



# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

29th October 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<sup>c</sup>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  
CHARITY TAX NO. CHY 7355

## Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Richard (Dick) Somers, Ballykelly, Monasterevin and Bagenalstown, Carlow, Brigid (Bridie) Murphy (née Keogh), 1255 St. Evin's Park, Monasterevin and Joseph James Keegan, Castletown Geoghan, Castletown, Westmeath who were interred during the week - R.I.P.

### Saturday 28th October 2023, 6.30 pm Mass

John Kenna, Helen Kenna (Birthday Rem), Liam Shorthall, No.1 Millstream Ave (Birthday Rem), Gerard Hurley and his twin sister Majella Hurley, 1252 St. Evin's Park (Birthday Rem), Eddie & Moira Howard, Numeys, Sr. Delourdes, Sr. Rosario, Knock Beg College, Carlow, James & Helena Campbell, Main Street, William & Margaret Doyle, Lughill, Paddy & Geraldine Harrison, Larchill, Joe & Josephine Behan, Ballykelly, Robert & Teresa Harrison, 930 Gurteenooona & Deceased Members of the Harrison Family, Gurteenooona, Joseph & Mary Whyte, Rowanville, Kildare, Teresa (Dolly) Connolly, Drogheda Street, Bernard (Benny) Kelly, 936 Cloncarlin, Willie Miller, Ballyfarsoon.

### Sunday 29th October 2023, 9.00 am Mass

Kenneth McNamee, Old Grange, Michael Gleeson, Julia Gleeson.

### Sunday 29th October, 11.30am Mass

Paddy Kelly, Old Grange (1st Anniversary), Peggy Kelly, Old Grange, Pat Kelly, Old Grange, Gerard Hurley and his twin sister Majella Hurley, 1252 St. Evin's Park (Birthday Rem), Bob & Betty Merrigan, Carlow, Deceased Members of the Murphy & Merrigan Families, Christina Purcell, Ann Purcell nee Cummins, London

### Thursday 2nd November 2023, 10.00 am Mass

Rose Johnstone, Ballyfarsoon, Matt, Rachel & Andrew Colgan, Hugh Hyland.

### Thursday 2nd November 2023, 7.30 pm Mass

P. J. Brennan, Rathangan

### Friday 3rd November 2023, 10.00 am Mass

Michael Knight & Deceased Members of the Knight Family, Ballyfarsoon, Maureen O'Meara, Cowpasture.



### LOTTO 31/10/2023 TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 795.00  
Baskets Collection: € 2405.00

### READERS

Saturday 4th November '23  
6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

Sunday 5th November '23  
9.00am: Adam McAlister  
11.30am: Betty Cleary

### CHOIR

Saturday 4th November '23  
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 5th November '23  
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday  
5th November 2023  
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Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

### FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Wednesday 1st November 2023

7.30pm: Pat Ryan, Hannah Duffy, Mary Doyle

10.00am: Andrew Mahon, Sr. Angela, Anne McLoughlin

### MINISTERS OF EUCHARISTS

Saturday 4th November '23  
6.30pm: Dan Clancy, Jacqueline Kennedy, Mary Ryan

Sunday 5th November '23  
9.00am: Lily Donoghue, Paddy Clarke, Davina Weldon

11.30am: Fiona Behan, Rita McDonnell, Marie Lawless

Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results 24/10/2023

Numbers Drawn:

1, 4, 10, 19

Next Weeks Jackpot €3, 600

NO WINNER

Winners	Promoter
€20 Marie Miller	Rita Callanan
€20 Margaret Dunne	Anna Kelly
€20 Rita Brennan	G. Harrison
€20 S.&C.&R. Foster	M. Heavey
€20 Mary Sweeney	M. Sweeney

Next Draw 31/10/2023

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto  
Draw Results 23/10/2023

Numbers Drawn:

4, 5, 12, 15

Next Weeks Jackpot: €2, 600

No Winner:

Winners	Promoter
€20 Margaret Hanlon	M. Hanlon
€20 J. Pender & G. Murray	P. Pender
€20 Garry Kelly	M. Forde
€20 Evan & Aaron	M. Forde
€20 Paul Pender	P. Pender

Next draw: 30/10/2023

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.  
Weekly Draw Results:  
20/10/2023

1st €100: Steven Morrissey c/o Steven  
2nd €50: Rosemary Morrissey c/o Steven  
3rd €25: Marie Clohessy c/o Arthur  
4th €25: Darren Lawlor c/o Breda  
Seller:

### VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on Friday 3rd November 2023 Please call the office on 045-525346 if you wish him to call.

### 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.

### NOTICE

S.V.P. are holding a Brand New Sale on Tuesday 7th November 2023 from 9.30 am — 6. 00 pm. All are welcome.

### Kildare, Monasterevin & Rathangan

Pilgrimage to Lourdes  
27th May - 1st June 2024

€825 pps  
4\* Hotel Eliséo  
Accompanied by Fr. Liam Merrigan & Fr. Bill Kemmy

Direct flight Dublin to Tarbes (Lourdes)

For Further Details & Booking Form  
Contact : Monasterevin - 045 525 346  
Kildare - 045 521352  
Rathangan - 045 524064

### DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR PEACE

Pope Francis has invited people throughout the world to a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the Israel - Hamas conflict on 27 October 2023. He also announced that on that day at 6:00 p.m. (5 pm Irish time) in St. Peter's Basilica, he will lead an hour of prayer "in the spirit of penance" to implore God for "peace in our days, peace in this world."

