

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

12th March 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

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Adrienne M<sup>c</sup>Cormack  
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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  
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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](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

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

Sharon Dunne, Clogheen, (Months Mind), Nora English, (1st Anniversary), Mrs. Maura Cleary, Larch Hill, May Ball, Scotland, Ann Melia (nee Dempsey), Anne Nancy Gillen, Passlands, Fergal Ryan, Kill Hill, Deceased Members of the Ryan and Keegan Families, Elizabeth Walsh, Ena Sweeney, Marie Patterson, Con & Girlie Carr, Old Grange, Sean Mullen, Lughill, John Joseph Mullen, Lughill, Sean Whelan, Skirtean, Deceased Members of the Mooney Family, Athy Road & Whelan Family, Ballybrittas, Co. Laois, John Joe & Mary Brady, Coventry, Sarah & James McDonnell, Rachel Colgan (Birthday Rem), Paddy, Rose & Christy Harrison, Old Grange, Pat Harrison, Larch Hill, Sean Harrison, St. Evin's Park, Joe & Eileen Harrison, Bray, Joe & Breda Sharpe, Rathangan Rd, Eddie, Moira & Joe Howard, Kildoon, Nurney.

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

Beth Mai Damer (1st Anniversary), Anne Nancy Gillen, Passlands, Sarah Harrison, Kill, John & Brigid Dempsey, London, Sean Mullen, Lughill, John Joseph Mullen, Lughill, Fr. John Foster, Ballykelly & Crumlin, Vera Coyle, Theresa Skamaraskas, Coventry, Sadie Ready.

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

John Earley, (1st Anniversary), Mary King, Ballyfarsoon, (1st Anniversary), Anne Nancy Gillen, Passlands, Michael Johnson, Mountrice, Paddy Miller, Borrederra, Catherine (Essie) Donohue, The Cottage, Inchacooley, John Kavanagh, Harbour View, Mary Dunne, St. Evin's Park, Fr. John Foster, Ballykelly & Crumlin, Vera Coyle, Theresa Skamaraskas, Coventry.

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

Owen Marron, Tullamore, Rachel Colgan (Birthday Rem).

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

Aubrey Hope, Annie O'Neill, John O'Neill.

### Friday 17th March 2023, 9.00am Mass

Margaret & Vincent Melia, Paddy & Mary Flynn, Kilberry, Mary (Molly) McGuinness, Edward McGuinness.

### Friday 17th March 2023, 11.30am Mass

Jimmy Nelligan, Patrick (Paddy) Donohue, Inchacooley, Joe Whelan, Main Street, Mary (Molly) McGuinness, Edward McGuinness, Jack Murray, Mary & Patrick Murphy, Athy.

### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection:- € 360.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1070.00

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Friday 17th March 2023 St. Patrick's  
Day: No evening Mass

9.00am- Anne McLoughlin, Mary Lawlor, Davina Weldon

11.30am- Fiona Behan, Rita McDonnell, Marie Lawless

### Saturday 18th March 2023.

6.30pm - Mary Ryan, Pauline Murphy, Ger Harrison

### Sunday 19th March 2023.

9.00am - Sr. Angela, Lily Donoghue, Andrew Mahon

11.30am- Ann Whelan, Ann Fearon, Carmel McAlinden

### LOTTO

14th March 2023

TEAM A:  
Pauline Duffy  
Lily Donoghue

### CHOIR

St. Patrick's Day 17th  
March 2023

11.30am: Parish Choir

Sat: 18th March 2023

6.30pm :Gary Farrell

Sun: 19th March 2023

11.30 am: Gospel Choir

**Irish Catholic on sale at  
altar rails. Price €2.50**

### READERS

Sat 18th March 2023.

6.30pm:Deirdre Cotter

Sun 19th March 2023

9.00pm:Tom Fitzgerald

11.30pm:Anne Fearon

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 19th March 2023

Team B:  
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

### Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 7/03/2023

Numbers Drawn

1, 4, 15, 18

Next Weeks Jackpot €2,000

Winner : No Winner

### Winners

€20 Anne Lawlor

€20 M. & S. Breen

€20 Billy Ransome

€20 Sean Ryan

€20 John Donaher

### Promoter

M. Doyle

G. Harrison

M. Doyle

A. Kelly

R. McDonald

Next Draw 14/03/2023

Thanks for your continued support

### Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 6/03/2023

Numbers Drawn

3, 5, 11, 18

Next Weeks Jackpot €10,000

No Winner

### Winners

€20 L. O'Donnell

€20 A. Grace & A. Connolly

€20 Denise Martin

€20 Taylor & Kian

€20 Joe Muldowney Jnr

### Promoter

G. Harrison

G. Harrison

G. Martin

P. Moore

G. Harrison

Next draw: 13/03/2023

Thanks for your continued support

### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 3/03/2023

1st: Niall Colgan

2nd: Josie Donohue

3rd: Dano Harrison

4th: Mick Morrissey

Seller: Jenny Robinson

Jenny Morrissey

Willoughbys

Caoimhe Connolly

Caroline

### MONASTEREVIN DAY CARE AGM

Monasterevin Day Care AGM will  
take place on Thursday 23rd March  
at 2.30pm in Mercy Convent  
Monasterevin.

### PARISH OFFICE

The parish office now has a wide variety of  
stock e.g. cards for St Patrick's Day, Easter  
and Birthdays. Sympathy cards as well as  
Rosary Beads, Confirmation and  
Communion prayer books.

### IRISH EPISCOPAL COUNCIL FOR EMIGRANTS

A collection will be taken up on St.  
Patrick's Day in aid of IECE.  
The IECE supports the pastoral  
needs of vulnerable Irish people  
overseas.

