

15th October 2023

Mass Times

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10.00 a.m.

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17/10/2023

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Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 10/10/2023

Numbers Drawn:

1, 17, 18, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot €3,200

NO WINNER

Winners

€20 Eileen McGlynn

€20 Kathleen Hughes

€20 Maeve Ryan

€20 Josie Hogan

€20 Paidi Odhron

Promoter

R. McDonnell

M. Doyle

M. Doyle

A. Kelly

M. Heavey

Next Draw 17/10/2023

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 9/10/2023

Numbers Drawn:

5, 16, 20, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot: €2,200

No Winner:

Winners

€20 Bridie Harrison

€20 Cormac Holligan

€20 Whelan Family

€20 Evelyn Conlon

€20 Hannah O'Rourke

Promoter

G. Harrison

A. Holligan

A. Holligan

P. Moore

G. Martin

Next draw: 16/10/2023

Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results:

6/10/2023

1st €100: Rosie Maher c/o D. Maher

2nd €50: Catherine Earley c/o Peter

3rd €25: Georgina Arnott c/o Stephen

4th €25: C.Byrne, Bracknagh, c/o Nags

Seller: David Maher

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

People in your community need help.

Become a Volunteer today and help make a difference!

If you would like to Volunteer for a couple of hours a week

Please visit [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)

and click: GET INVOLVED

Contact us:

Monasterevin 085-1209577 or

[volunteer@svp.ie](mailto:volunteer@svp.ie)

VOLUNTEERS FOR EUCHARIST MINISTERS

We are looking to recruit new Eucharist Ministers.

If you wish to volunteer, give your name into the Parish Office by 15th October 2023.

There will be 3 training nights:

15th November, 22nd November and 29th November.

DEVELOPMENT FUND BOXES

Anyone who did not collect their box can do so as the boxes will be left at the back of the church. Anyone who would like to contribute can take a box and leave their name into the parish office.

CHECK OUT OUR MONASTEREVIN FACEBOOK

On [https:// www.facebook.com/ parishmonasterevin.](https://www.facebook.com/parishmonasterevin)

Please follow and like our page to view our posts and keep updated with what's happening in our parish.

SYNOD 2021 2023

The Synod Assembly has begun with delegates from Ireland and all over the world including Fr. Bill Kemmy, from Rathangan. You can follow what's happening on our parish facebook page [www.facebook.com/parishmonasterevin.](https://www.facebook.com/parishmonasterevin)

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE SATURDAY 4 TH OF NOVEMBER FOR THOSE WHO WERE BURIED FROM THE PARISH CHURCH

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM to remember all who died in our Parish in the past year and all deceased parishioners. We remember also all who have died who we wish to remember. We remember them. The Mass is open to everyone to come. You are all very welcome. A family member will be invited to light a candle at the Mass to remember all those who have died during the year. We are asking you to leave a framed photograph of your loved one who died during the year into the Parish Office by FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER. These Photos will be displayed on the altar rails the week before the Mass and on the night of the Mass. Afterwards the framed photographs can be collected at your convenience.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE IN ST EVIN'S GRAVEYARD SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER @ 3PM.

Prayers & music will be offered in St Evin's cemetery @ 3pm to remember all who have died in our parish over the last year & who are buried in all our Cemeteries over the years to remember them In November, the month of the Holy Souls.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND

"Lord, we pray to you for the Holy Land, for the people of Israel and Palestine who are under the grip of unprecedented violence, for the victims, especially the children, for the wounded, for those held hostage, for the missing and their families," Margaret Karram

FIRST COMMUNION 2024

St. Evins N.S. - Saturday 18th May 2024 @ 11.00am

St. Peter's N.S. - Saturday 25th May 2024 @ 11.00am

Lackagh - Sunday 26th May 2024 @ 11.30am

TIMETABLE FOR COMMUNION MASSES

Sunday 26th November 2023 @ 11.30am

Sunday 17th December 2023 @ 11.30am

DATES FOR CONFIRMATION 2024

St. Evin's N.S. Saturday 13th April 2024 @ 11.00am

St. Peter's N.S. Saturday 13th April 2024 @ 2.00pm

Lackagh Sunday 14th April 2024 @ 11.30am

TIMETABLE FOR CONFIRMATION MASSES

Sunday 22nd October 2023 @ 11.30am

Sunday 19th November 2023 @ 11.30am

Sunday 10th December 2023 @ 11.30am

OCTOBER -- MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

"The Rosary is my favorite prayer."

