

16th 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^cCormack

Mary Kilbride

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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

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Old Dublin Road

Carlow

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Parish Safeguarding

Representatives

Ellen Galvin

Mary Moore

CHARITY TAX NO.

CHY 7355

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

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

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Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the Very Rev. Denis O'Sullivan Drogheda Street, Monasterevin, Kildare/Portarlinton, Offaly who was interred during the week - R.I.P.

Saturday 15th July 2023, 6.30 pm Mass

Bridie Connolly, Baytown, The Ward, Co. Dublin, Jack Dunne, Lackagh, Margaret Brereton, Betty Melia, Ballyfarsoon, William Murphy, Closelands & Deceased Members of the Murphy Family, Mary Dowling, Old Grange, Elizabeth Donoghue, Hybla, Ollie Leigh, Gurteenoon, Bridget Counce, Sale England, Maureen Dunphy, Fr. John Foster, Ballykelly & Crumlin

Sunday 16th July 2023, 9.00 am Mass

Briget & Patrick Moody, Meath, Henrietta Dunne, Fausagh, Monasterevin, Olivia Denieffe, Kildare, Joe mc Cabe, Cowpasture, Nuala Waldron, Urney, Cloneygowan, Tullamore, Fr. John Foster, Ballykelly, Crumlin, Glynes Doyle

Sunday 16th July 2023, 11.30 am Mass

Breda O'Keefe, Clogheen (1st Anniversary), Maura McEvoy, Killeslin Rd., Carlow, Tony Lawlor, Main St. & Togher Grove, Michael Lawlor, Globe Island, Mary Lawlor, Main St., Patrick & Catherine Whelan, Athy, Joe & Agnes Callan, Michael & Ellen Callan, Patrick & Ann Nelligan, Willie Whelan, Drogheda St., & Deceased Members of the Whelan & McCormack Families, Denis (Butch) O'Brien, Clogheen, Christopher (Eddie) Murphy, Kildare Town

LOTTO

18/07/2023

TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 385.00

Baskets Collection: € 915.00

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 22nd July 2023

6.30pm - Pauline Murphy, Ger Harrison, Cathy Cullen

Sunday 23rd July 2023

9.00am - Teresa Martin, Lily Donoghue, Paddy Clarke

11.30am - Mary O'Leary, Fiona Behan, Rita McDonnell

CHOIR

Sat: 22nd July 2023

6.30pm: Gary Farrell

Sun: 23rd July 2023

11.30am: Tom McGlynn

READERS

Sat 22nd July 2023

6.30pm: Deirdre Cotter

Sun 23rd July 2023

9.00am: Lisa Marie Duffy

11.30am: Gary Farrell

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 11/07/2023

Numbers Drawn:

7, 11, 15, 18

Next Weeks Jackpot €3,000

NO WINNER :

Winners

€20 Pat Duffy

€20 Michael Callanan

€20 David McGlynn

€20 Catriona Miller

€20 Tirnan Hurley

Promoter

c/o P. Duffy

c/o R. Callanan

c/o R. McDonnell

c/o R. Callanan

c/o A. Kelly

Next Draw 18/07/2023

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 10/07/2023

Numbers Drawn:

9, 15, 22, 27

Next Weeks Jackpot €10,000

No Winner

Winners

€20 Amanda Whelan

€20 John Cullen

€20 Eimear Hanlon

€20 Hannah Early

€20 Geraldine Muldowney

Promoter

A. Holligan

A. Cullen

M. Hanlon

M. Forde

G. Harrison

Next draw: 17/07/2023

Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results:

07/07/2023

1st: Billy Ransome c/o Deidre Ransome

2nd: Richie Franey c/o Mick Foley

3rd: Lenny Havens c/o Paddy

4th: Pauline Meredith c/o Nags

Seller: Deirdre Ransome

MONASTEREVIN HOPKINS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Friday July 28 - Sunday 31 2023

Friday 28

Community Centre

Art Exhibition opening Fri 4pm -6pm

Saturday 1pm - 6pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4.30pm

Concert

Friday 28th at 8pm

St. John's Church of Ireland, Main St

Tickets available at Earley's Fashions

Gerard Manley Hopkin's Talks

Community Centre

Friday 4.30pm

Saturday Community Centre

10am - 1pm Lectures

2pm - 3.30pm Poetry Reading

With Pat Boran et al at Monasterevin House, Presentation Generalate, Main Street.

All details on Gerard Manley Hopkins website.

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

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

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.

"God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences."

-Pope Francis

Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023





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.

THANK YOU


Thank you to everyone who helped with the arrangements for Fr. O'Sullivan's funeral.

It was very much appreciated.

Fr. Liam

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

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people: 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 show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55: 10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *PS. 64: 10-14*

R. Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R)**
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R)**

SECOND READING *Romans 8: 18-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 1-23 (*shorter form 13: 1-9)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'* *
Then the disciples went up to him and

asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

***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

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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

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

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 sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. 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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th July 2023

Our faith is nourished and grows through the experiences of our lives. It can also weaken and disappear. We need the support of our Church and fellow - christians to strengthen and direct our growth when we lose our way.



Blessed are your ears

Today's Gospel is in three parts: the parable Jesus taught, an explanation on why Jesus teaches in parables and an explanation of the parable of the sower. The parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our hearts the soil for a moment: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil is basically rock that has been broken down by various forces such as wind, rain, freezing and thawing. It can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs lots of air and water, and some manure; it needs to be tended to and prepared. We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives which can either close us down and harden our hearts or can open us up and help us to grow into greater awareness. The disciple is one who hears the word and understands it, and it bears fruit (13:23).

"The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and restorer and resurrector, by which disease passes into health, age into youth, death into life. Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life." - Wendell Berry

Jane Mellett, Laudato Si Officer, Trócaire

Co-author of *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*, Messenger Publications, 2022

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

When Jesus saw a farmer sowing seeds in the ground, He was reminded of God Our Father, who gives the seed of life to all the world, and the seed of His Spirit is present in every person's heart. God Our Father can never stop loving us, but sometimes the seed of God's love is forgotten, when we miss giving thanks, and sharing, and when we hurt others. But the seed of God still loves us all the time.