

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

12th February 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:

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045 525346

Parish Office  
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Adrienne M<sup>c</sup>Cormack  
Mary Kilbride  
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### 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 Souls of Patrick (Paddy) Connolly (Jnr) Gurteenooona, Athy Road, Monasterevin and Martin (Murt) Rowan Gurteenooona, Athy Road, Monasterevin, Kildare who were interred during the week R.I.P.

#### Saturday 11th February 2023, 6.30 pm Mass

Paul Carroll, Clonanny House, Portarlinton & London (Months Mind), Bernard & Annie Maher, Coole, Brendan McHale, Ashgrove, Ballybrittas, Ann Houlihan, Kilmeade, Athy (Birthday Remembrance), Leo Kelly, Kill, Deceased members of O'Connell and Kelly Families, Ger Reidy, Skirtean, Maria Melia, Ballyfarsoon, Elizabeth Kingstone, Emo, Annie Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan, Ellen & Matthew Moran, Patrick Kaye, Urney, Cloneygowan (Birthday Remembrance), Bernie Holligan, Borraderra, (Birthday Remembrance), Michael Moody, Dublin & Cowpasture, Anthony Moody, Cowpasture, Tom Moran, Pass Bridge, Kathleen Hyland, New Lodge, Mag Murray, Ballyfarsoon, Din Damer, Kill, John Finn, Bracknagh

#### Sunday 12th February 2023, 9.00 am Mass

May, Patty & Kevin Dowling, Tullow, Paddy Lacey, Main St., Mrs. Margaret Hall, Derryoughter, Kildangan, Tom Moran, Pass Bridge

#### Sunday 12th February 2023, 11.30 am Mass

Michael Byrne, Sligo, Meo Byrne, Ballykelly & Sligo, Sylvester & Bridget Dunne Kilpatrick, Kildangan, George, Babs, & Kathleen Byrne Ballykelly, Carmel & Denis Lawlor, Fasaugh, Maureen McSweeney, Kilpatrick, Kildangan, Tom Dunne, Kilpatrick, Kildangan, Peter, Mag & Cyril Dunne, No 3 Kill, Josie Hughes, Numeys Road, Tom Moran, Pass Bridge

#### Tuesday 14th February 2023, 10.00 am Mass

Elizabeth Kingstone, Emo

#### Thursday 16th February 2023, 10.00 am Mass

Francis Kelly, Bridget & Edward Donnelly, England formerly Kylebeg Terrace, Martin Dalton, Kilberry, Athy

#### Friday 17th February 2023, 10.00 am Mass

Mrs. Margaret Boland, Drogheda Street

#### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection:- € 385

Baskets Collection: € 1105

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

##### Saturday 18th February 2023.

6.30pm - Mary Doyle, Dan Clancy, Jacqueline Kennedy

##### Sunday 19th February 2023.

9.00am - Lily Donoghue, Mary Lawlor, Davina Weldon

11.30am - Mary O'Leary, Anna Kelly, Ann Fearon

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 5th March 2023

Team A:

Sr. Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Katie Walsh, Jackie Quinn

#### CHOIR

Sat: 18th Feb 2023

6.30pm :  
Gary Farrell

Sun: 19th Feb 2023

11.30 am:  
Tom McGlynn

#### READERS

Sat 18th Feb 2023.

6.30pm: Ruth Dempsey

Sun 19th Feb 2023.

9.00 am: Sr. Angela

11.30 am: Liz Fitzpatrick

#### LOTTO

14th February 2023  
Team C

Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

#### Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 07/02/2023

Numbers Drawn

14, 19, 21, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot €1,200

Winner : No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Bernie Byrne R. Callanan

€20 Margaret McEvoy G. Harrison

€20 Billy Ransome M. Doyle

€20 John Behan R. McDonald

€20 Christina McHale R. Callanan

Next Draw 14/02/2023.

