

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 24 February @ 7.00pm IC ~	Anniversary Masses this weekend Peter McCullough • Paddy Reynolds • James Maguire • Jenny smith • Sinead Reilly • Nan & James Quaille • Rene Tully & dec'd members of the Tully family • John & Margaret Flanagan • Patrick, Mary Ann & Sean Faulkner & family deceased
Sunday 25 February @ 9.30am A ~	
Sunday 25 February @ 11.00am IC ~	

Monday 26 February @ 9.30am IC ~
Tuesday 27 February @ 9.30am IC ~
Wednesday 28 February @ 9.30am A ~
Thursday 29 February @ 9.30am IC ~



Saturday 2 March @ 7.00pm IC ~	Anniversary Masses next weekend Jimmy McGuinness (Month's Mind) • Frank & Brigid Holmes • Peggy & Charlie Collier • Fr Thomas O'Kane & Annie Belton
Sunday 3 March @ 9.30am A ~	
Sunday 3 March @ 11.00am IC ~	

RECENTLY DECEASED - REST IN PEACE

Margaret McDonald (Liverpool) • **Damien Reynolds** (England & late of Drogheda Rd) • **Michael King** (Belcotton) • **Jimmy McGuinness** (Baltray Road) • **John McHugh** (Monasterboice) • **Jimmy Lynch** (Yellowfurze, Co. Meath) • **John Sweeney** (Donegal) • **Alec McClean** (Annagassan)

ECHARISTIC ADORATION - TIME OF QUIET FOR PRAISE AND BLESSINGS

Eucharistic Adoration in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfeckin from 7pm to 8pm every **Monday**.

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).



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

Stations of the Cross will take place at **4pm** on the Sunday's of Lent in the church of the Immaculate Conception Termonfeckin, all are welcome.



ST ELIZABETHS CONVENT, MINSK

Next weekend 2/3 March we welcome the sisters from St Elizabeth's Convent in Minsk, who will have a small craft stall selling items that have been made by them and those they support in their convent, which was founded in 1999 on the outskirts of Minsk. The convent currently has just under 100 nuns and around 300 sisters of mercy. They provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. Since its establishment the convent has been patronizing 200 orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies. There is a charity shelter for people who have suffer from the rough and tumble of life (the homeless, drug or alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able). Over 200 residents live there today. To aid and develop the above ministries, the nuns would greatly appreciate your support.

TROCAIRE LENT CAMPAIGN

'I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."' (Psalm 116:10)

Travelling so far for water each day affects other parts of the lives of Malita and her children, Margaret, Patrick and Patricia. Carrying 20 litres of water leaves the children tired and some days they are not able to go to school. Farming is an important part of how the family support themselves, but a lack of water makes farming difficult. Trócaire and our partners in Malawi are working to create solutions to the water shortages, such as digging bore holes close to villages. To learn more, go to: [https:// www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/ parishes/](https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/)

ZAMBIA UPDATE

Two items of update re our Zambia outreach. In summer 2023 a generous donor contributed €5000 to our Zambia fund which was given to the hospice in St. Mary's parish. After consideration the hospice used the donation to buy a blood count machine. This is an essential piece of equipment for the clinic which for the most parts treats patients who are HIV+ and where blood tests are required frequently. The nearest hospital is several hours away and the people are unable to travel the long distance in order to both have the tests and receive results and treatment. Secondly, Zambia has come to the end of its rainy season. It was a mixed bag of heavy downpours and dry spells which isn't good for the crops. Unfortunately this past two weeks has seen unseasonably hot weather - 10 degrees Celsius above normal and the highest ever recorded for this time of year. It has dried the ground too quickly and has damaged the young crops with significant stock losses already. This will cause severe shortage of maize meal which is the people's main food and therefore cause the retail prices to soar in the coming months. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers.

INVITATION TO 12 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Praying with Blessed Carlo Acutis for Vocations, on Monday 11 March for 12 hours ,commencing with Mass at 9.30am church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfeckin. You are invited to sign up for a period of Adoration during this day so that there is always someone in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Blessed Carlo was an Italian Catholic teenager. His love of the Eucharist was his life, he said *"The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven"*. He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10 October 2020, 2 days before the 14th Anniversary of his death. See document at back of Church to sign up for period of Adoration.

LENTEN JOURNEY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group invite you to St Malachy's Church on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm for a Lenten Journey with the Holy Spirit. All welcome! 27 Feb – *"The New Life" with Archbishop Eamon Martin*
5 March – *"Receiving God's Gifts" with Mary Brennan* 12 March – *"Baptism in the Holy Spirit" with Fr Gerry Campbell*
19 March – *"Growth" with Teresa Lappin* 26 March – *"Transformation in Christ" with Deacon Pat Butterly*

PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER MEETING

Held every **Thursday at 8pm**. Will now meet in the Parish Hall (Old School) Eircode A92 DNT9 .

Further inquiries contact Sandra 085 8110475.

BALSANTER - TEXT ALERT REMINDER 086 2747474.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH

Need help?

Remember, you are not alone.

Ring this number..... 1800 677777.



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 .

YOUR EURO GIFT TO YOUR PARISH

At last Sunday's Masses you gave €742.30 in 88 envelopes and €626.16 on the plate collection totalling €1,368.46 to help run our Parish.

Thank you for your support to your Parish.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 20: 1 - 17 ▪ Psalm 18

▪ 1 Corinthians 1: 22 - 25 ▪ John 2: 13 - 25



ACTIVE AGEING - CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Colm Markey, MEP is hosting an information Coffee Morning for Older Citizens in the Gateway Hotel, Dundalk (formerly the Crown Plaza) on Monday 4 March at 10am. The event will provide useful information on enhanced home care, use of communication technology and to connect our older citizens to the many support services available to them. Followed by an interactive discussion seeking public feedback. All interested groups and individuals are most welcome to attend.

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.