

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

11th December 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.

### Contact Details:

Fr. Liam Merrigan P.P.  
045 525346

Fr. Denis O'Sullivan P.E.

Parish Office  
045 525346

Adrienne M<sup>c</sup>Cormack  
Mary Kilbride  
Anna Pedrak  
Simona Grajauskaitė

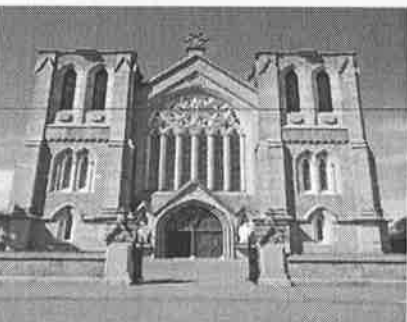
### Opening Hours:

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

**CHARITY TAX NO.  
CHY 7355**



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

Email: [monasterevin.parish@gmail.com](mailto:monasterevin.parish@gmail.com), Parish Radio 99FM  
OUR MAIN CHURCH SERVICES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON LINE VIA OUR PARISH  
WEBCAM @ MONASTEREVINPARISH.IE  
CHARITY TAX NO. CHY 7355

### Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Annie O'Neill Portarlinton formerly Monasterevin**

#### Saturday 10th December 2022, 6.30pm Mass

Seamus McEnemey (Months Mind), Brendan Hanlon, Rugby/Clogheen (Month's Mind), Fintan Walsh, Gurteenoonna, Sheila Dempsey, London, formerly of Emo, Deceased Members of the Bannon and Walsh Families, Patrick Dempsey, Mountrice, Eileen McDonnell, Elizabeth Burke, James & Sarah McDonnell, James, Mary, Michael, Br Tom & John Earley, William Donoghue & Deceased Members of the Donoghue Family, Hybla, John & Margaret Patterson, Marie & Son Patterson, Patricia Coady, Deceased Members of the Lawlor Family, Barraderra, Robbie & Ena Sweeney, Joe, Kate & Josie Melia, Skirteen, John Foley, Ned Foley, Johnny Foster, Skirteen, Christy Whittle, Clogheen, Mrs. Rose, Pat & Mary O'Rourke, Clondown, Deceased Members of the Donohoe Family, Mountrice, Moira Howard, Kildoon, Mag Dunne, Kill, Deceased Members of the Dunne & Hughes Families, Jimmy Gratten, Cowpasture, Fr. John Foster, Peter Foster, Bernard & Kathleen Foster, Deceased Members of the Foster Family, Alice McLoughlin, Molly & Edward McGuinness, Nelly McGuinness, Sheila O'Connell, Betty Malone, Shindella.

#### Sunday 11th December 2022, 9.00am Mass

Séan Duffy, (Month's Mind), Raymond Langley, Dublin & USA, Patrick & Mary McLoughlin, Clogheen, Bill Stowe, Kilmeague, Elizabeth Connolly, Dublin Street, Elizabeth (Betty) Hackett.

#### Sunday 11th December 2022, 11.30am Mass

Séan Duffy, (Month's Mind), Connie Martinez (Birthday Rem), MJ McCormack, Nurney, Walter & Elizabeth Dowling, Kilpatrick, Kildangan, Jim Dowling, Myra Cahill, Kathleen, Dowling, Anne Kelly, Eileen Rodgers, Edward (Ned) Dowling, Deceased Members of the Dowling Family, Bridget & Ramon Hennessy, John Holmes, Mary McDermott, Patrick McDermott, Thomas McDermott, Sean McLoughlin, Cowpasture, Richard & Kathleen O'Rourke, Mountrath, Co. Laois, Mrs. Francis Hogan, Birr, Co. Offaly, Elizabeth (Betty) Hackett, Johnny Walsh, Robert & Ellen Walsh, Old Grange, Josephine & Jack Kenna, Cloneyath, Mary Collins, Jason Kenna.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 17th December 2022  
6.30pm: Mary Ryan, Pauline Murphy, Ger Harrison

Sunday 18th December 2022  
9.00am: Naomi Ganiyu, Andrew Mahon, Sr. Angela  
11.30am: Carmel McAlinden, Ann Lonergan, Fiona Behan

**CHOIR**  
Saturday 17th December 2022  
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan  
Sunday 18th December 2022  
11.30am: Parish Choir

