



# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

29th 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.

### Contact Details:

Fr. Liam Merrigan P.P.  
045 525346

Parish Office  
045 525346

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

### Opening Hours:

Monday:  
10.30am to 4.30pm  
Tuesday - Thursday:  
9.00am to 4.30pm  
Friday:  
9.00am to 4.00pm  
Closed for Lunch 1.00pm- 1.30pm

### 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  
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### Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Teddy Mc Cormack, Boston, America, formerly of Castlebar, Mayo and Kildangan, who died recently. R.I.P.

#### Saturday 28th January, 2023, 6.30 pm Mass

Esther Dunne (1st Anniversary), Bernard & Annie Maher, Coole, Thomas Barnes, Coole, John Nolan, Cronnagh, Stradbally, Deceased Members of the Nolan Family, Cronnagh, Stradbally, Paddy Nicholls, St. Evin's Park, Paddy & Betty Brennan, Lughill, Michael Keenan (Jnr), Derrylea, Deceased Members of the Keenan and Walsh Families, Joe Walsh, Old Grange, Liam McGlynn, St. Evin's Park, Joseph Hanlon, Clogheen and all Deceased Members of the Hanlon Family, Denis & Mary Conlon, Knavenstown, Sean Harrison, St. Evin's Park, James Dunne, Coolier, Deceased Members of the Dunne Family, Christy & Lily Murray, Teresa Kaye, Sr. Alphonsus, Convert of Mercy, Paddy Lawlor, Medical Hall, Sr. Marian Rankin, Deceased Members of the Rankin Family.

#### Sunday 29th January 2023, 9.00 am Mass

Rosie Melia, Gurteenona, Michael & Elizabeth Freeman, Clogheen, Roseann Kelly, Killberry, Bridie Mahon, Grange, Dennis & Mary Conroy, Coolatogher, Patrick & Gertrude Cooke, Pearl & Pat Cooke, Shean, Athy.

#### Sunday 29th January 2023, 11.30 am Mass

Liam McGlynn, St. Evin's Park, Margaret Patterson, Catherine Kavanagh, Harbour View, Maureen O'Reardon Clinton, Francis & Sean Hogan, Birr, Bridie Mahon, Grange, Dennis & Mary Conroy, Coolatogher.

#### Wednesday 1st February 2023, 10.00am Mass

Fr. Jack Walsh, Emo, Sr. Marian Rankin, Christopher Walsh, Lackagh.

#### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection:- € 320.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1005.00

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 4th February 2023.  
6.30pm - Mary Ryan, Pauline Murphy, Ger Harrison

Sunday 5th February 2023.  
9.00am - Lily Donoghue, Mary Lawlor, Davina Weldon

11.30am - Rita McDonnell, Marie Lawless, Ann Whelan

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 19th February 2023  
Team B:  
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

#### CHOIR

Sat: 4th Feb 2023  
6.30pm  
Tom Forde

Sun: 5th Feb 2023  
11.30 am  
Alain Reigh

#### READERS

Sat 4th Feb 2023.  
6.30pm: Ger Harrison

Sun 5th Feb 2023.  
9.00 am: Liza Marie Duffy  
11.30am: Betty Cleary

#### LOTTO - 31st January 2023.

#### Team A :

Pauline Duffy,  
Lily Donoghue

#### Monasterevin Parish Lotto Draw Results 24/01/2023.

Numbers Drawn  
9, 13, 14, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot €17,200  
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Alice Scully	Office
€20 Keith Sharpe	G. Harrison
€20 Phil Leigh	R. McDonald
€20 Layola Harrison	G. Harrison
€20 Johnny Collins	G. Harrison

Next Draw 31/01/2023.

Thanks for your continued support

#### Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto Draw Results 23/01/2023

Numbers Drawn  
10, 12, 23, 28

Next Weeks Jackpot €10,000  
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Angelina Foster	M. Casey
€20 Seamie & Betty Whyte	S. Whyte
€20 Ciara Moore	J. Moore
€20 Cormac Holligan	A. Hooligan
€20 Siobhan Moore	J. Moore

Next draw: 30/01/2023

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#### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Weekly Draw Results: 20/01/2023

1st: David Connolly	Caoimhe
2nd: Sadie Maher	David Maher
3rd: Jenny Morrissey	Jenny
4th: Rosie & Annie Maher	David

Seller: Caoimhe Connolly

#### PAUSE FOR PEACE

"Peace is a Journey of a thousand miles, but it must be taken one step at a time" L. B. Johnson

We invite you to join with us in a Pause for Peace wherever you are on 1st February -La Fheile Bhríde - at 12 noon to 12.05 pm.

