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

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area Newsletter

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

Sunday Cycle A; Psalter Week 1 **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH** ***28th December 2025***

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

Masses Times - Clogherhead Parish
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 *(1st Anniversary)* • Paul, Yvonne, Mary & Christy Mitchell • Linda Sheedy • Alice Conry, Joan & Paddy Hodgins + Mary & Paddy O'Halloran
Thursday 1 January @ **9.30am Clogherhead** ~ No Mass
Sunday 4 January @ **10.45am Walshestown** ~ Philomena & Jack Hand
Sunday 4 January @ **12 noon St Michael's Church Clogherhead** ~ Maureen Kirwan • John & Molly Farrell

Masses Times - Monasterboice Parish
Sunday 28 December **@ 9.45am Fieldstown** ~
Sunday 28 December **@ 11.30am Tenure** ~ Breda Egan *(3rd Av.)* • Jim Clarke *(28th Av.)* • John Mulroy *(12th Av.)*
Tuesday 30 December **@ 9.30am Tenure** ~
Wednesday 31 December **@ 9.30am Fieldstown** ~
Thursday 1 January @ **12noon Tenure** ~
Friday 2 January **@ 7pm Tenure** ~ Colette Campbell *(Month's Mind)*
Sunday 4 January **@ 9.45am Fieldstown** ~
Sunday 4 January **@ 11.30am Tenure** ~ Enda Callaghan *(BR)*

Masses Times - Termonfechin Parish
Saturday 27 December @ **7.30pm Termonfechin** ~
Sunday 28 December @ **9.15am Sandpit** ~
Monday 29 December @ **9.30am Termonfechin ~ No Mass**
Tuesday 30 December @ **9.30am Termonfechin ~ No Mass**
Wednesday 31 December @ **9.30am Sandpit** ~ Patricia Moore, Grainne Campion, Luke Owens & Una Mattimore
Thursday 1 January @ **9.30am Termonfechin ~ No Mass**
Saturday 3 January @ **7.30pm Termonfechin** ~ Jim O'Reilly *(Month's Mind)* • Peter Flanagan
Sunday 4 January @ **9.15am Sandpit** ~ Helen Kelly *(1st Anniversary)* • Jimmy & Detta Meegan + Cis Campbell

Masses Times - Togher Parish
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 *(Month's Mind)* • Anne Taylor *(Month's Mind)*
Monday 29 December @ **7pm Togher ~ No Mass**
Thursday 1 January **@ 10am Dysart ~ No Mass**
Friday 2 January @ **10am St Finian's Dillonstown** ~
Saturday 3 January @ **6.15pm Dysart** ~ Pierce & Peter Callaghan
Sunday 4 January @ **10am Togher ~**
Sunday 4 January @ **11.30am St Finian's Dillonstown** ~ Philip Bannon

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.

Novena of The Cribs

Nine days of visiting the Cribs in the Churches of **St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area**

Day 1: Saturday 27th December	Immaculate Conception, **TENURE A92 A564**	**Day 6:** Thursday 1st January 2025	The Nativity of Our Lady, **FIELDSTOWN A92 CH28**
Day 2: Sunday 28th December	St. Borchill's, **DYSART A92 ND86**	**Day 7:** Friday 2nd January 2025	Immaculate Conception, **TERMONFECHIN A92 W665**
Day 3: Monday 29th December	The Assumption, **SANDPIT A92 H004**	**Day 8:** Saturday 3rd January 2025	St. Finian's, **DILLONSTOWN A92 X206**
Day 4: Tuesday 30th December	St. Colmcille's, **TOGHER A92 K8KK**	**Day 9:** Sunday 4th January	St. Michael's, **CLOGHERHEAD A92 W294**
Day 5: Wednesday 31st December	Sts. Peter & Paul's, **WALSHESTOWN A92 P934**		

You are welcome to join Fr. Paddy at the 3pm time or make the Novena in your own time.

The Prayers will be available at each Crib.

Please be advised that some Churches are not always open during the day.

