pm in the Valley Inn, Mullary. Team of 4 €40, all welcome. Please contact one of the following in advance to let them know you have a team Joe Grogan 086 8653437, Miriam McDonnell 086 8581277, Ann Murphy 086 2727435 or Fr Paddy Rushe 086 8807470

Monthly Prayer meeting dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus, starting in October. If interested please call: 087 132 4750. Please feel free to text petitions/prayer intentions you would like prayed for at the meeting.

The HSE Living Well Programme a free six-week self-management programme for adults aged 18 years and over who are living with one or more long-term health conditions. The programme helps participants develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence to better manage their health and improve their quality of life. The programme is suitable for people living with conditions such as: Diabetes, Asthma or COPD, Heart conditions, Stroke, Arthritis, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Chronic pain, Inflammatory bowel disease, Long COVID and many other long-term health conditions. Upcoming November Programmes: Drogheda (2 programmes running on the same day), Barbican Centre, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 X004 on Wednesday 3rd November to Wednesday 9th December 10:00am to 12:30pm and Barbican Centre, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 X004 on Wednesday 3rd November to Wednesday 9th December 1:30pm to 4:00pm or Online via Webex on Thursday 10th November to Thursday 17th December from 10:30am to 1:00pm. Participants can be referred to the programme by healthcare professionals (through Healthlink, email or phone) or participants can self-refer with the below details. Contact Áine or Elaine directly by email elaine.duffy5@hse.ie or aine.mcnamee@hse.ie alternatively by telephone: 041 6860710 or 041 6860567 / 087 4308735

Eucharistic Adoration – A Time of Quiet Praise and Blessing Monday in Termonfeckin Church 7pm to 8pm. Tuesday after Mass in Tenure Church. Wednesday in Clogherhead Church 10am to 11am and after Mass in Fieldstown. Thursday after Mass in Dysart and Friday after Mass in Dillonstown. For those unable to be present in person, we warmly invite you to join us online through the parish webcams. As Scripture reminds us: *“Be still, and know that I am God.”* — *Psalms* 46:10

The Diocesan Adoration Lay Committees of Armagh & Dromore are being renewed, expanded and consolidated for the promotion of Eucharistic Adoration in all parishes. **You** are invited to attend a *Special Information Meeting* on Tuesday 20th October in the Parish Centre, Hale Street, Ardee A92 X5DE @ 8pm for an information presentation. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in attending.

Next week - World Mission Sunday the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. The proceeds of the collection from Mission Sunday support young fledgling Churches worldwide including many Irish-founded missionary societies overseas. This includes building new faith communities, church buildings and parish centres, as well as helping to provide assistance for priests and sisters, lay catechists, and assisting in the effort to alleviate poverty. There are Mission Sunday envelopes in your box of envelopes or alternatively there are envelopes at available in the churches for this collection next weekend.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTERS
Are kindly sponsored by a Parishioner

<i>Masses Times - Termonfechin Parish</i>
Saturday 10 October @ 7.30pm Termonfechin ~ Nicholas & May Elizabeth Duff + family deceased • Len Clifford + Len & Marge + deceased members of the Clifford family • Paddy Mooney (11 th Av.) Yellowgap • Robert Hayes • Nance & Andrew McDonnell
Sunday 11 October @ 9.15am Church of the Assumption Sandpit ~ Nana Connor
Monday 12 October @ 9.30am Termonfechin ~
Tuesday 13 October @ 9.30am Church of the Immaculate Conception Termonfechin ~
Wednesday 14 October @ 9.30am Sandpit ~
Thursday 15 October @ 9.30am Termonfechin ~
Saturday 17 October @ 7.30pm Church of the Immaculate Conception Termonfechin ~ Geraldine Beardsley (née Reynolds) (<i>1st Anniversary</i>) • Michael McConnell • John & Rose Murphy + Sinéad Reilly • Tommy O'Brien
Sunday 18 October @ 9.15am Church of the Assumption Sandpit ~ James (<i>4th Av</i>) + Albert & Joan Anderson + family deceased

Parish Intention for the month of October:
That the prayer of the Holy Rosary would help all in the parish to share the Gospel

<i>Masses Times - Togher Parish</i>
Saturday 10 October @ 6.15pm St Borchill's Dysart ~ Ann Dunne (<i>Month's Mind</i>) • Donnie (<i>12th Av</i>), Connie (<i>3rd Av.</i>) & Desmond (<i>8th Av.</i>) Butterly
Sunday 11 October @ 10am St Colmcille's Church Togher ~ Anne & Pat Manning
Sunday 11 October @ 11.30am St Finian's Church Dillonstown ~ Ann Carter
Thursday 15 October @ 10am St. Borchill's Church Dysart ~
Friday 16 October @ 10am St Finian's Church Dillonstown ~
Saturday 17 October @ 6.15pm St Borchill's Dysart ~
Sunday 18 October @ 10am Togher ~ Raymond Carron (<i>1st Anniversary</i>)
Sunday 18 October @ 11.30am St Finian's Church Dillonstown ~

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winner # 38 Derek Devine

Church cleaners Clogherhead & Termonfeckin Parishes is looking for volunteers to help with church cleaning and flower arranging. If you are interested please contact the parish office in Clogherhead 041 9822224 or Marian on 089 4114382 for Termonfeckin.

Your euro Gift to your Parish.
Monasterboice Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €362 in envelopes, plate collection €397, €40 Sick & Retired Priests, €155 Dues, €120 Cathedral Fund & €380 online
Clogherhead Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €536.45 in envelopes and €563.55 on the plate collection.
Termonfechin Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €718.50 in envelopes, plate collection €426.25, St Patrick's Cathedral Restoration Fund €10, Sick & Retired priests €4, Dues €622.00 & €640 online.
Togher Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €664.70 in envelopes, €255.25 on the plate collection, Dues €15 & Sick & Retired Priests €92 & €80 online.
Thank you for your support for your Parish

Parish Office Hours: Please note the office (**Termonfeckin, Togher & Monasterboice**) is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9am-1pm, for all your enquiries, certificates & bookings, call 087-3791443.
Clogherhead & Walshestown parish office will be open on Tuesday & Friday mornings 9.30am to 12.30pm. To book Mass intentions, anniversaries, etc the preferred way is to phone 041-9822224 during office hours. Outside these hours, just leave a message on the answer phone.
Kindly note that the deadline for booking Mass Intentions is the Wednesday of each week as the bulletin is printed on Thursday.

NEXT SUNDAY - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
World Mission Sunday Isaiah 45: 1, 4 - 6; Psalm 95; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 5; Matthew 22: 15 - 21