Thanks for your continued support

#### Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 06/02/2023

Numbers Drawn

2, 9, 12, 15

Next Weeks Jackpot €10,000

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Pat Gorry S. Ryan

€20 Pauline O'Connell R. McDonnell

€20 Tommy O'Connor A. Holligan

€20 Richard Duffy G. Harrison

€20 Michelle Baker S. Ryan

Next draw: 13/02/2023

Thanks for your continued support

#### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Weekly Draw Results: 03/02/2023

1st: Peter McDonnell c/o Arther  
2nd: Crissie Brady c/o G. Quinn  
3rd: Sophia Whelan c/o Bingo  
4th: Liz Malone c/o Martin  
Seller: Arthur Lawlor

#### ANNIVERSARY

The anniversary Mass for Pat Fitzpatrick, Kildare Road, will take place on Saturday 18th February at 6.30pm Mass

#### GLASSES FOUND

A pair of women's reading glasses was found in St. Evin's Cemetery.

Please contact the Parish office.

#### CARETAKER REQUIRED FOR BUNSCOIL BHRIDE

This is a part-time position consisting of 12 hours per week (5.30pm-6.30pm daily Monday to Friday) with flexibility for the remaining hours, subject to specific school demands and weather-related demands.

Garda Vetting be a requirement. Duties will include (but are not limited to):

Maintenance of the school building and grounds, gardening, grass-cutting, locking up of school, general handiman duties.

Applications with CV, to be sent to The Chairperson, Bunscoil Bhríde, Rathangan, Co. Kildare R51FP93, Enquiries to 045 524540

#### PRAYER TO LADY OF LOURDES

Glorious and loving God, inspired by the compassion of Our Lady of Lourdes, we pray for healing in mind, body and soul for all who are ill. We remember especially.....

Through the intercession of Mary, may your healing touch bring comfort and acceptance to the sick, and those who care for them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes - pray for us.



#### GROWTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT MONTHLY RETREAT

St. Peter's and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise  
**SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY**  
10.00 AM - 1.30 PM

Holy Mass @ 10 am — Confessions available  
Retreat continues in the Parish Centre from  
10.45 am - 1.30 pm

(Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry)

Contact: Michael Nerney — 086 8157305  
Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P

#### ALL WELCOME

#### IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

The Irish Catholic newspaper is on sale at the altar rails . Price €2.50

#### COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA AND TURKEY

Bishop Nulty is requesting that a collection be taken up at all masses next weekend , 18th and 19th February, for the people of Syria and Turkey.

This collection will go to Trócaire who are working with their partner, Caritas Syria, to support those affected by the terrible events following the recent devastating earthquake.

#### REFLECTIONS ON ST BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK

Fr. Liam,

A big thank you and everyone involved for organising Monday's Camino walk.

Myself and my husband travelled from Newbridge and we found the whole experience very enjoyable and a wonderful way to spend a bank holiday Monday.

We were lucky enough to get a seat in the gallery so had a 'bird's eye view' of the very thoughtful and uplifting service.

On reflecting on the event it seems to me there is a huge appetite for people coming together in a less formal, but still meaningful way and of course St. Brigid is still someone who appeals to a very diverse audience. Please God we will be able to join everyone for a Camino walk again next year.

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I just wanted to say thank you to all in Monasterevin for organising the St. Brigid's Camino Walk and the ceremony in the church today. I was there with my mum and sister to celebrate the first bank holiday in honour of a woman, long time coming, but it was very special. Míle buíochas.

#### MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL CHOIR

Monasterevin Gospel Choir will sing in Galway Cathedral on Sunday 19th February at 6.00pm.

Join us on Galway Cathedral Webcam.

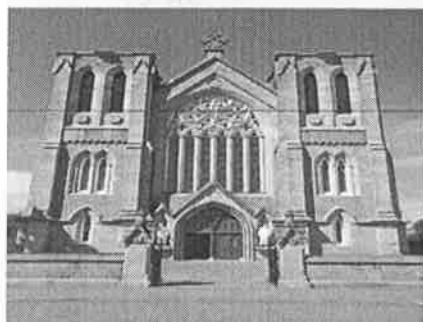
#### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked for many favours, this time I ask for a special one (Mention here).

Take it Dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in thee.

Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and favour will be granted. Never known to fail.





