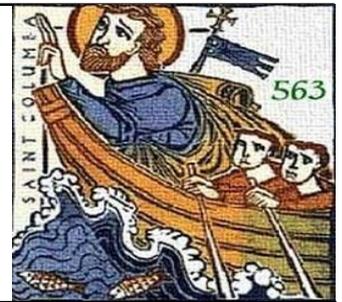


# PARISH of TOGHER



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

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## A Thought from Monsignor Jim

There's some optimism presenting now with the roll-out of the vaccine. We're hopeful that this will be part of the answer to this historic life-changing pandemic. Please God.

While there is some optimism, we still need to be realistic and accept that we have a fair bit to go yet!

We still need to address the "inner journey" and nourish spirit and soul in a way that makes us resilient.

Poetry and song and reflective prayer can hugely enhance this journey, and Rita Connolly's haunting rendition of "The Deer's Cry" offers us a Bridge over Troubled Waters.

*"I arise today through the strength of heaven  
Light of sun, radiance of moon  
Splendour of fire, speed of lightening  
Swiftness of wind, depth of the sea  
Stability of earth, firmness of rock.  
I arise today through God's strength to pilot me  
God's eye to look before me  
God's wisdom to guide me  
God's way to lie before me  
God's shield to protect me,  
I arise today" (cf youtube)*

Send me a copy of your own favourite song or poem and we might use it in a future newsletter. Sharing is caring, and together we are stronger.

*"Let the desert and the arid lands be glad;*

*let the wasteland rejoice and bloom;*

*Let it burst into flower..." (Isaiah 35) maybe even into song!! Monsignor Jim Carroll PP*

### Anniversary Masses

**Sunday 21st February**

- James & Mary Murphy (Port)

**Friday 26th Feb —**

**Sunday 28th Feb—**

### Recently Deceased

We pray for Malachy Carroll, Seaview, Ballygassan - Funeral Mass in Dillonstown today (Sunday) at 11.30am and to Kilsaran Cemetery. Margaret Hanratty (née Doyle), Lynns, Annagassan, Sheila Lynch (née McCullough), Dunleer, Jenny Barton, Sally Lodge, Mary McKeon (née Markey) Beaulieu & formerly Dunany, David McCormack, Drogheda, Angela Mulroy (née Barton), Dunleer & Fr Tommy McGeough PE, Ardee. *May they Rest in the Peace of Christ.*

**Sunday Gospel – Mark 1:12 - 15**

**Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



**COVID-19**

**THANKING YOU ALL FOR MINDING EACH OTHER.**

*In the current emergency situation,*

*all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.*

**Public Masses are suspended until further notice**

Sunday & Friday morning Masses will be celebrated privately from the Church of the St Colmcille, Togher @ 10am

**During this time of restrictions - All Masses will be broadcast live via the internet on**

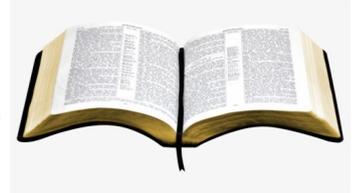
**<https://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-st-columcille>**

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?** *(In the words of Pope Francis)*

Fast from hurting words and say kind things.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words; be silent and listen.



**Repent and believe the good news** was the heart of the message of Jesus, in today's Gospel. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life? Jesus he is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his God-given mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them.



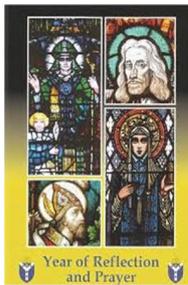
**Trócaire** Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Families like Awut and Ajak's in South Sudan need your support now more than ever. Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways: 1.) By collecting a Trócaire box from any of the Parish churches. 2.) Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) 3.) By phone: 1850 408 408. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

**Webcam update** - keeping us in touch

Last Sunday 80 devices were tuned in online to Mass in Togher at 10am. The previous Friday there was 15, on Ash Wednesday 40 devices tuned in and for the Funeral Mass of Jenny Barton it was 22.

**Year of Reflection and Prayer - Prayer**

Lord, help us to remember the power of Your presence within us.  
May we be Your healing presence to others.  
Give us the certainty that we are sent with You by the Father, into the world.  
There is no darkness or difficulty that cannot be overcome by Your grace. **Amen**



**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.

**Covid – 19** The numbers are turning into names - and those names are people we know:

**A Prayer in the face of the coronavirus.**

*Dear God, we turn to you in our need. We pray for all whose lives are being affected by COVID 19. Look upon us in your compassion and love, protect our families. Deliver us from the virus. Come Holy Spirit. Amen.*



**Mass** is also available on **LMFM** on Sunday mornings @ 9.05am & **Radio Maria** broadcasts 24 hours a day on Saorview channel 210 or by downloading their free app. **EWTN Catholic TV** can be watched on SKY 588 or online @ [www.ewtn.ie](http://www.ewtn.ie)

**Last Week** a total of €469 was received in envelopes & €435 in donations directly to bank.

**Thanks to all** who use the online banking facility, those who use the 'Stop & Drop' and those who leave their donations directly with Msgr Jim or the Finance Committee.

**Donate to Parish - "Stop & Drop"** Every Sunday during lockdown you can drop off your envelopes in the carpark of St. Colmcille's Church, Togher between 10.30am & 11.30am and remember you can also contribute to the Parish in any of the following ways **1:** Parish Envelopes returning your envelopes directly to Msgr Carroll, Big Strand Road, Clogherhead, Co Louth. A92 T938 or to any member of the Finance Committee **2:** On-line, directly through the bank, our account details are as follows; **Account Name:** Togher Parochial No 1 A/C **IBAN :** IE83 BOFI 9034 2944 5868 67, please put your name in the reference/details box. **3:** Through the Archdiocesan website, locate the "Donate to our Parishes" button at [www.armagharchdiocese.org](http://www.armagharchdiocese.org)

**Articles for our parish newsletter** can be forwarded to the Parish office by email at [togherparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:togherparishoffice@gmail.com) or by text to Ann on 087-6486809 before 2pm on Wednesdays.

You can contact Ann in the Parish office on Wednesdays from 2.30pm-5.30pm