

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

19th 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:

Fr. Liam Merrigan P.P.
045 525346

Parish Office
045 525346

Adrienne M'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
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, 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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Dowling, Gurteenoon, Monasterevin
who was interred during the week. R.I.P.

Saturday 18th March 2023, 6.30pm Mass

Martin (Murt) Rowan (Months Mind), Margaret M. Cleary, Larch Hill, Maura O'Connell,
Greenfields, WoodView, Joe Whelan, Main Street, Anne Tynan, Jamestown, Kathleen
Molyneaux, Nancy Mulhall, Nan Weldon, Peg Byrne, Peter Murphy, Closelands, Peter Dunne,
Kill, Deceased Members of the Dunne & Hughes Families, Patrick Casey, Mary Conlon, Togher
Road, Rose Harrison, Old Grange, Margaret Murray, Ballyfarsoon, Mary Harrison, No 1, Kill,
Elizabeth Mahon, Grange, Moore Abbey.

Sunday 19th March 2023, 9.00 am Mass

Dan O'Connell, Joe Dunne, Kill, Marie Patterson.

Sunday 19th March 2023, 11.30 am Mass

Annie O'Neill, Annie Eustace, John O'Neill, Aubrey & Mary Hope, Michael, Peter & Michael (Jnr)
Eustace, Sean O' Neill, Manie Harrison, St. Evin's Park, Catherine Kavanagh, Harbour View,
John Kavanagh, Harbour View, Mrs. Elizabeth Whelan, Drogheda Street, Mary Donoghue,
Umeras, Anne McCarthy, Station Road, Mary Dunne, St. Evin's Park, Jimmy Nelligan, Rose
Heavey, & Maeve Hall, St. Evin's Park, (Mother's Day Rem).

Tuesday 21st March 2023, 10.00 am Mass

Bridie Doyle, Athy, (Months Mind), Julia Mahon, Athy, Deceased Members of the Mahon Family,
Winifred Freeman, Loretto Kelly.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection:- € 250.00
Baskets Collection: € 1390.00

LOTTO

21st March 2023

TEAM B:

Mary Sweeney
Mary Doyle

Irish Catholic on sale at altar
rails. Price €2.50

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 25th March 2023,
6.30pm - Cathy Cullen, Pat Ryan,
Hannah Duffy

Sunday 26th March 2023,

9.00am - Davina Weldon, Anne
McLoughlin, Teresa Martin

11.30am - Mary O'Leary, Ann
Lonergan, Fiona Behan

CHOIR

Sat: 25th March 2023
6.30pm :Victor Kennedy

Sun: 26th March 2023
11.30 am:
Tommy McGlynn

READERS

Sat 25th March 2023,
6.30pm:Ger Harrison,

Sun 26th March 2023
9.00pm: John Dooley,
11.30pm: Billy Cleary

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR MONASTEREVIN PARISH NOVENA 2023

Thursday 23rd March
2023
at 7.30 pm:
Andrew Mahon,
Mary Doyle,
Lily Donoghue

Friday 24th March 2023
at 7.30 pm:
Dan Clancy,
Ann Whelan,
Rita McDonnell

Saturday 25th March 2023
at 6.30 pm:
Cathy Cullen,
Pat Ryan,
Hannah Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 14/03/2023

Numbers Drawn :

5 6 19 20

Next Weeks Jackpot €2,200

Winner : No Winner

Winners

€20 Arthur McCormack

€20 Teresa Mahon

€20 Andrei Prili

€20 Ber Mooney

€20 Ann Gammell

Promoter

A. Kelly

D. Mahon

Fr. Liam

R. McD.

Ger.

Next Draw 21/03/2023

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 13/03/2023

Numbers Drawn

1 10 14 28

Next Weeks Jackpot €10,000

No Winner

Winners

€20 John Coughlan

€20 Joan McLoughlin

€20 Sean Ryan

€20 John Moore

€20 Julie Weldon

Promoter

J. Coughlan

G. Martin

R. Ryan

Finlays

P. Donohoe

Next draw: 20/03/2023

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Weekly Draw Results: 10/03/2023

1st: Niall Lonergan

2nd: Ann Finn

3rd: Martin Keogh

4th: Joe Lonergan

Niall

Bingo

Bingo

Niall

Seller: Niall Lonergan

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES:

Grounds Person Ellistown GFC,
RefCES-2246748

Cleaner Ellistown GFC

Re CES-2266790

2 Caretakers Monasterevin

Community Centre

Ref CES-2266702

3 Care Assistants Monasterevin

Day Centre Ref CES-2253280.

To apply please call into Community
Employment Office in Parish Centre
Drogheda Str or telephone

045-525143

REJOICE!
IN THE
LORD
ALWAYS.

PETITIONS FOR NOVENA

Blank Novena Petitions forms 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.



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

Yewtree
Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm

BARROW BLUEWAY AT MONASTEREVIN WALKING GROUP

Our group meets every Monday and Wednesday
at Moore's Lock for a 5-7km walk, starting at
11.00am,
Contact Colm Hynes for further information
086-8528654. All welcome.

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)

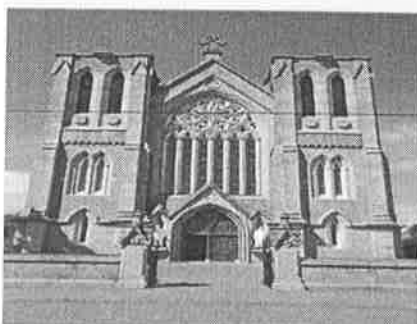
Thursday, 23rd - March
Time: 7.30pm
Guest Speaker:
Victoria Iachimceac from Ukraine
Speaking about the war in Ukraine.

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

LENTEN PRAYER

Cultivate in us, Lord,
attentiveness to your call.
Give us hope to dream of a better
world
and strength to play our part
to make it a reality.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.
May almighty God have mercy on us....
Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16: 1.6-7.10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him, but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures

where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. [R]

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. [R]

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. [R]

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. [R]

SECOND READING Ephesians 5: 8-14
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God!
I am the light of the world,
says the Lord; anyone who
follows me will have the
light of life.
Glory to you, O Christ,
you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL John 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38

(Shorter Form Only)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been

blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, He said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born! And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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

Without faith we are blind to the ways of God.
With the light of faith we can see the path Jesus laid down
for us so that we may follow him and enjoy the glory of the
resurrection when our time comes.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

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

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went,
I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
May the blessing of almighty God,
Amen.
Go in peace. Thanks be to God.



A Kindly Face and a Smile

All I did was let a roar – Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me. They had told me he had healed people – but only sometimes. He looked my way – they told me. Of course, I didn't know that

then. I wondered would he heal me, and I might see – again.

It was great when I could see – a good while ago.

There was a moment when he came towards me – they told me, and I could sense it.

A blind man can often sense a man of peace and goodness near him. What might he do?

A gentle touch of the eyes but nothing happened.

At least I saw nothing, but I got an uplift in the heart.

Strange - I felt totally forgiven, totally accepted.

That would have been enough!

Even if I never saw anything again, I would be grateful I met him.

For what he gave to me in one short moment.

He took his hand away, and I raised my eyes.

I could see – I saw him then, a kindly face and a smile.

This was the first thing I saw, and even though I would see the world again, it was the best thing I saw when my blindness was cured.

Donal Neary SJ

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Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



People thought that a blind man was a sinner that God did not like. Jesus meets the blind man, touches his eyes, and tells him to wash in the holy well. He sees immediately. All people and all sorts are God's Friends. Jesus said that He is The Light of the world, come to bless us. When we light a candle we ask to see what God is like.