### PETITIONS FOR NOVENA

Blank Novena Petitions are available at the  
altar rails in St. Peter & Paul's Church for all  
those wishing to have Petitions included in  
the Novena Masses.  
Please put completed petitions in the box  
provided at the altar rails.

## TIMETABLE EASTER MASS

### Palm Sunday, 2nd April 2023

Vigil Mass 6.30p.m.  
Mass 9.00a.m. And 11.30a.m.

### Monday, 3rd April 2023

**Penitential Service 7.30p.m.**  
(Open Confession - 5 Priests  
available)

### Holy Thursday, 6th April 2023

Mass 7.30 p.m.  
Adoration at Altar of Repose  
after 7.30p.m. Mass Our Lady's  
Chapel Until 10.00p.m.

### Good Friday, 7th April 2023

Confessions 11.00a.m. to 12.00noon and  
2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.

### Stations of the Cross 3.00p.m.

### Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7.30p.m.

### Holy Saturday, 8th April 2023

Confessions 11.00a.m to 12.00 noon

### Easter Vigil Mass 6.30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday, 9th April 2023

Mass 9.00a.m. And 11.30a.m.

### CEMETERY MASSES 2023

St. Evin's

Monday 12th June at 7.30pm

Passlands

Tuesday 13th June at 7.30pm

Lackagh

Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm

### MUIRIOSIA FOUNDATION LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for Volunteer Befrienders to  
meet on a one-to-one basis with people with  
intellectual disabilities. The Muiriosa  
Foundation Befriending service provides  
companionship to people with intellectual  
disabilities who would like extra social contact  
through a weekly, fortnightly or monthly  
volunteer visit.

If you are interested and would like to learn  
more please contact 087 8505718

"During this Lent,  
let us all ask the Lord:  
Make our hearts like yours."

-Pope Francis

HAPPY  
St. Patrick's  
Day

### MASS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Mass for St. Patrick's Day will  
be at 9.00am and 11.30am  
Friday 17th March.

We will have Irish Dancers who  
will dance at the 11.30am Mass.

### LENTEN PRAYER

God, heavenly Father,  
look upon me and hear my prayer  
during this holy Season of Lent.  
By the good works You inspire,  
help me to discipline my body  
and to be renewed in spirit.  
Amen.

### SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



St. Peter & Paul's Church,  
Monasterevin

This year our Novena is confined to  
3 nights

Theme: Peace

3 Nights commencing on  
Thursday 23rd March to Saturday  
25th March 2023  
Time: 7.30pm, Saturday 6.30pm  
(Rosary at 7.10pm)

Thursday, 23rd - March -

Time: 7.30pm

Guest Speaker:

Victoria Iachimceac from Ukraine  
Speaking about the war in Ukraine.

Friday 24th - March

Time: 7.30pm

Guest Speaker:

People from Cuin Mhuire  
Speaking about addictions

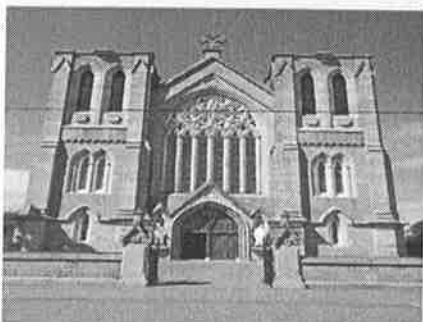
Saturday 25th - March

Time: 6.30pm

Guest Speaker

Colm Hogan

Speaking about Trocaire's work in  
Syria, Turkey and Somalia





## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

## GREETING

In the name of the Father .....Amen.  
The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

## 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.....  
Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Exodus 17: 3 - 7**A reading from the book of Exodus*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 94:1-2,6-9*

*R. O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. *[R]*

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;

let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. *[R]*

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *[R]*

SECOND READING *Romans 5:1-2,5-8*  
*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

GOSPEL *John 4: 5-15,19 - 26. 39 - 42*  
*(Shorter Form Only)**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans.

Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this

well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## 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

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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.*

## 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

**For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace:

that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. 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.*



## focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 12th March 2023

There is a thirst for the love, joy and meaning of the gospel in the hearts of our people today. It is sometimes ignored in the rush of modern consumerism. The readings today invite us to bring that deep thirst for life to Jesus and his gospel.

*...anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again...*



The gospel is about a person coming to the well when nobody else came. It would be the middle of the hot day; she seems a person of poor reputation and would be gossiped about in her town. It is likely she came to the well at this time to avoid other people.

She had looked for truth and love in her life, in empty places. Jesus just sat with her, listened, shared his life story and then she knew she had found living water. It was unusual she would speak to him, and the disciples were amazed he would speak to her. But wasn't he a great man for conversations with all sorts of people? His mission was to save all of us not just some of us.

The living water is like the times when you get a real sense of love; of knowing very well another person and being known, warts and all; of finding the truth; of courage and endurance, of growing in faith. The living water lasts.

Jesus offers this in prayer and in the Mass and in the sacraments. The living water is commonly thought of as the Holy Spirit. In the coming weeks the Gospel will cover three great symbols of our faith - water (the woman at the well), light (the man born blind) and life (Lazarus).

Whatever it did for her brought her running back to town, a woman who spoke to nobody and was looked down on. One of the first to spread the gospel. She was a new witness to Jesus. She said little except that the joy of her life brought people to him..

*Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)*

## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*



Jesus met a lonely woman at the well. She was a Samaritan. Jesus asked her for a drink. The woman was very surprised because Jewish people did not speak to Samaritans. Jesus said "I can give you water that is full of life, and you will never thirst again." She ran home to tell all the neighbours to come and meet this man, who knew all about her and accepted her.