St. Pope John Paul II

"In the Rosary, we not only say prayers, we think them." Venerable Fulton Sheen

"The Rosary is the Bible on a String"

Father Ronan Murphy



# ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand? But with you  
is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

## GREETING

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
May almighty God have mercy on us....

## 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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and  
ever.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Isaiah 25: 6 - 10*

**A reading from the prophet of Isaiah.**  
On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare  
for all people  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of  
fine wines, of food rich and juicy,  
of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said:  
See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has  
saved us; for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps.22*

**R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.**

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

**Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**

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

I know how to be poor and I know how  
to be rich too. I have been through my  
initiation and now I am ready for anything  
anywhere: full stomach or empty  
stomach, poverty or plenty. There is  
nothing I cannot master with the help of  
the One who gives me strength. All the  
same, it was good of you to share with  
me in my hardships. In return my God will  
fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as  
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God,  
our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The Word was made flesh and lived  
among us; to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of  
God. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL *Matthew 22: 1-14 (\*shorter form 22:1-10)***

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

*\*Jesus said to the chief priests and elders  
of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven  
may be compared to a king who gave  
a feast for his son's wedding. He sent  
his servants to call those who had been  
invited, but they would not come. Next he  
sent some more servants. "Tell those who  
have been invited" he said "that I have  
my banquet all prepared, my oxen and  
fatted cattle have been slaughtered,  
everything is ready. Come to the wedding."*

*But they were not interested: one went off  
to his farm, another to his business, and  
the rest seized his servants, maltreated  
them and killed them. The king was  
furious. He despatched his troops,  
destroyed those murderers and burnt  
their town. Then he said to his servants,  
"The wedding is ready; but as those who  
were invited proved to be unworthy, go  
to the crossroads in the town and invite  
everyone you can find to the wedding."  
So these servants went out on to the  
roads and collected together everyone  
they could find, bad and good alike; and  
the wedding hall was filled with guests.\*  
When the king came in to look at the  
guests he noticed one man who was not  
wearing a wedding garment, and said to  
him, "How did you get in here, my friend,  
without a wedding garment?" And the  
man was silent. Then the king said to the  
attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and  
throw him out into the dark, where there  
will be weeping and grinding of teeth."  
For many are called, but few are chosen.'*

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

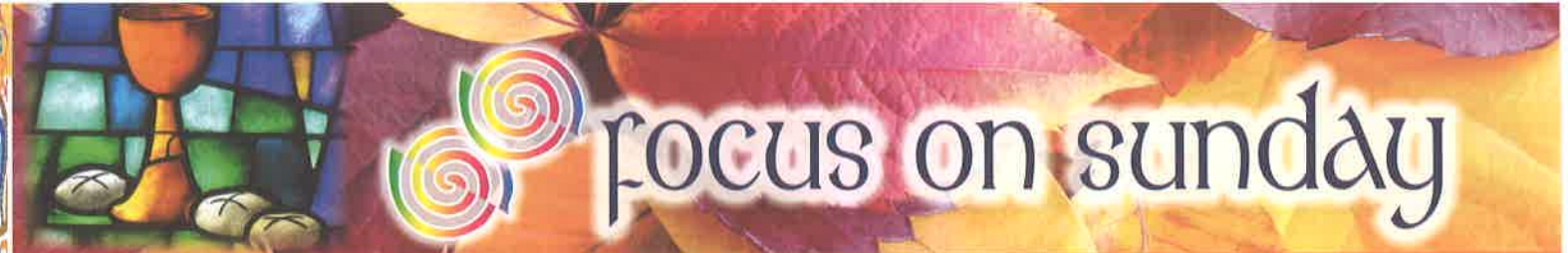
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
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

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that, through these acts of devotedness,  
we may pass over to the glory 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.*  
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

