

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

9th July 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.

Parish Office  
045 525346

Adrienne M'Cormack  
Mary Kilbride  
Anna Pedrak  
Simona Grajauskaite

### Opening Hours:

Monday - 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  
Parish Safeguarding  
Representatives  
Ellen Galvin  
Mary Moore

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](http://MONASTEREVINPARISH.IE)  
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### Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Margaret (Mag) Nicholls, 1257 St. Evins Park,  
Monasterevin. R.I.P.

#### Saturday 8th July 2023, 6.30 pm Mass

Gerard Hurley, 1252 St Evins Park (1st Anniversary) May Ball, Scotland (Birthday Rem), Patrick Carter, 7 Abbey Gate (Birthday Rem), Annie & Malachy Gilchrist, Old Grange, Mrs. Guilfoyle, Old Grange, Fr. Pat Lonergan, Matt Lonergan, Deceased Members of the Lonergan & Connolly Families, Patrick Lalor, Medical Hall, Monasterevin, Deceased Members of the Lalor Family, Mary Collins, 927 Gurteennoona (Birthday Rem), Margaret Cleary, Larchill (Birthday Rem).

#### Sunday 9th July 2023, 9.00 am Mass

#### Sunday 9th July 2023, 11.30 am Mass

Baby Mary Michelle Higgins, Australia, Bill & Jane Holligan, John Holligan, Rutch Holligan, Simon Ridge, London, Patrick Joseph Havens, Catherine Earley, Main Street, Elizabeth Whelan, Drogheda Street.

#### Thursday 13th July 2023, 10.00 am Mass

Bridget & James Grant, George Hannon, Sligo.

#### LOTTO 11/07/2023

TEAM : C  
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne,  
Ger Harrison

#### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection:  
€ 295.00  
Baskets Collection:  
€ 795.00

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 15th July 2023  
6.30pm - Dan Clancy, Jacqueline Kennedy, Mary Ryan

Sunday 16th July 2023  
9.00am - Andrew Mahon, Sr. Angela, Anne McLoughlin  
11.30am - Carmel McAlinden, Mary Lawlor, Ann Lonergan

#### CHOIR

Sat: 15th July 2023  
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sun: 16th July 2023  
11.30am: Alan Reigh

#### READERS

Sat 15th July 2023  
6.30pm: Deirdre Cotter

Sun 16th July 2023  
9.00am: Lisa Marie Duffy  
11.30am: Gary Farrell

#### Monasterevin Parish Lotto Draw Results 4/07/2023

Numbers Drawn:

3, 10, 13 14

Next Weeks Jackpot €2,800

NO WINNER :

Winners	Promoter
€20 Seamie Whyte	G. Harrison
€20 John Joe Donohoe	R. McDonnell
€20 Mary Doyle	Mary
€20 Tim Butler	A. Kelly
€20 Mick Donohoe	R. McDonnell

Next Draw 11/07/2023

Thanks for your continued support

#### Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto Draw Results 03/07/2023

Numbers Drawn:

3, 4, 7, 25

Next Weeks Jackpot €10,000

No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Angela Harrison	R. McDonnell
€20 Brigid & Michael	M. Dowling
€20 Vincent Meredith	S. Hackett
€20 Siobhan Moore	J. Moore
€20 Joan McLoughlin	G. Martin

Next draw: 10/07/2023

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#### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Weekly Draw Results: 30/06/2023

1st: Keith Quinn % Catherine Quinn  
2nd: Molly Kelly % Stephen Morrissey  
3rd: Claire Dunne % Nagshead  
4th: John Buddy % John  
Seller: Catherine Quinn

