MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

27th March 2022

Mass Times

Parish Church

Saturday - 6.30 p.m.

Sunday - 9.00 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

Our Lady's Chapel

Tuesday to Friday 10.00 a.m.

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045 525346

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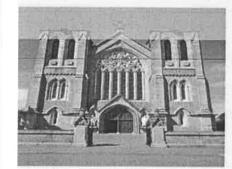
Adrienne McCormack Mary Kilbride Anna Pedrak Simona Grajauskaite

Opening Hours:

Monday- 10.30am to 4.30pm Tuesday - Thursday 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Closed for Lunch 1.00 - 1.30p.m. Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm

Safe Guarding of Children Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Mr. Michael Daly c/o Bishops House Old Dublin Road Carlow Ph: 085 8021633



Notices & Anniversaries to be left in the Parish Office by Wednesday's @ 1 p.m.

Email: monasterevin.parish@gmail.com, Parish Radio 99FM OUR MAIN CHURCH SERVICES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON LINE VIA OUR PARISH WEBCAM @ MONASTEREVINPARISH.IE

Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of John Earley, Clonevgath and Maureen Fahey, Cloneygath who were interred recently R.I.P.

Saturday 26th March 2022, 6.30pm Mass

Jean Murphy (nee Hackett) Ballybrittas (1st Anniversary), Billy Nicholls, St. Evin's Park, William (Willie) Cleary, Larch Hill, Sr. Mary Rose Gleeson, Michael Mulhall, Nancy Mulhall, Kathleen Molyneaux, Nan Weldon, Peg Byrne, Eileen Harrison, Bray wife of the late Joe Harrison formerly Old Grange, Elizabeth Donoghue, Hybla, Rose Harrison, Old Grange, Mary Conlan, Togher Road, Christopher Cooper. Walter & Elizabeth Dowling, Jim Dowling, & his sisters Kathleen, Myra, Eileen, Nancy & brother Ned St. Evin's Park, Mary Collins, Gurteenoona, Deceased Members of the Collins & Kenna Families. Christy Murray. Ballyfarsoon, Brigid Mc Cormack, Clondown, Mary Donoher, Umeras, Jack O'Connell, Rathangan, John Joy, formerly Co. Waterford.

Sunday 27th March 2022, 9.00am Mass

Liam & Breda Dowling, Cowpasture, Molly & Paddy Foran, Bracknagh, and their son P. Foran. Coolnaferagh, John (Jack) Mahon, & Deceased Members of the Mahon & Conroy Families, Patrick Casey.

Sunday 27th March 2022, 11.30 am Mass

Christopher O'Neill, Mountmellick, (Months Mind), Jean Murphy (nee Hackett), Ballybrittas (1st Anniversary), Sheila Melia, Athy Road, (1st Anniversary), John Malone, Shindella, P. Foran. Coolnaferagh Rose Heavey, Maeve Hall, St. Evin's Park, Mothers Day Remembrance, Elizabeth Donoghue, Hybla, Jack Mahon, Grange, May Malone, Quinsboro, Walter & Elizabeth Dowling, Jim Dowling, his sisters Kathleen, Myra, Eileen & Nancy & brother Ned, St. Evin's Park, James Blake. Larchill, Catherine Kavanagh, The Harbour, Elizabeth Whelan, Drogheda Street, Ann McCarthy, Station Road, Molly & Paddy Foran, Bracknagh, Jack O'Connell, Rathangan, Kathleen (Kitty) Clancy and Deceased Members of the Clancy & McDonagh Families.

Wednesday 30th March 2022, 10.00am Mass Margaret Glennon, Rathangan.

Friday 1st April 2022, 10.00am Mass Sheila Melia, Athy Road, (1st Anniversary).

READERS Sat 2nd April 2022 6.30pm: Ger Harrison

9.00 am: Jarlath Killen 11.30am: Liz Fitzpatrick

Weekly Collection

Envelopes:-€280 Baskets:- €1690

LOTTO—29th March 2022 TEAM: C Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

CHOIR

Saturday 2nd April 2022 6.30pm: Pat O'Meara

Sunday 3rd April 2022 11.30am: Gary Farrell

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 2nd April 2022

6.30pm: Cathy Cullen, Pat Ryan, Hannah Duffy Sunday 3rd April 2022

9.00am: Davina Weldon, Andrew Mahon, Sr. Angela 11.30am: Anna Kelly Ann Lonergan, Fiona Behan

year. Please join us for a Holy Hour each Wednesday Evening for Lent in Our Lady's Chapel Time 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

HOLY HOUR

In place of our Novena this

SOCIAL DANCE

Social Dancing takes place every Thursday night at Newbridge Town Soccer Club.

Time: 9.15pm to 11.30 pm.

LENT MASS TIMES

Daily Mass time during Lent is at the usual time 10.00am in Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

This is to facilitate the mass being streamed on line on our web camera for those who cannot come to mass for Lent.

Monasterevin Parish Lotto Draw Results 22/03/2022

> Numbers Drawn 5 12 16 23

Next Weeks Jackpot €8,600 No Winner

€20 Alex Murphy Ger H. €20 Mabel Murphy R. Mc Donald

Winners

€20 Ann Duffy Ger H €20 Mary Fallon A. Kelly €20 Lorraine O'Donnell Ger H.

