

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

4th 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.

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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 :**

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**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, 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

Saturday 3rd December 2022, 6.30pm Mass

Kathleen Ransome (Month's Mind), Noel & Liam Duffy (1st Anniversary), Charlie Meredith, England, Maureen O'Brien, Bridget Dowling, Athy Road, Joseph & Annie Hanlon, Clogheen, Anthony Hanlon, Clogheen, Brendan Hanlon, Rugby/ Clogheen, William & Agnes Collins, Clogheen, Deceased Members of the Hanlon Family, William & Margaret Collins, Gurteenooa, Deceased Members of the Flynn Family, Mayfield, Patrick Connolly, Gurteenooa, Hannah & Sean Hanlon, Rugby, Olive & Eric Edwards, Jane & Ned Colmery, Brigid Lyons, Carlow & Monasterevin, Christopher McCormack, Clondown (50th Anniversary).

Sunday 4th December 2022, 9.00am Mass

Betty Noons, Deceased Members of the Noons & Molloy Families, Margaret Holohan Finn, Rathilla, Kildare/Portlaoise, Eileen Lacey, Main St, John & Elizabeth Melia, Crossmorris, Sean Melia, Monasterevin Rd, Matt & Noeleen Walsh, Maryville Kildare, John Dempsey, Umeras, Nathan Heffernan, Mountrice, Brigid Lyons, Carlow / Monasterevin, Christy Kavanagh, Clonanny, (Birthday Remembrance).

Sunday 4th December 2022, 11.30am Mass

Patrick Kelly, Grangebeg, Bridget & Patrick Moody, Meath, Rose Bergin, Moorestown, Henrietta Dunne, Fausagh, Johnnie Dunne, Kylebeg Terrace, Helen Holohan, Lackagh, Angela Eustace & intentions of All, Patrick Casey, Brigid Lyons, Carlow / Monasterevin, Rizalina Villar, (Birthday Remembrance), Christy Harrison, Old Grange, Paddy & Rose Harrison, Old Grange, William & Christine McConn, Cowpasture, Jim McConn, Rathangan, Mary McConn, Old Grange, John & Catherine (Essie) Donohoe, Cottage, Inchacooley, Margaret Behan & Denis Behan, Cappanargid, Rathangan, Henry Fitzpatrick, Inchacooley.

Tuesday 6th December 2022, 10.00am Mass

Helen Holohan, Lackagh.

Wednesday 7th December 2022, 10.00am Mass

Fr. Jim Condon, Sadie Carroll, Fausagh, Betty Noons, Mountrice, Helen Holohan, Lackagh.

Thursday 8th December 2022, 10.00am Mass

Peter & Josephine Murphy, Br. Maurice Murphy, Deceased Members of the Murphy Family, Closelands, Margaret Behan & her son Denis Behan, Rathangan, Bridget Hannan, Deceased Members of the Hannan & Doyle Families.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Feast Immaculate

Thursday 8th December Conception
10.00am: Sr. Angela, Andrew Mahon, Anne McLoughlin
7.30pm: Mary Doyle, Anne McLoughlin, Ann Whelan

Saturday 10th December 2022
6.30pm: Mary Doyle, Dan Clancy, Jacqueline Kennedy

Sunday 11th December 2022
9.00am: Lily Donoghue, Mary Lawlor, Davina Weldon
11.30am: Mary O'Leary, Anna Kelly, Ann Fearon

READERS
Sat: 10th December 2022
6.30pm: Ger Harrison

Sun: 11th December 2022
9.00am: Grainne Stapleton
11.30am: Eileen Riordan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 11th December 2022
Team A
Sr. Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Katie Walsh, Jackie Quinn

LOTTO
6th December 2022
TEAM C: Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

CHOIR

Saturday 10th December 2022
6.30pm: Tom Forde
Sunday 11th December 22
11.30am: Alan Reigh

**Weekly
Collection**

Envelopes: 310.00
Baskets: €1085.00

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 29/11/2022
Numbers Drawn
1, 3, 8, 18
Next Weeks Jackpot €15,800
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 John Miller	R. Callanan
€20 Pat McLoughlin	R. ~Callanan
€20 Marie Lonergan	M. Heavey
€20 Aoibhinn Heavey	A. Kelly
€20 Tim Butler	A. Kelly

Next Draw 6/12/2022
Thanks for your support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto
Draw Results 28/11/2022
Numbers Drawn
9, 14, 20, 26
Next Weeks Jackpot €10,000
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Miriam Kelly	A. Kelly
€20 Maeva Holligan	T. Buckley
€20 Rita McDonnell	R. McDonnell
€20 Amanda Pender	P. Pender
€20 May Sharpe	G. Harrison
€20 Jean Kemmy	S. Whyte
€20 Marie & Pauline	P. Donohoe
€20 Mary Leonard	M. Dowling
€20 Ed. Byrne	M. Forde
€20 Pat Grattan	S. Ryan