The Pope has asked churches everywhere to participate by organizing similar initiatives.

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, Creator of all, of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael, hear the cries of your people throughout the world who hunger for peace and for justice. We pray to you for an end to the violence and injustice in Israel and the Palestinian territories. We pray that weapons be silenced, that those who wage violence against the innocent turn away from the evil of their actions, and that leaders in the international community and locally work tirelessly to find a pathway to lasting peace in the Holy Land.

God of love, comfort those who grieve terrible losses, console and heal the injured, be close to and protect the children and all those living in fear, give courage to those who have been captured and strength to their families who await their safe return.

God of peace, rise up the peace makers the world needs, so that your light may reach and overcome the darkest depths of this conflict and people will come to know and live in peace, as is your will. Amen.

### HOLY DAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday 1st November

Feast of all Saints

and is a Holy Day of obligation.  
Mass times 10.00am and 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd November

All Souls Day

Mass times 10.00am and 7.30pm

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Mass of Remembrance for deceased pupils and staff of St. Paul's School takes place on Saturday 18th November at 6.30 pm. All are welcome.

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR "THE LITTLE ONES" SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM

This Mass is to remember all those babies who died as a result of a still birth or as babies. Candles will be lit in the Church on the night.

### November List Of The Dead

Parishioners if you would like to have your relatives remembered at all masses during the month of November please write their names on the list provided at the Altar Rails, and place in the box marked "November List Of The Dead" Donations can be included in the envelopes provided. Thank You

### TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

It is that time of year again when we remember our loved ones who have gone before us in a special way, for the "Month of the Souls", by placing their names on a special tree within our Church. Name tags are provided at the top of the Church on the Altar Rails.

### MONASTEREVIN PARISH COMMITTEE A.G.M.

The Parish Committee A.G.M. take place on Tuesday 7th November at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. We are looking for new members to join and help.

### HOLY DAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday 1st November All Saints Day Mass time 10.00am & 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd November All Souls Day 10.00am & 7.30pm

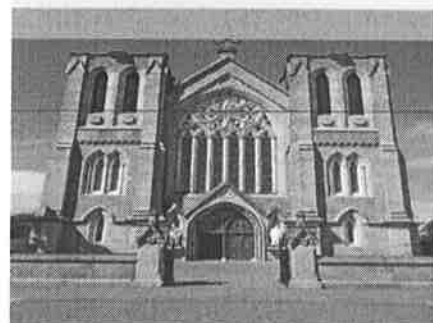
### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE SATURDAY 4TH OF NOVEMBER FOR THOSE WHO WERE BURIED FROM THE PARISH CHURCH

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM, Mass 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 Photographs will be displayed in the Sacred Space for the month of November.

### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE IN ST EVIN'S GRAVEYARD SUNDAY 5th 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.





## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

## GREETING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us  
and bring us strength:  
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

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
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 Exodus 22: 20 - 26  
A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must

not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.  
"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 17: 2-4, 47, 51

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **[R]**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **[R]**

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1: 5 - 10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 34 - 40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest

commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

**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.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29th October 2023

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we make to your majesty,  
that whatever is done by us in your service  
may be directed above all to your glory.  
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

We will ring out our joy at your saving  
help and exult in the name of our God.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,  
perfect in us what lies within them,  
that what we now celebrate in signs  
we may one day possess in truth.  
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, glorifying the Lord  
by your life. Thanks be to God.



The commandment of God is to love him and love people:  
both are so interlinked that in loving people we love God.

LOVE YOUR  
Neighbour  
AS YOURSELF



The first reading is like a commentary on the gospel reading, to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. It recalls the people who in that time needed special care and compassion: the strange (migrant, asylum seeker), the widow, the orphan (those who are lone parents, whose parents have died), the poor who need money (the people struggling with debt, mortgage, unemployment) and are overcharged by money lenders and banks. We are to keep our promises to people and not rob them of what they need.

Jesus had a kindly eye for those in need and asks that we do also. In the world now many have suffered great financial loss as well as loss of loved ones, and indeed of good health.

Pope Francis echoes this: "the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters living in the cities and peripheries of every part of the world, must not be abandoned" (May 2019 to UN).

We look in this command to love those who need our care most. We can give comfort and care directly to those in our family and community and we can support those further away through donations of goods or financial support.

We can recall gratefully a time when we ourselves were helped by someone and let the energy of our gratitude reach out to practical love for others.

May your love be visible and tangible, o Lord, on earth as it is in heaven.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Pope John The 23rd liked to ask Confirmation students: 'Why did God make you?' They answered "God made us to know, love and serve Him in this life, and be happy with Him forever in Heaven." The Pope then said 'You have left out an important line which is, "and also to tell others about God's Love and Blessings for us." When we were baptised, our parents promised to tell The Story of Jesus to us. We tell the Story with words, but more often with actions of caring, kindness and respect.