

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 30 December @ 7.00pm IC ~	Anniversary Masses this weekend Peter Flanagan • Patricia Moore & Maura Owens • Patricia Mooney (Orion, Yellowgap)
Sunday 31 December @ 9.30am A ~	
Sunday 31 December @ 11.00am IC ~	

Monday 1 January @ 9.30am IC ~
Tuesday 2 January @ 7.00pm IC ~ Padre Pio Prayer Group
Wednesday 3 January @ 9.30am A ~
Thursday 4 January @ 9.30am IC ~
Saturday 6 January @ 9.30am IC ~ The Epiphany of the Lord



Saturday 6 January @ 7.00pm IC ~	Anniversary Masses next weekend Brendan Boylan (1st Anniversary) • Jody Purcell
Sunday 7 January @ 9.30am A ~	
Sunday 7 January @ 11.00am IC ~	

RECENTLY DECEASED - REST IN PEACE John Horgan • Liam Gorman • Michael O'Donohoe (Ballyglunin, Co Galway) • Maureen Grace (Dunleer & Collon)

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 New Years 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).



THANK YOU

To all those who donated poinsettias to decorate our churches this Christmas, thank you. Also to those who gave donations for Zambia, many thanks. Thank you to all who helped out in anyway over the last year, your work is much appreciated.



Prayer at the Crib

Heavenly Father, as we wonder and hesitate to believe, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, fill our hearts with joy, as we recognise in this helpless babe the revelation of your love, a new radiant vision of your glory.

Filled with wonder at the nearness of our God in Mary's newborn child, may we now offer him our praise, worship and thanksgiving and give him the love and loyalty of our hearts. Amen

WELCOMING A NEW YEAR 2024

Monday next New Year's Day - another significant date in our lives. In our Catholic tradition the first day of a new year is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. She is the bearer of the Christ who redeems the world we seek to make better and more just. She is the supreme example of openness to God's saving presence.

A Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, please give me...
A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;
A work to do which has real value,
without which the world would be the poorer;
A mind unafraid to travel,
even though the trail be not blazed;
An understanding heart; A sense of humor;
Time for quiet, silent meditation;
A feeling of the presence of God;
The patience to wait for the coming of these things,
With the wisdom to recognise them when they come.

Amen

The Pope's Intention for January

For the gift of diversity in the Church:

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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 €980.10 in envelopes and €479.13 on the plate collection totalling €1,459.23 to help run our Parish.
On Christmas Day a total of €3,596.55 was donated.
Thank you for your support to your Parish.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE:

The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 55: 1 - 11 ▪ Psalm Isaiah 12: 2 - 6
▪ 1 John 5: 1 - 9 ▪ Mark 1: 7 - 11



UPCOMING DATES

Next Saturday 6 January we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord (Mass at 9.30am IC).
Sunday next, 7 January, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
Week of prayer for Christian Unity
Starting on 18 January and ending on 25 January - the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul.
Catholic Schools week will take place from 21 to 27 January, with the theme "Catholic Schools—Communities of Service".



PRAYER BY TELEPHONE

The Sisters of Mercy "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All requests are confidential. Telephone: 042 9331602 between 9am - 9pm. One of the Sisters will be happy to LISTEN and PRAY WITH YOU

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

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.



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.**



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.