

# 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 9 December @ 7.00pm IC ~	<b>Anniversary Masses this weekend</b> Ina Kierans • Betty McBride • Joseph, Margaret & Sheila Walsh + Jack & Collie Rafferty • Paddy Farrell & Farrell family deceased • Ann Rooney • Marie & Julius Noer
Sunday 10 December @ 9.30am A ~	
Sunday 10 December @ 11.00am IC ~	

Monday 11 December @ 9.30am IC ~ Patrick & Veronica Taaffe
Tuesday 12 December @ 9.30am IC ~
Wednesday 13 December @ 9.30am A ~
Thursday 14 December @ 9.30am IC ~



Saturday 16 December @ 7.00pm IC ~	<b>Anniversary Masses next weekend</b> Ida Fleming (1st Anniversary) • Ann McArdle • Dominic Hodgins • John, Mary & Phil Kavanagh & Mabs Farrell
Sunday 17 December @ 9.30am A ~	
Sunday 17 December @ 11.00am IC ~	

## RECENTLY DECEASED - REST IN PEACE

Helen Synnott (Peterborough)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - TIME OF QUIET FOR PRAISE AND BLESSINGS

Eucharistic Adoration in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfechin from 7pm to 8pm every

**Monday.** Holy Hour every **Tuesday** morning in St Michael's church, Clogherhead from 10am-11am.

**Friday** from 11am- 6pm via the internet only, see <https://www.termonfechinparish.ie/webcam>

In Scripture the beautiful verse from the Book of Psalms comes to mind:

*Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 45:10).*



## HONOURING SUNDAY AND THE CENTRALITY OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Winter 2023 General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference this week, Bishops stated, "the Sunday Mass is at the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal faith. While some may have drifted away from regular attendance of Mass, and others may have developed the habit of continuing to watch online instead of joining the community in person, we encourage families and individuals who are able to do so, to return to Mass for Christmas and the New Year, knowing the importance of the Sunday gathering in the life of our parishes".

In 2024 they will publish a Pastoral Letter and accompanying resources, to help achieve a greater appreciation of Sunday, knowing that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our spiritual and pastoral life.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Church of the Immaculate Conception

Deacon Led Children's Liturgy @ 6.00pm Christmas Eve (No Mass);

Christmas Day Mass @ 11.00am.

### Church of the Assumption

Vigil Mass @ 8.00pm;

Christmas Day Mass @ 9.00am.

All are welcome.

## PARISH ENVELOPES

The boxes of envelopes for 2024 are now available for distribution. Distributors are asked to please call to the Parochial house on Monday or Wednesday mornings between 9am & 1pm to collect the boxes for their area. Many thanks to all who help out with this task.



## POINSETTIA DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

Poinsettias are a beautiful Christmas decoration which adorn homes and churches. Perhaps you might consider when buying one for your home to buy a second one and donate it to the parish for the church for Christmas. Please leave your donation in either of our two churches. Thank you.

## COMMEMORATIVE BOOKS ON CARDINAL Ó FIAICH

To mark the centenary of Cardinal Ó Fiaich's birth a small number of commemorative books have been published and can be purchased from the Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library & Archive. All proceeds will go to the library. For details contact the library on 048 3752 2981.

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

John the Baptist is presented as a messenger to prepare the way for Jesus. Who have been messengers to you, preparing the way for the Lord by alerting you to ways in which you could improve your life? To whom have you been such a messenger?

## RECRUITMENT OF DIRECTOR OF TRAINING & SUPPORT

The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (the National Board) wishes to appoint a Director of Training and Support. The closing date for applications is 4pm on Monday 18 December 2023. Full details can be found at <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/about/careers/>.

**MASS CARDS** Mass Cards for a variety of intentions, including Sympathy, Get Well, Special Intentions and Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are available in the Parish office. (Monday & Wednes. mornings 9am-1pm).

## Our December Newsletters are kindly sponsored in memory of Ina Kierans RIP



### YOUR EURO GIFT TO YOUR PARISH

At last Sunday's Masses you gave €651.50 in 63 envelopes and €599.43 on the plate collection totalling €1,250.93 to help run our Parish.

*Thank you for your support to your Parish.*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE:

*Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)*

Isaiah 61: 1 - 2, 10 - 11 ▪ Psalm Lk.1

▪ 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24 ▪ John 1: 6 - 8. 19-28



## ST COLMCILLES SVP CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN 2023

This year our challenges again are unprecedented, people in our community are struggling with fuel and utility costs as well as feeding themselves and their families. Working families, people struggling with unemployment, people living alone, children and the elderly and many more are all affected this year. We CAN meet this challenge, but we can only do it with your support which we have valued so much throughout the years. The generosity of our community is matched by the tireless efforts of our volunteers who work relentlessly at this time of the year to try to make sure that every family/person who needs our help receives it. We are appealing to you for a gift voucher from a local store, or a monetary donation. Monetary donations will be distributed through vouchers which we will also source from local shops and business. You can make a donation in one of the following ways: -

1. Direct debit/bank transfer: Account Name - St. Colmcille's SVP IBAN - IE18 AIBK932094 60362077 BIC - AIBKIE2D
2. By Cheque - Payable to 'St. Colmcille's SVP'
3. By Post or Hand Delivery: - Drogheda Area SVP Office, 2, Magdalene Street, FAO 'St Colmcilles'.
4. On Line Donations: - [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie): - Choose - 'St Colmcilles' Conference. We appreciate and thank you sincerely. We wish you and your families a Safe and Happy Christmas. Should you require SVP assistance, please call our freephone No at 1800 677777. *Your call can be the beginning of solutions.*



## TERMONFECHIN PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Held every Tuesday at 8pm. Please note new address in Beltichbourne. Eircode A92DV24.



## ALTAR SOCIETY

*The Altar Society* in the church of the Assumption will hold a collection today, Sunday 10 December.

## BALSANTER - TEXT ALERT REMINDER 086 2747474.

Working together we will be safer.

## PAYZONE BUTTON AND QR CODES

Have you tried out our secure online 'Donate' facility yet? It is available through the parish website and on the parish Facebook page or **you can actually donate to the parish here using your smart phone and the newsletter! Just scan the QR Code.**



## INTERNET BROADCASTING

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