

# 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 23 December @ 7.00pm IC ~	<b>Anniversary Masses this weekend</b> 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 ( <i>No Mass</i> )	<b>Anniversary Masses</b> Rosaleen Flynn & family deceased • Sinead Reilly • James Anderson & family deceased • Patricia Doran & Mary Campbell • Michael O'Donohoe
Sunday 24 December @ 8.00pm A ~	
Monday 25 December @ <b>9.00am A</b> ~	
Monday 25 December @ 11.00am IC ~	

Saturday 30 December @ 7.00pm IC ~	<b>Anniversary Masses next weekend</b> Peter Flanagan • Patricia Moore & Maura Owens
Sunday 31 December @ 9.30am A ~	
Sunday 31 December @ 11.00am IC ~	

\* Please note no weekday Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday \*

<b>RECENTLY DECEASED - REST IN PEACE</b> Liam Gorman • Michael O'Donohoe (Ballyglunin, Co Galway) • Maureen Grace (Dunleer & Collon)
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## 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 (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).



## FOR THERE IS A CHILD BORN FOR US

At the Children's Liturgy and Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve we begin to celebrate with Joy the birth of Christ. The Christmas season continues until Sunday 7 January 2024 when the season ends with the final Mass for the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

So in both our churches the Crib scene will remain in place over these days giving us time to wonder at the mystery of the Christ Child before us. You are invited to take time this Christmas season to pray before the image of the Christ Child, your Saviour!

May all our homes be filled with the Joy that the birth of Jesus brings to humanity. That we may be all strengthened and renewed with the Joy and Hope His birth brings.

*May the truth of Christ's birth bring many blessings to everyone in our Parish*

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Church of the Immaculate Conception

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

Christmas Day Mass @ 11.00am.

All are welcome.

### Church of the Assumption

Vigil Mass @ 8.00pm;

Christmas Day Mass @ 9.00am.



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas offers the world, of all faiths and none, in all its diversity, the opportunity to stop, to renew family relationships and to exercise the best of our common humanity. It challenges nations and institutions by its message of peace and goodwill to all. But the Word was made flesh promises more, being graced with God's DNA-joy-the joy of being alive, the joy of being loved, the joy of knowing that God is the remedy to the struggle of our human journey.

### 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).

**ARCHBISHOP MARTIN** Christmas message: "as people of God we can never allow ourselves, or the world, to stop daring to hope" is available in full on the Irish catholic Bishops website <https://www.Catholicbishops.ie/2023/12/20/christmas-2023-message-from-archbishop-camon->

**ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?** The Living Well programme is a FREE, 6 week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. There are spaces available on our January 2024 Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 or Elaine 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

**TERMONFECHIN PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP**  
Held every Tuesday at 8pm. Please note new address in Beltichbourne. Eircode A92 DV24.  
Further inquiries contact Sandra 085 8110475.

**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 €1,241.50 in 64 envelopes and €558.92 on the plate collection totalling €1,800.42 to help run our Parish.

*Thank you for your support to your Parish.*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE:

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

Genesis 15: 1 - 6; 21: 1 - 3 ▪ Psalm 104

▪ Hebrews 11: 8. 11 - 12. 17 - 19 ▪ Luke 2: 22 - 40



### WELCOMED WITH GREAT JOY

During the months of November & December Maddison Rose Burke, Canonstown; Lila Grace Sutherland, Castle Park; Lucy Anna Guilfoyle, Drogheda; Ríadh Aileen O'Brien, Drogheda; John Cian Reddy, Sandpit; Layla Elizabeth Lynch, Termonfeckin; Corey Calvin & Cain Cruz Gorman, Navan; Ellie Laura Collins, Dublin; were welcomed in the Church by Baptism.

Baptisms take place on the second Sunday of each month. To arrange a Baptism please call Ann in the Parish Office.

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** The Pro Life Campaign will hold their annual church gate collection after all Masses next weekend 30/31 December.

### ST COLMCILLE'S SVP CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN 2023

We appreciate and thank you sincerely for your kindness and generosity. We wish you and your families a Safe and Happy Christmas.

Should you need help, remember you are not alone. Please call our freephone no. at 1800 677 777  
*Your call can be the beginning of solutions.*



### 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.