Next Draw 29/03/22 Thanks for your support

> Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto Draw Results 21/3/2022

> > **Numbers Drawn** 1 5 10 12

Next Weeks Jackpot €15.000 No Winner

Winners Promoter €20 Ciaran Byrne J. Byrne €20 Olivia & Liam Grant M.Casey €20 Lisa & Enda Buckley J. Moore €20 Tony McDonnell R. McDonnell

€20 Bridie Harrison

Next draw: 28/03/2022 Thanks for your continued support

G. Harrison

MONASTEREVIN GFC Weekly Draw 18/03/2022

1st €100 Niall Colgan G. Farrell 2nd € 50 Killian & Cian Bingo 3rd € 25 Phil Brennan Bingo D & B Ransome Deirdre R. Seller: Gary Farrell

Thanks to our supporters & promotors

PRAYER FOR LENT

"May I stand in solidarity today with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering. May we be united in your love, and may I work to build your kingdom here on earth.'

CE SCHEME VACANCIES:

- 2 Care Assistants. Monasterevin Day Care Centre.
- Administration Assistant, Monasterevin Parish Office.
- Environmental Worker. Monasterevin Tidy Towns.
 - Grounds Person Rosglas GAA.

If interested in any of the above positions please call into the CE Office, Parish Centre, Drogheda Street, Monasterevin to check eligibility or telephone: 045 - 525143.

Support for the Parish

Thank you to the many who have found new ways of continuing to support the Parish. We are very appreciative of the continued support of so many of our parishioners. Some other ways to contribute to our Parish

Donation on line: monasterevinparish.ie Click donate button or Kandle.ie

Parish Envelopes can be dropped into collection boxes in the Church. Letter Box at Fr. Liam's House or the Parish Office

Account details are as follows

Parish Clergy Fund Bank Name & Address - Bank of Ireland, Kildare Town Name of Account: Monasterevin Parish Clergy IBAN - IE57 BOFI 9012 BIC - AIBKIE2D

Parish Development Fund Bank Name & Address - Allied Irish Banks Newbridge, Name of Account: Monasterevin Parish Committee

(Please put your Name/Address in ref box)

Synod news: A Listening Lent across Kildare and Leighlin Parish Meeting Re: Synod

During this Lent parishes across the diocese are hosting synod listening sessions. We invite as many people as possible to come to these sessions and to encourage others to come as well. Every voice matters.

OUR PARISH MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY THE 6TH OF APRIL AT 7.30PM TO 8.30PM IN ST. PAULS SECONDARY SCHOOL.

If you can't make it to a local session the synod survey is now live and can be accessed on www.kandle.ie/synod/. Please help us to spread the word and encourage others to be part of this listening. All contributions will help us locally in the parish as well as helping to inform the diocesan synod submission

Listening Lent Synod Questions Question 1. Thinking about the Church and about my local parish, how and when do I find being part of it a source of joy or nourishment for me in my faith? When might it bring disappointment or

Question 2. When I hear the word 'Church' who do I think of? Who is missing? Whom do we need to listen to? How can we be more inclusive?

Question 3. Thinking about how we as a parish community bring the love of Christ into the world, what one thing does our local parish do really well? What one thing could it do better with? What one thing could I do? What specific hope or dream do you have for the Church moving forward?

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN APPEAL

This Lent, Tròcaire's Appeal highlights the impact that climate change and Covid-19 has on people's lives in Zimbabwe and how your love and generosity can give families a chance to build a better tomorrow.

I Said a Mother's Prayer for You

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to hank the Lord above for blessing me with a Lifetime of your tender hearted love.

I thanked God for the caring you have shown me through the years, for the Closeness we have enjoyed in a time of laughter and tears.

As so, I thank you from the heart for all you have done for me.

Matthew 25 Verse 40: "I was in prison and you came to visit me" Inmates are easy to forget. Locked away they seem to disappear from society. The Guild of St. Philip is a voluntary organisation that visits inmates in prison twice per month. Do you have time to spare?

Would you like to offer a hand of friendship? If so please contact Catherine on: 0860462405 for more information.

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

GREETING

In the name of the Father Amen. The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy. And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Joshua 5: 9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua
The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33: 2-7

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;

his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. [R]
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. [R]

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone,

and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the Father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said,"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer

deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was anary then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints,

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the

Pray brothers and sisters,

body, and life everlasting. Amen.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world.

Through Christ our Lord.





FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday) 27th March 2022

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

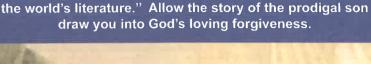
Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.



Today's gospel has been called "the best short story in





This is one of the best known stories of the bible or indeed of literature. We wonder who it is really about.

Is it about the son who went away, repented and came back, just to be home, ready to eat humble pie and he got the fatted calf? The father, who welcomed him after he had spent all the family

money and greeted him with bear hugs on his return? The elder son who had enough sense to get upset at the return of the brother but not enough love to join in the homecoming? The mother who is not mentioned but is there, probably in tears that the youngster is back safe? There were onlookers who probably thought he would get his comeuppance and were amazed but delighted at the forgiveness. Or the onlookers who said, 'sure he'll be off soon again, he was never any good'?

This was the sort of story Jesus loved.

He probably had people in mind whom he knew as he told the story. Like the people who watch local plays, the hearers could have known who he was talking about!

We know who he is talking about! He's talking about you and me. Who do you or I identify with in the story? No matter which it is, - the father of welcome, the son who strayed and came back, the elder full of resentment, the mother of joy, the onlooker who rejoiced or the cynical one who could not believe the celebrations. No matter which, the eye of Jesus will look on each of us with love, companionship and forgiveness.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those, or try to forgive those, or pray for those who sin against us.

Donal Neary SJ. (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey

God's Love Story today was painted by a great artist. The artist shows a young boy, who ran away from home with his father's money, and he lived a wild life in the city. Now the boy is dressed in rags and says to himself ...!'ll go back home, maybe my father will accept me. The Father has two big arms waiting to welcome his son home. The Father doesn't notice his rags or tattered shoes, He says "let's have a Party. God is that Father.

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