



Parish websites:
www.monasterboiceparish.com
www.termonfechinparish.ie

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area Newsletter

Internet Broadcasting: Mass & other services will be broadcast each day over the internet. The operators of the systems are Fr Paul Byrne PP., Fr Paddy Rushe PP. & Fr Martin McVeigh PP

Parish websites:
www.clogherheadparish.ie
www.togherparish.com



21st December 2025

Sunday Cycle A; Psalter Week 4

Clergy: V. Rev. Patrick Rushe, PP., Vf, Monasterboice & Adm Togher 086 880 7470 (via Whatsapp); V. Rev. Paul Byrne PP., Termonfechin 041 98 22121; V. Rev. Martin McVeigh PP., Clogherhead 087 379 1443;
Rev. Akan Ekpe, MSP, CC. 089 461 3811; V. Rev. Tom Daly, PE, AP. Togher 041 685 2110

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fourth Sunday of Advent

As Christmas draws near Elizabeth and Mary
show us the way to open our hearts to
receive the Christ with wonder and love.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

5pm Tenure
5.30pm Clogherhead
6pm Togher
6pm Termonfechin
7pm Dillonstown
7.30pm Walshestown
8pm Fieldstown
8pm Sandpit

Christmas Day

9am Dysart
9.15am Sandpit
9.30am Walshestown
9.45am Fieldstown
10am Togher
11am Clogherhead
11am Termonfechin
11.30am Dillonstown
11.30am Tenure

All are welcome.

Advent Service will take place today (Sunday 21st December) at 5pm in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Termonfechin. All welcome.

Confessions for Christmas continue on Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December, in Termonfechin at 12noon, Tenure at 1pm, Dysart at 5.30pm each day & Clogherhead (*Monday only*) at 6.30pm .

Poinsettia donations to all churches in the pastoral area are very welcome. Please drop them off at the Sacristies.

Nine days of visiting the Cribs in the Churches of **St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area**. We are blessed to have nine beautiful cribs in each of the Churches in the Pastoral Area. Jointly, the Parish Pastoral Councils invite parishioners to **gather each day** from the 27th December to the 4th January, at **3.00pm to offer three prayers** for peace in our families and throughout the world and to simply appreciate the beauty of each crib scene. The three prayers to be offered are; **The Divine Mercy Chaplet, The Prayer before a Crib & The Hail Holy Queen**

Clogherhead & Walshestown Frustratingly our landline is still not operational. We hope to have it activated in the coming days DV 041-9822224

Naomh Fionnbarra & St. Anne's GFG are hosting the GOAL mile at John Markey Park, Ballygassan from 11-12.30pm on Sunday 28th December. We welcome everyone in the community to walk/run a mile and join us for a cuppa to raise much needed funds for GOAL.

St Fechins GAA Club, Beaulieu will host the GOAL mile walk/run on Friday 26th December at 11am. All welcome

Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. To donate, go to www.marysmeals.ie or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you

St Colmcilles SVP Need help? Remember, you are not alone.
Ring this number..... 1800 677777. *Your call can be the beginning of solutions.*

Balsanter - Text Alert Reminder 086 2747474. Working together we will be safer.

Next Sunday's Scripture

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6. 12-14; Psalm 127;

Colossians 3: 12 - 17; Matthew 2: 13-15. 19-23

December Newsletters

Are kindly sponsored
in memory of Ina Kierans.

Masses Times - Clogherhead Parish

Sunday 21 December @ 10.45am Walshestown ~
Sunday 21 December @ 12 noon Clogherhead ~ Maggie & Frank Matthews • Lizzy & Philip McEvoy • Philip Moore • Mary & Jim Sherry • Kate & Joey Smith + Anna May Kinsella family deceased
Wednesday 24 December @ 5.30pm Clogherhead ~ Thomas Goodman (<i>Month's Mind</i>) • James & Patricia Cunningham • Ted & Chris Heeley • Desmond Dyas
Wednesday 24 December @ 7.30pm Walshestown ~ Nora, James, Seamus & Paul Campbell • Paddy & May Caffrey + Bernard Julia, John, Ben & Bredeen Mathews + Sandra McCartney•
Thursday 25 December @ 9.30am Walshestown ~
Thursday 25 December @ 11am Clogherhead ~
Sunday 28 December @ 10.45am Walshestown ~ Josephine Reynolds • Joe Meegan, Peter and Mary Meegan
Sunday 28 December @ 12 noon St Michael's Church Clogherhead ~ Bridie McAuley (<i>1st Anniversary</i>) • Paul, Yvonne, Mary & Christy Mitchell • Linda Sheedy • Alice Conry, Joan & Paddy Hodgins + Mary & Paddy O'Halloran

