

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

5th 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^cCormack
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, 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 4th March 2023, 6.30 pm Mass

Ann Gillen, Passlands (Months Mind), Molly Ryan, Kildangan, Deceased Members of the Ryan & Flanagan Families, Margaret Peg Connolly, 2 Woodview, Patrick (Paddy Jnr.) Connolly, 1032 Gurteenona, Vincent Miller, Newbridge.

Sunday 5th March 2023, 9.00 am Mass

Molly Ryan, Kildangan, Deceased Members of the Ryan & Flanagan Families, Ann Langley, Dublin.

Sunday 5th March 2023, 11.30 am Mass

Joe Byrne, Bracknagh (1st Anniversary), Molly Ryan, Kildangan, Deceased Members of the Ryan & Flanagan Families, Masie Byrne, Inchacooley, Vera McLoughlin, Gorey.

Friday 10th March 2023, 10.00 am Mass

Breda & Joe Sharpe, Cowpasture.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection:- € 395.00
Baskets Collection: € 1270.00

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 11th March 2023.

6.30pm - Mary Doyle, Dan Clancy,
Jacqueline Kennedy

Sunday 12th March 2023.

9.00am - Andrew Mahon, Sr. Angela,
Lily Donoghue
11.30am - Mary O'Leary, Carmel
McAlinden, Ann Loneragan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 19th March 2023
Team B:

Sheelagh Murphy, Corina
Kelly, Anna Duffy

CHOIR

Sat: 11th March 2023
6.30pm :Dawn Broughan

Sun: 12th March 2023
11.30 am: Parish Choir

READERS

Sat 11th March 2023.

6.30pm:Deirdre Cotter

Sun 12th March 2023

9.00pm:Tom Fitzgerald
11.30pm:Anne Fearon

LOTTO

14th March 2023

TEAM A:
Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 28/02/2023

Numbers Drawn

6, 10, 15, 21

Next Weeks Jackpot €1,800

Winner : No Winner

Winners

€20 Gay White

€20 Denis Callanan

€20 Sandra Quinn

€20 Margaret Downey

€20 Stephanie Byrne

Promoter

A. Kelly

R. Callanan

A. Kelly

M. Heavey

G. Harrison

Next Draw 7/03/2023

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 27/02/2023

Numbers Drawn

19, 21, 25, 27

Next Weeks Jackpot €10,000

No Winner

Winners

€20 Mag Byrne

€20 Michael Carroll

€20 Kevin Hewit

€20 Johnny Howard

€20 Leo Murphy

Promoter

J. Byrne

R. Brennan

G. Broughal

M. Heavey

B. Fitzgerald

Next draw: 6/03/2023

Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Weekly Draw Results: 24/02/2023

1st: Evie O'Reilly

2nd: Lisa Doyle

3rd: Tom Duffy

4th: Kathleen Merrins

Seller: Earleys Fashion

Earleys

Daren Doyle

John

D. Ransome

THANKS

Knit and Natter would like to thank everyone who contributes in any way to our work.

With everyone's efforts we are able to give €1,000 to Friends of St Brigid's Hospice, Curragh, €2,000 to Syria for earthquake, €1,000 to Democratic Republic of Congo project to build a library, €500 for J. P. II young people from St. Paul's School who participate actively in our Parish and especially our Sunday Masses, Brigid Crosses and Camino etc.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

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

MONASTEREVIN DAY CARE AGM

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

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN APPEAL

This Lent, Trócaire's Appeal highlights the impact that climate change, drought and conflict has on people's lives in Somalia and how your generosity can give families a chance to build a better tomorrow.

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the church if you would like to take one.

Trócaire
Working for a just world.

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.

MONASTEREVIN PARISH DONATION TO SYRIA AND TURKEY APPEAL

Thanks to all from our Parish who donated €7,600 to this appeal.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR SYRIA AND TURKEY

An astonishing €113,523.50 was given to the Diocesan Collection from 12 Parishes.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Divine Mercy Sunday is back! Celebrations will be held in Moore Abbey Chapel, Monasterevin on Sunday 16th April 2023.

The public are invited and are very welcome to attend.

Inquiries to 086 3797454

BEST WISHES

Best wishes to Knit and Natter, Weavers Wellness groups who are up for AONTAS Star Awards in Dublin next Friday 10th March.

Project title - Becoming Local and Global Citizens.

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.

Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility.

He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man

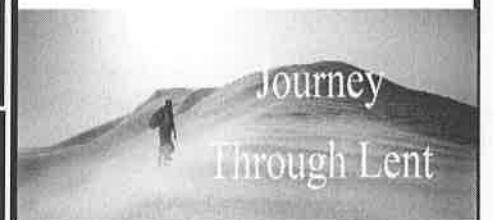
And giving His life on the Cross.