**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
 Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. 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 teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20  
 A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus. If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.  
 The word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PS. 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34  
 R. They are happy who follow God's law!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!  
 They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R)
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.  
 May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.  
 Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.  
 Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R)

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
 We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.  
 The word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Matthew 5: 17 - 37

( or \*5:20-22.27-28.33-34.37) (Shorter form in italics)  
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Jesus said to his disciples: Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in

the kingdom of heaven.  
 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court;\* if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

\*\*You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: If a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.† If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

†It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

\*\*Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all,\* either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. \*All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.\*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**THE 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, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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**

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

**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**

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**

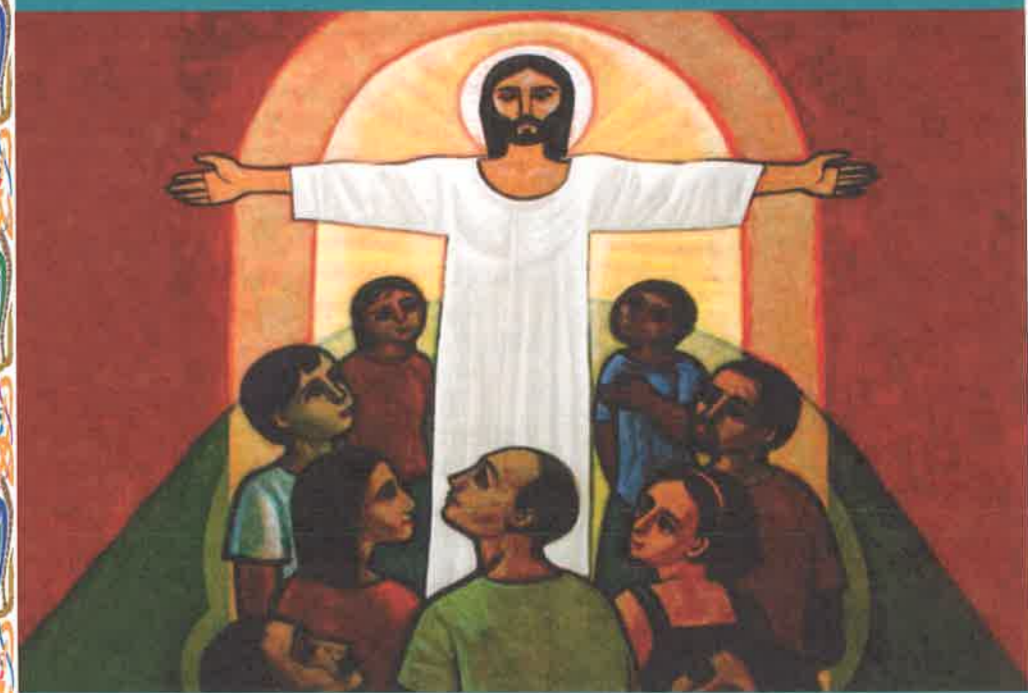
God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

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



A bit of criticism again from Jesus of the scribes and the Pharisees. Not a judgment about them personally but about their religion not going deep enough, and the fact that they didn't seem to notice that. They seemed happy to keep the law even when it might become a huge burden to others. They never investigated the reason why people did religious things. There is 'true religion' and 'false religion'. False religion has been used to promote war and violence over the centuries, and in fact still does so in many countries. Religion and Christianity have been used to violate the dignity and rights of many groups of people like the single parent, LGBT men and women and others over the years. True religion is the religion of the heart, rooted in compassion for all God's creation. Any religious practice like living by rules, participating in worship and our relationship with God is to come from the heart and from the desire only to do what God wants and give God first place in our lives.

The 'righteousness' of the people of Jesus's time sometimes came from the desire for power over others. True religion is humble and sees everyone as an equal child of God unlike the false religion, including clericalism, which puts traditionalism and its practices above compassion. This year we should strive to think synodally – to help develop a listening church which is open to the views of others. As Pope Francis puts it: "Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties.... so often our certainties can make us closed. Let us listen to one another" Lord, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

**Jesus' Story** Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells us that the Law of Love, is better than the love of law. Laws are important, but not complete, without the heart of love. I can read books, and know about Love, but loving means kindness, putting others first, caring, saying thanks, offering help. The Holy Spirit helps to make our knowing into loving. No matter how much I think I'm right, it's good to say, but I may be wrong.