

TERMONFECHIN PARISH

Church of the Immaculate Conception & Church of the Assumption

A Parish in the St Colmcille Pastoral Area

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

To enable parishioners to come together to discover, share, and celebrate the gifts of all, for the good of all, and so grow in faith for the glory of God.

MASS TIMES & CHURCHES (IC = Church of the Immaculate Conception; A = Church of the Assumption)

Saturday 4 January @ 7:00pm IC ~

Sunday 5 January @ 9:30am A ~

Sunday 5 January @ 11:00am IC ~ Tess Dowd • Patricia Lawless

Monday 6 January @ 9:30am A ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday 6 January @ 7:00pm IC ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Tuesday 7 January @ 7:30pm IC ~ Padre Pio Prayer Group

Wednesday 8 January @ 9.30am A ~

Friday 10 January @ 9.30am IC ~



Saturday 11 January @ 7:00pm IC ~

Ann McArdle (Month's Mind) • Eileen McDonnell (1st Anniversary) • Francie & Dolores Finglas

Sunday 12 January @ 9:30am A ~ Corrigan Family, Galroostown

Sunday 12 January @ 11:00am IC ~

RECENTLY DECEASED - REST IN PEACE

Rosaleen (Rosie) Flynn, Galroostown • Ann McArdle (née McLoughlin), Beaulieu Cross • Malachy McCloskey, Beltichburne House

A LOVE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCEAL

Tomorrow, Monday's feast of the Epiphany is all about God's light, love and life.

It is in Jesus, the light of the world, that we are empowered to see with the eyes of faith.

It is in Jesus, the beloved of the Father, that the extravagance of divine love is made manifest.

And it is in Jesus, through whom all life and holiness comes, that we are invited to participate in

the life of grace. The Magi experienced the darkness of human existence. They were on a journey,

not knowing exactly where they were going or what they were seeking. But a star guided them;

a light in the darkness filled their souls with hope. They ventured on and eventually were given a

revelation, a manifestation, an epiphany. In the Christ Child, the Magi came to new knowledge and wisdom.

Herod attempted to deceive the Magi. Instead of love, hatred filled his heart and he would kill anyone who

threatened his power. Little did he know that in Jesus the love of God was being made visible. Through the mystery of

the Incarnation and Nativity, Love broke into our world in a whole new way. This is the love that conquers hatred and

fear. The Magi knelt before new life, the infant Jesus. Although death was in the air through the presence of Herod,

life was stronger than death. This child would one day give his life in a supreme sacrifice. Epiphany celebrates another

festival during the Christmas season that offers humanity hope and salvation.



Come and join us at one of the Masses for this Holy Day

Church of the Assumption, Sandpit @ 9:30am

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfeckin @ 7:00pm (followed by Holy hour of Adoration)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note, Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this week (Monday 6 January) will take place **immediately after 7pm Mass** for the Feast of the Epiphany in the church of the Immaculate Conception. In Scripture the beautiful verse from the Book of Psalms comes to mind:
Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 45:10).



IF YOU ARE COELIAC

If you are Coeliac you are invited to go to the Celebrant to receive Holy Communion at any of our Masses.



LOOP SYSTEM IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Remember if you use a BTE hearing aid then you can improve your hearing experience with the 'T' position on your hearing aid.



FIRST FRIDAY VISITS

The monthly visits will take place this week **on Friday (10 January)** at the usual times. If you or a member of your family is unable to get to Sunday Mass and would like to be included in the visit, please ring Fr. Paul @ 041-9822121.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Second Sunday of Christmas (Eccles 24:1-2.8-12 Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18 John 1:1-18)

He chose us to be holy and spotless

He chose us *"to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence"*. 'Holy and spotless'....with all the messiness of our lives...clothes, toys, all over the floor, washing up in the sink? Yes. 'Holy!'...'through loving'. So, whether cleaning up the mess or working to earn money, you are doing loving things. You are 'holier' than you think!

FR CHARLES

We bid farewell to Fr Charles this week and we thank him most sincerely for all his help and support in our Parish over Christmas. We wish him well in his studies in Rome and hope that he will return to visit us again in the future.

MONAGHAN CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Monthly Healing Mass, in St Louis Convent Chapel Monaghan Monday 13 January at 8pm. Rosary at 7.30.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Please call into the Sacristy over the coming weeks to collect the new 2020 Rota sheet for the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Our January Newsletters are kindly sponsored by a Parishioner.

BALSANTER - TEXT ALERT REMINDER

086 2747474. Working together we will be safer.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH

Need help? Remember, you are not alone. Call...
1800 677777. *Your call can be the beginning of solutions.*

INTERNET BROADCASTING

Mass and other services will be broadcast each day over the internet. The operator of the system is Fr. Paul Byrne PP VF, Parochial House, Termonfeckin. Tel 041-9822121, to whom queries should be referred.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE:

The Baptism of the Lord-

Isaiah 42: 1 - 4, 6 - 7 ▪ Psalm 28 ▪

Acts 10: 34 - 38 ▪ Matthew 3: 13 - 17



EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE COLLECTION

This collection takes place in our Parish next weekend (11/12 January), there is a white envelope with a pink banner in the box of envelopes. This collection goes towards the support of the national services offered by the Irish Bishops' Conference, which include Pastoral Renewal and Youth Ministry; Catholic Education; Marriage, Family, Migrants & Pastoral Care; National Safeguarding of Children services; Communications; Worship & Faith Development. The Bishops' Conference also has various social outreaches, including a Drugs Initiative and support for Irish prisoners overseas.

YOUR EURO GIFT TO YOUR PARISH

At last Sunday's Masses you gave €1,612.50 in envelopes and €393.50 on the plate collection totalling €2,006.00 to help run our Parish. On Christmas Day the collection amounted to a total of €3,796.97, €2,766.97 on the plate and €1030.00 in envelopes

Thank you for your continued generosity and loyalty to your Parish.

Have you visited our new parish website yet? Check it out at www.termonfechinparish.ie

WE ARE LIVE...All services from the **church of the Immaculate Conception** are broadcast live via www.mcnmedia.tv, and can be view by anyone at any time across the planet, please share this news with family & friends who live away from home or who are unable to join us in church. Some 'smart' TV's are also able to receive the signal but for those who cannot a ROKU stick can be purchased by contacting the Parish Office.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE - Family and friends no longer living in the Parish?

Then *Termonfechin Parish* can help keep them informed about 'home'.

As a page we seek to reflect Catholic joy and heritage in an ever-changing world.