#### LAOIS RELAY FOR LIFE 2023

We are delighted to confirm that Relay for Life Laois will be back at Emo Court again this year on July 29th & 30th! Individuals / Clubs / Teams / Groups of Friends, from across the county and beyond, coming together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and stand shoulder to shoulder with those battling cancer. Relay For Life is a celebration of solidarity and helps to raise awareness of the services provided by the Irish Cancer Society locally. If you can't make it to the full event, please come along even for a short while, walking is free! There are so many other ways to support the cause also, you could sponsor wellbeing items / treats for our survivors gift bags. You can donate to any one of the registered walking teams / your favourite fundraising individual at [www.relayforlife.ie/event/laois/](http://www.relayforlife.ie/event/laois/) donate Or you can buy a Candle of Hope bag (five euro each) and dedicate it to a loved one and join us at the Candle of Hope ceremony on July 29th at dusk for an evening of music and remembrance. For queries about the event please contact Caroline: 087 4499903, Alan: 086 1222227

#### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

#### NIAMH KAVANAGH & MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL CHOIR

In Concert  
Friday 13th October 2023 at 8pm.

St. Peter & Paul's Church  
Tickets €30.00

Booking at:  
Parish Office 045 525346  
Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395

In aid of St. Peter & Paul's Church & Monasterevin Tidy Towns.

Concert will **NOT** be Live  
Streamed on the Night.

#### RETRACING THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. BRIGID & ST. CONLETH.

An 8km Pilgrim Walk on the  
Curragh Plains.  
Led by Bishop Denis Nulty  
Saturday 29th July

Walk begins at St. Anne's School,  
The Curragh at 12 noon to St. Brigid's  
Parish Church Kildare.

Refreshments available on arrival at  
Aras Bhride.  
Park and Ride available from  
11.15am at Kildare Railway Station.

Concluding Service in St. Brigid's  
Parish Church Kildare at 4pm.

To register for walk please contact  
Aras Bhride 045 521352  
[kildareparish@gmail.com](mailto:kildareparish@gmail.com)

#### OUR LADY'S CHAPEL

Please note there will be No holy hour 7.30pm  
to 8.30pm on Wednesday night in Our Lady's  
Chapel for the months of July and August.  
Holy hour will resume from 6th September  
2023.

#### COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME VACANCIES

4 Care Assistants Monasterevin Day Care  
Centre  
1 Cleaner Ellistown G.F.C.  
2 Environmental Workers Passlands  
Graveyard (CES - 2290038)

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally  
linked to those who are 21 years or over and  
in receipt of a qualifying social welfare  
payment for 1 year or more.  
Please contact the CE office in  
Monasterevin Parish Office or phone 045  
525143 to check eligibility.

#### OPEN DAY

OPEN DAY at Kildare Animal Foundation,  
Kildare Town Sunday 9th July at 1pm.

#### FREE ADMISSION

Cakes/Bottles/Plant stalls, Antiques,  
Crafts, Face painting, Pet gifts, Kiddies  
games, clothes and much more.

A lovely family day out with bargains  
galore.

**NO DOGS** please as we have so many  
here at the shelter waiting to greet you.

#### Parish Office

We have a Beautiful New Arrangement of  
various Gifts and Cards in stock for  
Special Occasions: such as Confirmation,  
Holy Communion, Birth of a Child, or just  
for that special person.

Call in and our friendly staff will be  
delighted to look after you.

#### MONASTEREVIN STREETFEST

Monasterevin StreetFest are delighted to welcome  
Josephine from Josephine's Flowers to  
Monasterevin Community Centre on Thursday the  
13th of July for a Flower Demonstration from  
12-2pm  
Admission is €5 and refreshments will be provided  
on the day.  
Raffle will also take place with Josephine's Flower  
Arrangements as prizes.

#### WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY

World Day for Grandparents &  
Elderly takes place on Sunday, July 23rd.  
The National Grandparents Pilgrimage  
celebrating this day in Knock Shrine will  
be led by Bishop Denis.  
The anointing of the sick is at 2.30pm with  
Mass at 3pm. Families from the diocese  
are encouraged to travel.



#### THE BLESSING OF LONG LIFE

God of mercy,  
Who has given the gift of long life to Your  
children,  
grant them Your blessing;  
let them feel the sweetness and strength  
of Your presence:  
Turning back to the past  
let them rejoice in Your mercy  
and looking to the future  
Let them persevere in the hope that does  
not die.  
Praise and glory to You for ever and ever.





## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

## 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

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 forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## 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 in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Zechariah 9:9-10**

**A reading from the prophet Zechariah**

The Lord says this:  
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps. 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14**

**R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **(R)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 8: 9. 11-13**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.  
So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

**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 11: 25-30**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

**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.



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9th July 2023

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. 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.*  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

**Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.

## CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
May the Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

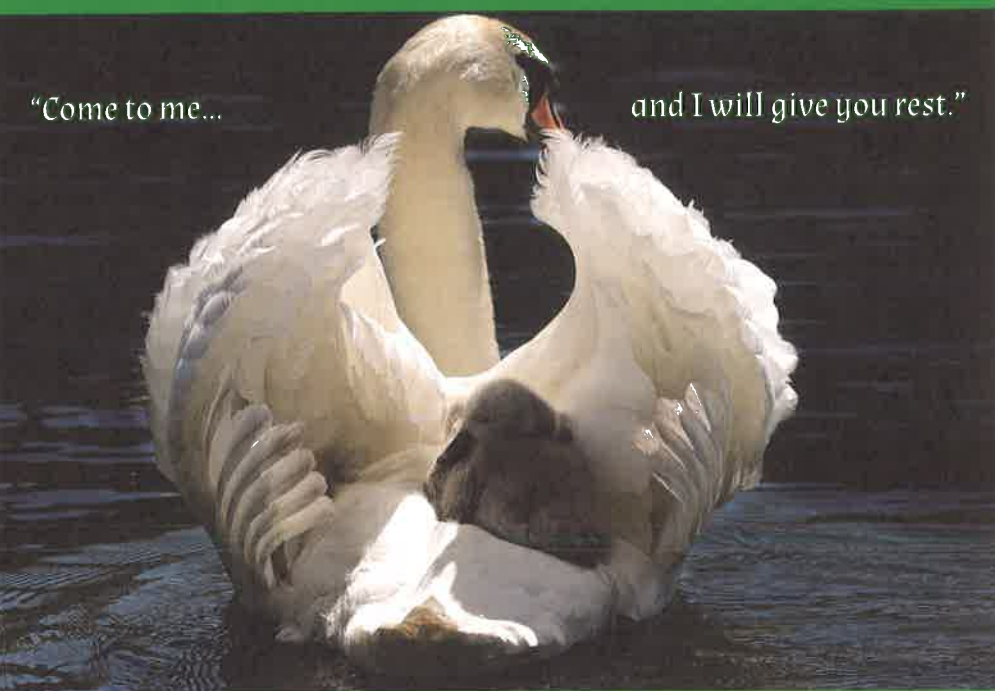
May he let his face shine upon you and show you his mercy. **Amen.**

May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace. **Amen.**

And 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 presence of Christ in our world and our lives is a friendship, companionship and love that gives peace to the restless hearts and hope and meaning in times of stress and trouble.



Pope Francis regularly reminds us that we must not only evangelise the poor, but also be evangelised by them. We who are learned, (perhaps even with degrees in theology!) can sometimes believe that those who are poor, uneducated, and living on the margins –

the "children" in today's gospel, those of little importance who have no learning or achievements to point to – have nothing to say to us about God. But all our learning can never bring us closer to God because God cannot be understood, God can only be experienced. God is present to us like the air to the birds or the water to the fish. Travellers in Ireland often have a much stronger sense of God's presence and action in their lives than many of the rest of us. Jesus lived amongst the poor, he healed the sick, he befriended the rejected. Thousands of ordinary people flocked to listen to Jesus because, in him, they experienced the God who cares. The learned also came to hear him, but they went away and "plotted how to get rid of him." Those who are poor and marginalised offer us the greatest gift of all; they invite us to open our hearts to include them in our love. And if we do, we become more loving and therefore more like God. No-one can offer us a greater gift than the gift of becoming more like God. Salvation comes to us from the poor.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



In the story today Jesus invites us to come to Him, if we have a worry or fear, if we are sad or make mistakes. His Spirit is in our heart, and in the hearts of others too, and Holy Communion, is God's Special Gift to help us. Jesus is always telling us that we are his friends, and that our failings and sins are always forgiven.