Help us to bear witness to You

By following His example of suffering

And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. 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

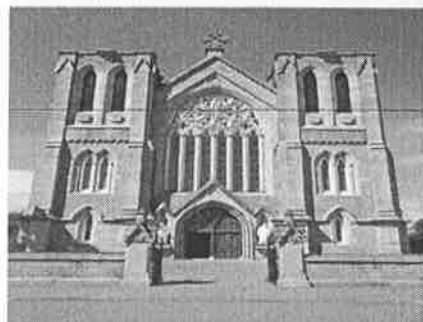
Saturday 25th - March

Time: 6.30pm

Guest Speaker

Colm Hogan

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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen.

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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 have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Genesis 12: 1 - 4*

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 32: 4-5.18 - 20.22

R. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

[R]

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. [R]

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. [R]

SECOND READING *2 Timothy 1:8-10*
A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved.

Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL *Matthew 17: 1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

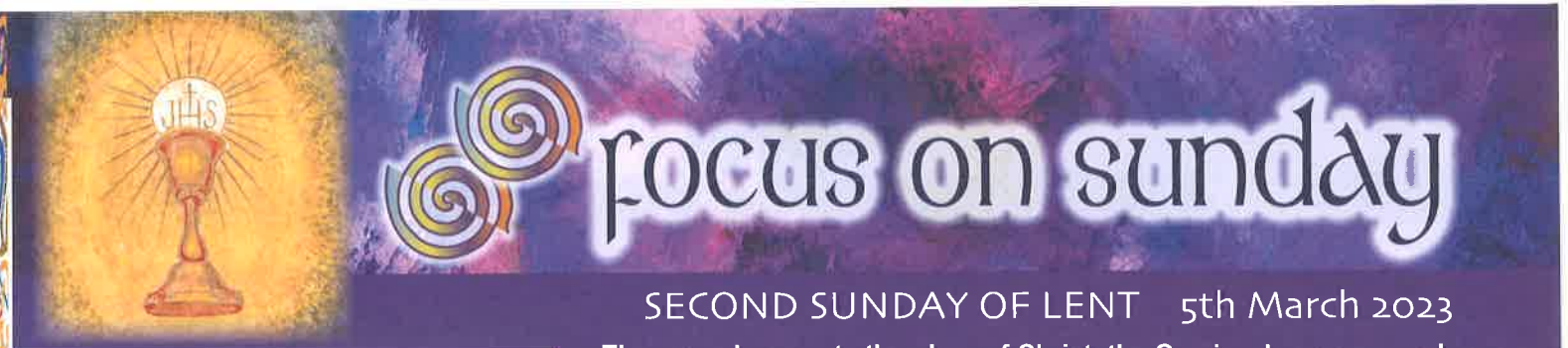
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** Lift up your hearts.

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.....



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 5th March 2023

The gospel presents the glory of Christ, the One in whom we can always hope, the One who takes our sadnesses and despair into his own heart, and gives us through his death and resurrection the promise of eternal hope.



AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. 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.**

Reflection

We too should follow Jesus to the mountain top but we should follow him too - down again for it is in living and serving others, in seeing in all people the image of God that we can truly follow Jesus to his home with the Father

Lord, the glory which we see in your Transfiguration will one day be ours. We thank you for your promise and the gift of hope in this promise. Help me to see in all people the image of your glory, that in each person I meet lives the love and light of your Holy Spirit. Amen.



Today's Gospel describes an overwhelming experience for three of the disciples, Peter, James and John - Jesus' 'inner circle'. Mountains are important locations in Matthew's Gospel, always associated with divine revelation, places where heaven touches earth. The trio realise there is something deeper going on as

Jesus is transformed before their eyes. The presence of Moses (representing the Law) and Elijah (representing the prophets) invites parallels between these figures and Jesus, who fulfils both the law and the prophets.

"It is good for us to be here." These words of Peter recognise the enormity of the moment. Life is full of opportunities to acknowledge and appreciate the presence of God and others. How often do we take a moment with God to simply say "Here I am"? Lent gives us that opportunity to press pause and come into the presence of God.

Every moment holds the gift of God's presence. Sometimes this is referred to as the 'sacrament of the present moment', a realisation that God is not 'out there' but here and now, in this time and place. We encounter God in both the extraordinary and ordinary moments of life. In times of laughter and joy, when we delight in our loved ones, God is to be found. In times of rest and reflection, God is within. So while we might not identify with the disciples' experience of the Transfiguration Jesus, if we are attentive to the present moment, we may just find that our world is ablaze with divine love.

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty are the authors of
The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew,
Messenger Publications, 2022

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus hides himself in human clothes to comfort and help people, and not to frighten them. Behind his human face to day, on the mountain, his friends get a taste of Heaven...Jesus' Face is dazzlingly beautiful....his friends want to stay with Him forever. God's image, part of God's Face, is in every human being. When we die we see God's Face fully lit up. A smile from our face is a blessing from God. Why don't we try today?