

# 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.*

## CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

### All Public Masses suspended until further notice

Masses will be celebrated privately from the Oratory

and are broadcast via the Parish website at [www.termonfechinparish.ie](http://www.termonfechinparish.ie)

In the current emergency situation, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.

***(Please note that, in an emergency, Baptisms may be celebrated, please contact Fr Paul)***

**\*All Masses will continue to be broadcast live via the internet  
on [www.termonfechinparish.ie](http://www.termonfechinparish.ie) from the Oratory \***

Sunday 3 January @ 11.30am ~

Monday 4 January @ 9.30am ~

Tuesday 5 January @ 7pm ~ St. Pio Prayer Group • Mary Hanna (*Month's Mind*)

Wednesday 6 January @ 7pm ~ Feast of the Epiphany • Jodie Purcell (*1st Anniversary*)

Friday 8 January @ 9.30am ~



Sunday 10 January @ 11.30am ~ Molly & Kevin Woods & deceased members of the Garvey family

## RECENTLY DECEASED - REST IN PEACE

Peter Byrne, Castlebellingham • Mary Hanna, (née O'Neill), Beaulieu • Sr Monica Laughlin, Drogheda

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION IN YOUR HEART

When we cannot attend Mass, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist, and ask Him to unite Himself with us. The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; an Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into your heart.

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday's Eucharistic Adoration in the church of the Immaculate Conception, will continue between 7pm & 8pm via the internet only.

Eucharistic Adoration from the oratory each Friday 11am– 6pm also via the internet only.



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dear friends,

May I wish you and all your families a very happy, holy and blessed Christmas. May 2021 be a year of hope and new beginnings for us all - especially after the events of 2020.

Thank you to all who organised and participated in our Christmas Masses. In a special way I want to thank St. Fechin's GAA club for the offer of the car park for our Christmas Eve "drive in" Mass. It definitely made accommodating as many people as possible, an easier task.

Unfortunately we ended the year with further restrictions on public worship. This is highly unjustified and totally out of proportion, considering how much of the commercial sector that continues to operate. Our parish Covid19 team plus our stewards and sanitisers have done a magnificent job in ensuring that our churches are safe places for all visitors and congregations. By all means protest to your political representatives who should be in a position to challenge such decisions.

*Fr Paul*

### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6. This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them.

These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.



#### 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



#### BALSANTER - TEXT ALERT REMINDER

**086 2747474.** Working together we will be safer.

*Newsletter* **Our January Newsletters are kindly sponsored for the Intentions of the People of the Parish .**



#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPONSORING OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER?

We are inviting donations of €40 per week or €150 for 4 weeks for sponsorship of the newsletter to help defray parish costs, with the optional benefit of accreditation for your business or self each week. Please talk to Fr Paul or Ann in the parish office.

#### INTERNET BROADCASTING

Mass and other services will be broadcast each day over the internet. The operator of the system is Fr. Paul Byrne PP VF, Parochial House, Termonfeckin. Tel 041-9822121, to whom queries should be referred.

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE:

*The Baptism of the Lord*  
Isaiah 42:1 - 4. 6 - 7 ▪ Psalm 28 ▪  
Acts 10: 34 - 38 ▪ Mark 1 : 7 - 11



#### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Due to the suspension of public Masses, once again the Parish is without an income as there are NO collections being taken up. Therefore if you would like to continue to contribute the parish during this time, it maybe more convenient for you to do so online or by direct debit. The Parish account details are as follows; Termonfechin Parish No 3 A/C IBAN : IE97 BOFI 9033 2284 1594 48. Please remember to put your name in the reference/details box. If you have any questions or require any help with this please call Ann on the Parish Office on 087-6486809. You may also drop your envelopes through the letterbox at the Parochial house. Thank you for your continued support.

#### CREDIT UNION - CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Normal business hours recommence on Monday 4 January.

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH

Need help? Remember, you are not alone. Call... 1800 677777. *Your call can be the beginning of solutions.*

#### YOUR EURO GIFT TO YOUR PARISH

At the Christmas Masses you gave €2,867.00 in 59 envelopes and €1,982.24 on the plate collection totalling €4,849.24 to help run our Parish. *Thank you.*