**Weekly  
Collection**  
Envelopes:  
€305.00  
Baskets: €1,020.00

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
Sunday 11th December 2022  
Team A  
Sr. Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Katie Walsh, Jackie Quinn

#### READERS

Sat: 17th December 2022  
6.30pm: Ruth Dempsey

Sun: 18th December 2022  
9.00am: Tom Fitzgerald  
11.30am: Anne Fearon

**LOTTO**  
13th December 2022

**TEAM A:**  
Pauline Duffy,  
Lily Donoghue

**INVITATION**  
Jesus asks you to come  
and spend 1 hour with  
Him every Wednesday  
night 7.30pm to 8.30pm  
in Our Lady's Chapel



Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results 6/12/2022

Numbers Drawn  
4, 7, 8, 14  
Next Weeks Jackpot €16,000

No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Christine Brady	
€20 Seanie White	
€20 John Joe Connell	M. Heavey
€20 Helena & Teresa	P. Office
€20 N.A.O.	D. Mahon

Next Draw 13/12/2022  
Thanks for your support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto  
Draw Results 5/12/2022

Numbers Drawn  
8, 12, 16, 24  
Next Weeks Jackpot €10,000

No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Cillian Aoife & Clara	P. Pender
€20 Michael Carroll	R. Brennan
€20 Laura Grattan	M. Dowling
€20 John Fitzgerald	B. Fitzgerald
€20 Dom Walsh	P. Brereton
€20 Declan Foster & Boys	M. Casey
€20 Ann Prendergast	S. Whyte
€20 Betty Keogh	Post Office
€20 Marie & Rose	M. Heavey
€20 Pat Mulloy	R. McDonnell

Next Draw 12/12/2022  
Thanks for your support

#### MONASTEREVIN GFC Weekly Draw 2/12/ 2022

€100 Cormac Stapleton	Dominic
€ 50 Anna Keogh	Arthur
€ 25 Anne Marie Miller	Amm
€ 25 Alan Watters	DJ Earley

Seller: Dominic Stapleton

#### CAROL SERVICE

Carol Service in Sts. Peter and Paul Church on  
Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 7.30pm.  
With Monasterevin Gospel Choir.

#### THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Monasterevin Gospel Choir, Eugene Nolan, Tom Forde, Mick Brennan, Mary O'Loughlin, and James Sunderland and his band for contributing to the concert in St. Johns Church on 1st December. Thanks is also extended to all who supported the event, it was very much appreciated. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Deidre and Margaret.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Brendan Hanlon, Rugby formerly of Clogheen would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the many friends, neighbours and all who travelled long distances, joined us on the web, sent floral tributes, cards, messages of condolence and supported us in any way during this sad and difficult time.  
A special word of thanks to Fr. Merrigan, Sr. Angela, Eugene Nolan, Aiden Connolly and Eamonn Melia.  
And especially to John Maher for his sensitive and professional handling of arrangements.  
Your contribution helped make our loss more bearable.  
Mass will be offered for your intentions.

#### CHRISTMAS NATIVITY GARDEN

There will be a Christmas Nativity Garden in the Garden beside the Church from Saturday 17th December to Monday 26th December.

The Garden will include a live crib on Sunday 18th December from 11.30 am Mass till 4.00 pm with life animals.

#### POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH

In order to decorate the Church for Christmas we would be very grateful for the donation of Poinsettias for the Church.  
The flowers can be left on the altar rails from this week on.

#### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The envelopes for the Christmas Collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be ready for collection from the Parish Office from Monday 12th December.  
Thank you for your continued support.

#### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Bambinelli is the Italian word that means, "Little Baby Jesus. Children are asked to bring their Baby Jesus (from the family nativity scene) to the church next Sunday to be blessed.

#### MONASTEREVIN PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

**CAROL SERVICE**  
WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM

**CONFESSIONS  
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WITH  
GENERAL ABSOLUTION**  
TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 7.30 PM  
(FIVE PRIESTS PRESENT)

**(IN CONFESSION BOX)  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
10.00 AM - 12.00 PM & 2.00 PM - 4.00 PM

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**  
SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL  
4.00 PM - CHILDREN'S MASS  
9.00 PM - CANDLELIGHT WITH THE GOSPEL CHOIR

SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY  
9.00 AM & 11.30 AM PARISH CHOIR

MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - ST. STEPHEN'S DAY  
10.00 AM

**COMMUNION  
TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**  
THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2022  
TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
(INCLUSIVE)  
**NO MASSES.**

FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
10.00 AM  
**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES**  
FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023  
10.00 AM & 7.30 PM

#### CHRISTMAS LIST OF THE DEAD

If you wish to have deceased family members names put on the Christmas List of the Dead, please use the paper and envelopes provided and place envelope and donation in box in the church.