**The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no  
blessing.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly,  
O Lord, that, as you feed us with the  
nourishment which comes from the most  
holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
so you may make us sharers of his divine  
nature.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

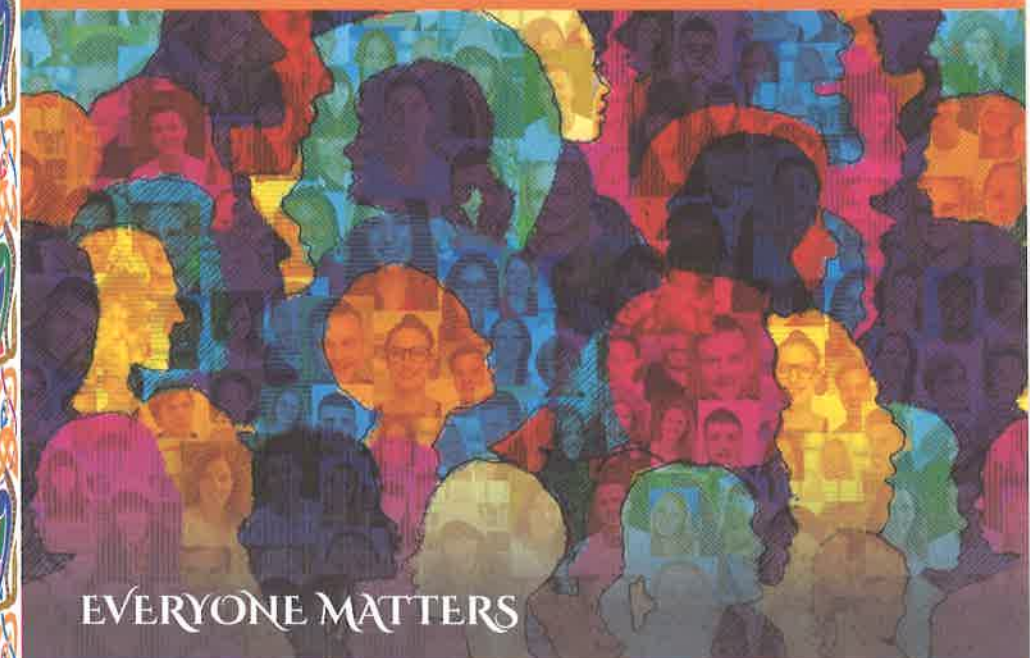
## CONCLUDING RITE

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, glorifying the Lord  
by your life. Thanks be to God.



God is generous to his people; his is the gift of life and love, of  
reconciliation and of justice. He expects us to be generous in  
return so that others may know his generosity.



Jesus often refers to the Kingdom of God as a feast, at which  
God presides.

He always talks about the guests who will be present. In  
this Gospel, Matthew had in mind the Jewish authorities who  
believed that they were entitled to be at the feast, but, by rejecting Jesus, the  
king's son, they were rejecting God's invitation. Jesus announces that everyone  
was welcome, "good and bad alike," some with whom the Jewish leaders would  
simply refuse to share a meal. And the poor man without a wedding garment? At  
first sight, it seems very unjust to banish him, maybe he couldn't afford a proper  
garment or didn't know he needed one. But no, Matthew was writing to a Christian  
community, many of whom had converted from Judaism. They were having a  
very hard time, their families often rejected them and their Jewish communities  
ostracised them for abandoning the God of their ancestors. So some of them were  
minded to give up the Christian commitment and return back to their Jewish faith.  
The wedding garment refers to the Christian faith that they had accepted and put  
on. Matthew is trying to encourage them to stay, even though life is very difficult  
for them.

He is warning them, that if they renounce the Christian faith, they may be excluded  
from the feast in the Kingdom. In the midst of all the difficulties in life which we  
may face, Jesus asks us to continue being faithful to him.

*Fr. Peter McVerry SJ*

## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*



Heaven, seeing The Face of God, Is like a happy birthday party.  
Everyone is invited. Everyone is happy. St.Peter will meet us at  
The Door of Heaven, and give us a big welcome. We don't need  
to bring any presents to heaven.  
We need only empty hands to receive all God's gifts.