

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

1st January 2023

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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Opening Hours:

Monday - 10.30
am to 4.30pm

Tuesday - Thursday
9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Closed for Lunch 1.00 - 1.30p.m.
Friday

Safe Guarding of Children Diocesan Designated Liaison Person :

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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

Saturday 31st December 2022, 6.30pm Mass

Annie O'Neill, Portarlinton formerly Monasterevin, (Months Mind) Edward (Ned) Cullen, Hybla, 1st Anniversary, John O'Neill, Sean O'Neill, Annie, Michael, Peter Eustace & Peter Eustace (Jnr.), Aubrey Hope, Liam Murphy, St. Evins Park, The Ryan family, The Markwick family, The McNamera family, Limerick, The Murphy family, Gurteenooona, The Harrison family, Gurteenooona, The McMonagle family, Scotland, The Judge family, Dublin, The Connolly family, Drogheda St., The Maher family, Clogheen, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Switzer, John & Bridget Harrison & deceased members of the Harrison family, Gurteenooona, Thomas & Sarah Murphy & deceased members of the Murphy family, Ballymorris, Portarlinton, Sr. Pius & Sr. Attracta, Convent of Mercy, Pat Deegan, Kill, Ann Houlihan, Kilmead, Athy, Charley Dowling, Old Grange, John Dowling, Old Grange & Manchester, The Redmond family, Cutbush, The Curragh, Patrick & Rosanna Keegan, Cowpasture, Peter & Catherine Clifford, Bracknagh, Rose Heavey, St. Evin's Park, Sheila Melia, Gurteenooona.

Sunday 1st January 2023, 9.00am Mass

Tommy Shinkins, Mountrice, Christopher & Mary Martin, Kildangan, Patrick, Mary & Chris Rowan, Kildangan, Bridget O'Toole, The Rowan family, Cloney, Athy, Denis Fitzpatrick, Lowtown, Athy, Mary (Molly) Rowan, Gurteenooona, John Rowan, Gurteenooona, Michael & Baby Mary Connolly, Nurney Road, The O'Neill family, Ballybrittas, The Murphy family, Mallow, Chris & Mary Dowling, Kill Hill, James McLoughlin, Kill Hill, John & Mary Williamson, John & Bridget Mullan, Kill Hill, The Brown & Casey families, Kildangan, Edward & Bridie Fitzpatrick, John McEvoy, Kill Hill.

Sunday 1st January 2023, 11.30 am Mass

Nancy Fitzpatrick, Inchacooley, Rose Reidy, Cowpasture, John & Peg McDonald, Borraderra, deceased members of the O'Connor & Maloney families, Patrick & Margaret Murphy, Quinsboro, Sean Kavanagh, Skirteen, Tom & Tess Hyland, Harbour View, deceased members of the Kenna, Kavanagh, Murphy & Behan families, Christy Kavanagh, Christy Lonergan, Togher Wood, Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, Thomas Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, intentions of the Lonergan & Murphy families, Christopher O'Neill, Margaret & Denis Behan, Rathangan, Maura & Peter Behan & sons Peter & Michael Behan & deceased members of the Behan family, Mary & Patrick Mahon, Sr. Fionnuala Byrne, Kathleen & James Stynes, Patrick Melia, Judie Donlon, Kildangan, Margaret Bourke, Old Grange Ave., Donor's Intention.

Friday 6th January 2023, 10.00 am Mass - Feast of the Epiphany

Eric Morrissey, Winnifred Burke.

Friday 6th January 2023, 7.30pm Mass - Feast of the Epiphany

Winnifred Burke, Mary & Mossie O'Sullivan, Cork, Timmy Meredith & deceased members of the Meredith family, Anne Delaney, Coole & her daughter Anne Tynan, Jamestown.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection:- €
Basket:- €

MINISTERS OF THE EUCARIST

Saturday 7th January 2023.
6.30pm -
Sunday 8th January 2023.
9.00am -
11.30am -

CHOIR

Sat:- 7th Jan 2023

6.30pm

Tom Forde.

Sun:- 8th Jan 2023

11.30 am

Alan Reigh.

READERS

Sat 7th January 2023.
6.30pm:

Sun 8th January 2023.
9.00 am:

LOTTO - 10th January 2023.

Team A.
Pauline Duffy, Lily
Donoghue.

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 27/01/2023.

Numbers Drawn

NO LOTTO ON THE 27/12/22 LOTTO
RESUMES ON TUESDAY 03/01/23.

Next Weeks Jackpot €16,400
No Winner

Winners

€20

€20

€20

€20

Next Draw 03/01/2023.

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 26/12/22

Numbers Drawn

NO LOTTO ON THE 26/12/22 LOTTO
RESUMES ON 02/01/23

Next Weeks Jackpot 10,000 €

No Winner

Winners

€20

€20

€20

€20

Next draw: 02/01/2023.

Thanks for your continued support

Kill, Ballyfarsoon, Athy Road, Christmas Tree Raffle Results 2022.