Next Draw 05/12/2022
Thanks for your support

**MONASTEREVIN GFC
Weekly Draw
25/11/ 2022**

€100 Willy Daffy	Rita
€ 50 Jim Shaughnessy	Bingo
€ 25 Robbie & Setanta	Wilboughbys
€ 25 Josephines Flowers	Nags

Seller: Earleys Fashion Shop

S.V.P are holding a Toy Sale on Tuesday 6th December 2022

From 9.30am to 5.30pm

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sunday 11th December 3pm to 6pm in Rathangan Community Centre. Christmas crafts, home baking toys and more. Face painting, games and treats. Christmas raffle, fantastic prizes. Refreshments. Scoil Bhride Lackagh Parent's Association.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Family of the late Angela Eustace would like to thank everyone who sympathised with us on the sad passing of Angela. A special thanks to Fr. Liam, Paul Hyland Funeral Services, Dawn Broughan, doctor's and nurses of Tullamore and Portlaoise Hospitals. Finuala and Tess, Palliative Care team. Doctors at Water Mills Family Practice, Tom Stack and staff of Super Value to the large circle of friends and the wonderful neighbours in St. Evin's Park. Everyone who called to the house sent cards, for the phone calls and messages we will be forever grateful. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday 8th December is a Holy Day of obligation, it is the feast of the Immaculate Conception.
Mass times are 10.00am and 7.30pm

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.

CAROL SERVICE

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

All Welcome.

**MONASTEREVIN PARISH CHRISTMAS
MASS TIMES 2022**

CAROL SERVICE
WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM

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

(IN CONFESSION BOX)
CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER
10.00 AM – 12.00 PM & 2.00 PM – 4.00 PM

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
4.00 PM – CHILDREN'S MASS
9.00 PM – CANDLELIGHT WITH THE GOSPEL CHOIR

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY
9.00 AM & 11.30 AM PARISH CHOIR

MONDAY 26th DECEMBER – ST. STEPHEN'S DAY
10.00 AM

**COMMUNION
TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**
THURSDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2022

TUESDAY 27th DECEMBER – THURSDAY 29th DECEMBER (INCLUSIVE)
NO MASSES.

FRIDAY 30th DECEMBER
10.00 AM

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES
FRIDAY 6th 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.



TRACTOR RUN

St. Paul's Parents Council are holding a Tractor Run on December 18th. Registration starts at 2pm and run starts at 5pm.
For further information phone Celine 087 6678546 or Orla 087 6408516

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Christmas Market December 11th 10am - 4pm in the Community Centre and Council Hall. Support Local.

THE SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION

The SVP Annual Collection will take place at SuperValu & The Church Gate on Saturday the 10th & Sunday the 11th of December 2022



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.

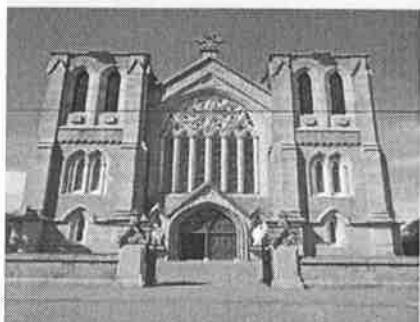
Cost €1,265 per person sharing.

More information and booking forms please contact the Parish Office, Monasterevin phone 045 525346 or Tully Travel, Carlow phone 059 9136180

CE SCHEME VACANCIES

Grounds Person Ellistown 2 Positions
Grounds Person Ballykelly GFC
Care Assistant Monasterevin Day Care Centre
Grounds Person Monasterevin GFC

To apply please call into Monasterevin Parish CE Office, Parish Centre, Drogheda Street, Monasterevin Telephone 045 525143



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us.... **Amen.**

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loin-cloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 71:1-2.7-8.12-13.17

R. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

- O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **[R]**
- In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **[R]**
- For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **[R]**
- May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 15:4-9

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

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 3: 1 - 12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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.



focus on sunday

The message of repentance during this season of Advent is a call to each one of us to look deeply into our lives, to renew and deepen our relationship with God.



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

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

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. 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.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.



John the Baptist preached repentance. "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is close at hand." (Matt 3 v2). Today, "to repent" generally means "to be sorry for our sins." Most of us can identify with that and examine our lives to see what adjustments (usually minor!) which we need to make. But "to repent" as attributed in the Gospel to John, was far more radical than that. It meant to turn your life completely around, to do a U-turn, to turn away from where you are going and turn back to God.

Today, as we accelerate towards climate catastrophe, John's radical message is more apt than ever, particularly to those of us who live in the economically developed world. Our pursuit of continuous - but ultimately unsustainable - economic growth, as we seek to maintain, or even expand, our comfort zones, through our attachment to ever increasing consumer goods, and our need to obtain the money to pay for them, is destroying God's creation. We are called today to "turn around." to turn away from seeking more and more, to live much simpler lives, and to find our rest, not in our possessions, but in God.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



John the Baptist came to tell people about Jesus, who was the Face of God's Love. He gathered people around a river and blessed them. We can always pray wherever we are. At Mass we are always reminded of ways God is present for us everyday, everywhere.