Blessings to you and your family this Christmas.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who helped prepare the churches for, and those who helped lead us in prayer at our Masses this Christmas. It was great to see so many people gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Let us continue the journey together through the remainder of the Christmas season and beyond!
To all those who donated poinsettias to decorate our churches this Christmas, thank you. Thank you to all who helped out in anyway over the last year, your work is much appreciated.

First Friday visits - will take place this week. If you are or know someone who is housebound and would like a sick call, please call the parish office on 087-3791443, to arrange a visit.

Fr Martin will gladly visit parishioners in their nursing homes or housebound at home. Tel 087-3791443. (Moorehall Ardee was visited on Saturday past). Note: the Holy Communion calls were done in Clogherhead & Walshestown for Christmas on Monday past instead of the 1st Friday of January. Take note that the next First Friday visits in C&W will be on February 6th.

St Michael's Church Clogherhead Church cleaners for January, Marie Barron, Lucia Kirwan & Aileen Cunningham. Many thanks to our December teams for St Michael's & Ss Peter & Paul's church Walshestown.

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.

Clogherhead & Walshestown Frustratingly our landine is still not operational. Sorry for any inconvenience this is causing. Please call the Pastoral number 087– 3791443

Next Sunday's Scripture
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
Ecclesiasticus (Sir) 24: 1-2, 8-12; Psalm 147;
Ephesians 1: 3 - 6, 15-18; John 1: 1 - 18

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Prayer around the crib

May the crib be a beacon of hope for us and for the whole world… May the star of Bethlehem… fill our homes with hospitality, joy, gentleness and thanksgiving and guide our steps in the way of peace. Amen.

Recently Deceased - Rest in Peace
Edward (Eddie) Roger Castlelumney, Dunleer •
Ita Cunningham Kennedy (née Carr) Harbour Rd. Clogherhead •
Niamh Hickey (née Boylan) Ardee & formerly Drumcar • **Alan Brodigan** Miltown, Termonfeckin • **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

Pope's Intentions for January
For prayer with the Word of God
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Clogherhead Parish wish to acknowledge with thanks those involved in fitting a new digital pump for St Michaels Church heating. The original pump had developed a fault over the 12+ years and our heating in St Michael's had been poor over the past few months.

Pastoral Area administration charges from January 1st 2026, the following administration charges will apply.
Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage certificates etc, & letters of Freedom will cost €10. Planning Letters will cost €20. Thank you for your understanding.

Naomh Fionnbarra & St. Anne's GFG are hosting the GOAL mile at John Markey Park, Ballygassan from 11-12.30pm today, 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.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Dublin direct to Mostar – Medjugorje (returning via Split). Departing from Dundalk on Wednesday, 10th June, and returning on Wednesday, 17th June 2026. Early Booking Discount: €50 per person for all deposits of €200 received before January 31st, 2026. Price €845 per person sharing Duration 7 nights, half-board. Spiritual Director Fr. Paul Montague, Reaghstown Parish. For more information about joining the group, please contact James at 087-2202173.

Pilgrimage to Pietrelcina and San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio) from 15th June 2026 for 5 nights, with Spiritual Director Fr Maciej Zacharek and hotel within walking distance of the sanctuary. €995pps with flights to Naples. Full details on www.marian.ie or by contacting Paul Johnstone 086 828 1889.

Pro life campaign will hold a church gate collection this weekend 27th/28th December after all Masses in the Pastoral Area.
Ardee Hospice thanks to all who donated to Ardee Hospice at the recent Carol Service in Togher, €1,200 was raised.

Your €uro Gift to your Parish.
Termonfechin Parish - At last Sunday's Masses you gave €1,283.20 in envelopes, €475.78 on the plate, Priests Dues €820.00 & €1,710.00 online
Clogherhead, Togher & Monasterboice - Collection totals from last weekend will be published in next weeks newsletter.
Thank you for your support for your Parish.

Parish Office Hours: Please note the parish office is open **Monday (29th Dec)** from 9am-1pm only, (closed for the remainer of the week). Please call Rosey/Ann **087-3791443**.

PARISH OFFICE