€150 Marci Gorman
Sponsored Pat Keogh Car Sales.
€100 Mary Morrissey
Sponsored Pat Keogh Car Sales.
€100 Breda Higgins
Sponsored Deerpark Knitwear.
€50 Voucher Noreen Christy
Sponsored Glanbia.
€50 Voucher John Harrison Gurteenooona
Sponsored SuperValu Monasterevin.
€50 Voucher Phil & Garrett Bannon
Sponsored SuperValu Monasterevin
€50 Voucher Andrea Buckley
Sponsored SuperValu Monasterevin
€50 Caroline Morrissey
Sponsored Fitzpatrick Garage New Lodge
€50 Jim Ryan
Sponsored Pat Rowan
€25 Fiona Farrell
Sponsored Ger Melia
€25 Ann Dunne (Kill)
Sponsored Ger Melia
Many Thanks to all our Sponsors for their
continued support.

THANKS

On behalf of Fr. O'Sullivan and myself I would like to wish you all a Very Happy & a peaceful New Year. Fr O'Sullivan is now in the nursing home in Suncroft and I have been to visit him a number of times and he has settled in very well . He asked me to send Christmas Greetings to all our parishioners here in Monasterevin.
Fr. Liam

Happy New Year

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD — Sunday 1st January

This oldest feast of Mary, comes on the 8th day of the Octave of Christmas, the world day of peace and at the start of a new year. It is a powerful reminder to us of the presence of Mary in the life of the Church and in our lives. Mary is our mother, too, and we can turn to her in every moment of need, knowing that she will intercede to God for us.

Take time today to pause and think of what Mary means to you personally and to pray a Hail Mary.



Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.
Mary, Helper of all in need, pray for us.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Here's to the bright New Year and a fond farewell to the old. Here's to the things that are yet to come and to the memories that we hold. May God be with you and bless you. May the best of this year be the worst of the next. May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings. May you know nothing but happiness throughout this year.



PRIESTS CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE COLLECTION

On behalf of Fr. O'Sullivan and myself we thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas Envelope Collection and also thank you to the parishioners who kindly deliver the envelopes in their local area. Also if you did not receive an envelope and would like to make a contribution to the support of the priests there are some at the back of the church.
Thank You.

BLESSING OF ALL BABIES WHO WERE BAPTISED DURING 2022

Next Sunday the 8th of January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We are welcoming back all babies who were Baptised in the last year for a special blessing at all Masses next weekend, Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

A NEW YEARS PRAYER.

May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year. God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Friday 6th January 2023
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
MASS @
10.00 am & 7.30 pm

Dear Parishioners

As we begin a New Year together in our Parish, on my own behalf and on behalf of Fr. O'Sullivan, I would like to wish you and your families a holy and happy New Year and to thank you for the support that you have given us during the last year.

I want to thank especially all who help in the various Ministries in our Parish and for those who give of their time in making our Parish a vibrant Christian community. To all the Clubs and Organisations who add so much to the life of the Parish, I encourage them to keep up the good work. So many people who visit the Parish and who have come to live here recently often comment to me how friendly and welcoming the people of Monasterevin are.

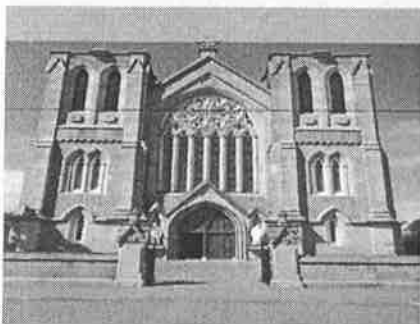
A warm welcome to all who are home for Christmas from abroad and to those who are unable to make it home at this festive time we send our sincere good wishes.

For many people Christmas can be a sad time, especially for those who have lost loved ones. I will be remembering all those who have died in my prayers at Masses over the Christmas period.

I am hoping to see as many of you as possible at our Christmas ceremonies especially those who have been away from the Church for a while.

The hope that each of us have in our hearts is that the Christ who has come among us walks the journey of life with us. May that peace of Christ dwell in our hearts and your homes this Christmas.

Fr. Liam.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth forever.

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.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 66:2-3, 5,6,8

R. O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **[R]**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **[R]**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **[R]**

SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child

was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things and bring them to fulfilment, grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God, that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace, so one day we may rejoice in its completion. 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.



focus on sunday

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 1st JANUARY 2023

World Day of Peace

From the moment she was told she was to be the mother of God, Mary accepted God's plan for her with willingness and humility. May we learn to respond to God in this way.



Some people have a quiet and calming influence on us. They have the knack of putting worry in perspective and of giving us a good sense of ourselves. They are often silent carers, around at the time we need them. Mary the mother of Jesus

was one of these. All through the gospel she says little – only to help others like at the wedding of Cana when she calmly came to the couple's rescue when wine ran out. She was with the apostles in the secret, upper room for the days before the coming of the Holy Spirit, a quiet, confirming presence for people who were very afraid.

To be a good listener we need to have time for people – she seemed to have that as with Elizabeth her cousin, when she visited her before the birth of their children. We need to be interested in them as she was- in going to where the others were as in that scene at Pentecost. We need to know when to speak, as at Cana. She is the patron of listeners!

One of the greatest gifts we can give to another is to listen, with compassion. In a busy world of social media, the sympathy of real listening is often missed.

Open my ears and my heart O Lord to listen well.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Mary kept 'thinking in her heart' of all the things that happened at Christmas. In the New Year, we look forward to all that is going to happen...new days and new things, in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Mary helps us to see things with our heart. We see things with our hearts when we say 'I love you' to Mam and Dad and others, when we say 'Thanks' and 'Sorry', when we smile and make others happy.