#### LOTTERY TICKET SELLERS

Extra sellers required to sell Parish Lottery Tickets.  
Books of tickets can be obtained from the parish office. Tickets and money to be returned to the office on or before the day of the draw which is Tuesday.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Family of the late Seamus McEnerney would like to thank everyone who sympathised with us and sent mass cards on the sad passing of Seamus.  
A special thanks to Fr. Liam, Hyland Funeral Directors, Eugene and Pat. To the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of Naas and Tallaght Hospitals who took care of Seamus.  
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your Intentions.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Séan Duffy would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness on Séan's passing. Thank you to everyone who visited Séan's home, funeral and sent mass cards.  
Thank you to Fr. Liam for all his support. Paul Hyland, Eugene Nolan, Pat O'Meara, Monasterevin GFC and the Credit Union for their Guard of Honour, Monasterevin GFC ladies and our friends and neighbours it is deeply appreciated.  
Mass will be offered for all your Intentions

#### MONASTEREVIN PARISH PILGRIMAGE

**ASSISI / ROME**  
25 - 31 May 2023

Monasterevin/Rathvilly Parish Pilgrimage

Accompanied by  
Fr. Liam Merrigan - Monasterevin  
Fr. John Mc Evoy - Rathvilly

2 Nights in Assisi  
4 Nights in Rome

Visiting such Famous Sites as Vatican, Sistine Chapel, Catacombs, Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, St. Francis Basilica Assisi.

With Papal Audience with Pope Francis on the Wednesday.

**Special Offer!!! Cost €1199 per person sharing.**

More information and booking forms  
Please contact the Parish Office, Monasterevin  
phone 045 525346 or  
Marian Pilgrimages (01) 878 8159



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

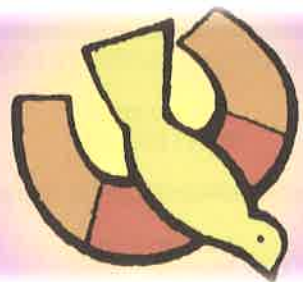
May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)*

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 35: 1 - 6.10**

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.145:6-10**

**R. Come, Lord, and save us.**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. [R]
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. [R]
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. [R]

**SECOND READING James 5: 7 - 10**

*A reading from the letter of St. James*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Matthew 11: 2-11**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*All bow for following three lines:*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Pray brothers and sisters, .....

**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.**



focus on sunday

The coming of Christ is a message of joy: a joy founded and rooted in God's love and care for his people, and his promise of an eternal companionship.



The Joy of Love



**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

*The mystery of faith.* When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**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**

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen. Go in peace. Thanks be to God.



One of the most poignant conversations in the gospel takes place between John the Baptist and some of his companions who visit him in prison after his arrest by Herod. John must know, I think, that his prospects are not good and somewhere between hope and desperation he asks his companions to go to Jesus and put

the question, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' It is such a loaded question, so full of expectation but tinged with fear of disappointment.

People all around us are wondering the same. They wonder and hope...and pray that someone will help them in whatever difficulty confronts them. They are also afraid that no-one will. Coming up to Christmas these feelings are especially strong.

John got his answer – the Messiah had come! It was a time to rejoice; the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are healed. As Christians, we get to share that joy but also to accept the challenge that comes with it. To love and care for each other just as Jesus loves and cares for us.

You don't have to belong to a charitable organisation to do something. Members of the Society of St Vincent De Paul, for example, will do their utmost to meet some of the needs of people who come to them. You can help them in their commitment. You can be part of the effort to answer the question, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?'

*Fr. Paschal Scallan CM. Spiritual Director, Society of St Vincent de Paul*

**Jesus' Story**

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

John the Baptist was very surprised when he heard that Jesus was friends with sinners, and even had meals with them. Jesus said "Where there is love, and new life, and people are healed and loved and cared for, there God Our Father is present. We pray "Lord,help us to see you in everyone we meet."