Masses Times - Monasterboice Parish

Sunday 21 December @ 9.45am Fieldstown ~ Eileen Winters & Callan family deceased • Dermot Seberry • Larry Johnson • Roche family deceased, Ballymakenny
Sunday 21 December @ 11.30am Tenure ~ Christine & Michael O'Brien
Tuesday 23 December @ 9.30am Tenure ~
Wednesday 24 December @ 5pm Tenure ~ Aniema Ekpe
Wednesday 24 December @ 8pm Fieldstown ~ Kathleen & Gabriel Byrne
Thursday 25 December @ 9.45am Fieldstown ~ Sheila Clarke
Thursday 25 December @ 11.30am Tenure ~ Paddy Dunne (<i>3rd Av.</i>) • Bridie, John & Philip Dowling + Michael McQuillan
Friday 26 December @ 7pm Tenure ~ No Mass
Sunday 28 December @ 9.45am Fieldstown ~
Sunday 28 December @ 11.30am Tenure ~ Breda Egan (<i>3rd Av.</i>) • Jim Clarke (<i>28th Av.</i>) • John Mulroy (<i>12th Av.</i>)

Recently Deceased - Rest in Peace

Ita Cunningham Kennedy (née Carr) Harbour Rd. Clogherhead • **Niamh Hickey (née Boylan)** Ardee & formerly Drumcar • **Alan Brodigan** Miltown, Termonfechin • **Margaret Rogers (née Blaney)** Adamstown, Dunleer • **Colette Campbell**, Tullyallen • **Owen D'Arcy**, Annagassan • **Kathleen Boylan (née Byrne)** Rathdaniel, Tinure • **Patrick (Pat) Rath** Annagassan • **George Floyd** Tinure • **Liam Gough** Navan • **Jim O'Reilly** Newtownstallaban • **Anne Taylor (née Keyes)** Annagassan • **Vera Shevlin (née O'Hanlon)** Drumcar • **Thomas Goodman** Clogherhead •

Parish Envelopes The boxes of envelopes for 2026 are now available for distribution for **Monasterboice and Termonfechin Parishes**. The Monasterboice envelopes are available for collection at the back of the church and the Termonfechin distributors are asked to please call to the Parochial house on Monday between 9am & 1pm to collect the boxes for their area. Many thanks to all who help out with this task.

Mullary Cemetery Draw: # 40 Oonagh McCabe

Masses Times - Termonfechin Parish

Saturday 20 December @ 7.30pm Church of the Immaculate Conception Termonfechin ~ Patricia Doolan (<i>1st Anniversary</i>) • Peg, Harry & Jimmy Clarke • Ned, Kathleen & Majorie Cullen & Christy Dooley
Sunday 21 December @ 9.15am Sandpit ~ Liam Gorman
Monday 22 December @ 9.30am Termonfechin ~
Tuesday 23 December @ 9.30am Termonfechin ~
Wednesday 24 December @ 6pm Termonfechin ~
Wednesday 24 December @ 8pm Sandpit ~ Rosie Flynn • James Anderson & family deceased
Thursday 25 December @ 9.15am Sandpit ~ Sinéad Reilly
Thursday 25 December @ 11am Termonfechin ~ Eugene Kearney (<i>2nd Av.</i>)
Saturday 27 December @ 7.30pm Termonfechin ~
Sunday 28 December @ 9.15am Sandpit ~

Masses Times - Togher Parish

Saturday 20 December @ 6.15pm Dysart ~ Nuala & Kevin Murphy • Arlene Kearney
Sunday 21 December @ 10am Togher ~ Edward Martin & family deceased
Sunday 21 December @ 11.30am St Finian's Dillonstown ~ Kitty, Andy & Rea McQuillan + Alice Clarke
Monday 22 December @ 7pm Togher ~
Wednesday 24 December @ 6pm Togher ~
Wednesday 24 December @ 7pm Dillonstown ~
Thursday 25 December @ 9am Dysart ~
Thursday 25 December @ 10am Togher ~
Thursday 25 December @ 11.30am Dillonstown ~
Friday 26 December @ 10am St Finian's Dillonstown ~
Saturday 27 December @ 6.15pm Dysart ~
Sunday 28 December @ 10am Togher ~ Maura & Eileen Dunne
Sunday 28 December @ 11.30am St Finian's Dillonstown ~ Vera Shevlin (<i>Month's Mind</i>) • Anne Taylor (<i>Month's Mind</i>)

Sandpit Church Altar Society church gate collection last week raised €211.70, thank you for you generosity.

Pro life campaign will hold a church gate collection next weekend 27th/28th December after all Masses in the Pastoral Area.

Your Euro Gift to your Parish.

Monasterboice Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €594 in envelopes, €403 on the plate, €770.00 online & €110.50 on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Termonfechin Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €781.50 in envelopes, €476.89 on the plate, Priests Dues €230, €465 online & €83.10 on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Clogherhead Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €574.00 in envelopes, €235.75 on the plate & €264.25 on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Togher Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €772.50 in envelopes and €401.46 on the plate.

Thank you for your support for your

Parish Office Hours: Please note the parish office is open **Monday (22nd Dec)** from 9am-1pm only, (closed for the remainder of the week). Please call Rosey/Ann **087-3791443**.

