

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 16 December @ 7.00pm IC ~	Anniversary Masses this weekend Ida Fleming (1st Anniversary) • Ann McArdle • Dominic Hodgins • John, Mary & Phil Kavanagh & Mabs Farrell • Harry, Peg & Jimmy Clarke + Marjorie, Kathleen & Ned Cullen + Christy Dooley • John & Jenny Crosbie • Josephine Coffey & Willie Brien + Family deceased
Sunday 17 December @ 9.30am A ~	
Sunday 17 December @ 11.00am IC ~	

Monday 18 December @ 9.30am IC ~
Tuesday 19 December @ 9.30am IC ~
Wednesday 20 December @ 9.30am A ~
Thursday 21 December @ 9.30am IC ~



Saturday 23 December @ 7.00pm IC ~	Anniversary Masses next weekend Bernadette, Laurence, Val & Miriam Woods + David Smith
Sunday 24 December @ 9.30am A ~	
Sunday 24 December @ 11.00am IC ~	

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 24 December @ 6.00pm IC ~ Children's Liturgy (No Mass)	Anniversary Masses Rosaleen Flynn & family deceased • Sinead Reilly • James Anderson & family deceased • Patricia Doran & Mary Campbell
Sunday 24 December @ 8.00pm A ~	
Monday 25 December @ 9.00am A ~	
Monday 25 December @ 11.00am IC ~	

RECENTLY DECEASED - REST IN PEACE
Maureen Grace (Dunleer & Collon)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - TIME OF QUIET FOR PRAISE AND BLESSINGS

Eucharistic Adoration in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfeckin from 7pm to 8pm every **Monday (including Christmas Day)**.

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).



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE SUNDAY

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.*

As we journey in Advent and look forward to Christmas we celebrate our joy at the coming of the Lord.

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.

ST FEICHIN'S CHURCH

The parish is proposing to purchase St Feichin's church (Church of Ireland). The Parish Finance Committee have approved the proposal, which now needs to be ratified by the Archdiocese. It is hoped that the approval will come from the Archdiocese before the end of January which will enable us to make a firm bid. It is planned that in the future, once remedial work has been carried out that the building will house a Columbarium (repository for Ashes).

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, Wed or Thurs mornings between 9am & 1pm to collect the boxes for their area. Thanks to all the distributors.



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.

ANAM CARA ARMAGH

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20 December at 7:15pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Friary Rd, Armagh. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. For online support service contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 048 95213120

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 Wednesday & Thursday 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 €1,004.90 in 68 envelopes and €595.56 on the plate collection totalling €1,600.46 to help run our Parish.

Thank you for your support to your Parish.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7: 1 - 5, 8 - 12, 14, 16 ▪ Psalm 88

▪ Romans 16: 25 - 27 ▪ Luke 1: 26 - 38



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/>.

TERMONFECHIN PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Held every Tuesday at 8pm.
Please note new address in Beltichbourne.
Eircode A92 DV24.



ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society in the church of the Assumption raised €137.60 with their collection last Sunday 10 December. Thank you for your generosity.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH

Need help?

Remember, you are not alone.

Ring this number..... 1800 677777.

Your call can be the beginning of solutions.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

LOOP SYSTEM IN BOTH PARISH CHURCHES

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

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.**



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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.