St. Brigid of Kildare and the abbesses who succeeded her were renowned as peacemakers in early Ireland.

By taking a moment to pause for peace on St. Brigid's day we hope to send out a message that we actively oppose warfare and the proliferation of arms.

Let us be instruments of peace as we unite around the world to send out a blessing of peace.



#### NAME FOR NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

As St. Evin's and St. Peter's Primary Schools are amalgamating we are looking for suggestions for the name for the new School. If you have any suggestions for the name for the new School can you please place your suggestions / ideas in the box provided. All names to be submitted by Friday 3rd February 2023.

#### FEAST DAYS

Wednesday, 1st February  
St. Brigid's Day  
10.00am Mass

St. Brigid's crosses will be blessed at Mass

Thursday, 2nd February  
Presentation of Our Lord  
(Candlemas Day)  
10.00am Mass

Please bring candles to this Mass if you wish to have them blessed for your home.

Friday, 3rd February  
Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of the throat will take place at 10.00am and 7.30pm Masses

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Lourdes is associated with the sick.

The Sacrament of the Sick will be given at the 6.30pm Mass Saturday 11th February 9.00am and 11.30am Mass Sunday 12th February.

Please bring a sick person you know.

#### VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on Friday 3rd February. Please call the office on 045 525346 if you would like him to call.

#### 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

Price €1,235

Deposit €100 (for each person)

#### ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY.



St. Brigid is reputed to have been born in the Townland of Umeras, just outside Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.

This year a new Bank Holiday to honour St. Brigid takes place on Monday 6th February.

To commemorate Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Monasterevin - Rathangan Road (R414), Eircode: W34 X529, @ 11am on Monday 6th February (walk is approx. 6km). Car parking provided at Mountrice Cross.

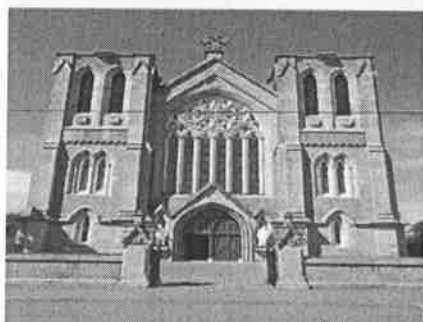
The walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty & will journey via Umeras then along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in Sts. Peter & Pauls Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm.

**A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30am & return to Mountrice at 2.00pm, for those who wish to avail of transport, payment on the bus.**

All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camino passport that will be stamped at Sts. Peter & Pauls Church & will be given a certificate to say they have completed the Camino.

St. Brigid's Crosses & refreshments will be provided on the day.

For more information, please contact Monasterevin Parish Office on 045 525346





**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**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**

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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**

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, .....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12 - 13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave

a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies;

and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** PS. 145:7 - 10

**R. How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. or Alleluia !**

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** 1 Corinthians 1:26 - 31

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

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia !**



**GOSPEL** Matthew 5: 1 -12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:  
'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

**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 gospel today is the charter of a Christian (The Beatitudes): Jesus' sermon on the mount. It is an invitation to live like him, and a challenge to serve him in our neighbour.



**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. 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.

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

**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**

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. 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.



The gospel today is often called the mission statement of the Church, like any organisation writes its mission statement. The mission statement lets us know what is essential to the Church: each of them is worth our consideration and worth our commitment.

However, they do not come out of fresh air. The mission statement is related to the vision of that the Church is – a vision based on the life and ministry of Jesus.

He himself lived the beatitudes before and as he preached them: a man who was humble, gentle, merciful in his relationships with everyone; who could mourn others and for his world; who had a commitment to justice and right; lived his message as he taught it and was himself persecuted to the end. Without our relationship with Jesus, the beatitudes would be just a set of regulations.

Pope Francis expands them, saying: "Blessed are those Christian communities who live this authentic gospel simplicity! Poor in spirit means they are rich in God. Blessed are the shepherds who do not ride the logic of worldly success, but follow the law of love: welcoming, listening, serving. Blessed is the Church who does not entrust herself to the criteria of functionalism and organizational efficiency, nor worries about her image, (quoting St. Thérèse), "Jesus does not demand great actions from us, but simply surrender and gratitude".

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus tells the people of new ways to be happy. Because God is Love, we are called to love God with our mind and heart. Our mind helps us to know about things, our heart helps to love and to give. It is not enough to see people who are hungry, who are lonely, who are different, who are at war. We have to try to help. We help with our heart, by talking, and listening. Peacemaking is trying to put oneself in the other person's shoes, to feel how they feel.