

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

19th November 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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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
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Old Dublin Road
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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, 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 James (Jimmy) Ennis, Ballyfarsoon,
Monasterevin, Shirley Foran (née Keenan), Derrylea, Monasterevin, Laois and
Offaly, Patrick (Bumps) Murphy, 1255 St. Evin's Park Monasterevin and Eileen McGlynn
(née Murphy), 1262 St. Evin's Park, Monasterevin, who were interred during the week -
R.I.P.

Saturday 18th November 2023, 6.30 pm Mass

Kevin Martin, Rachel Colgan, St. Evin's Park, Nelly Maher, St. Evin's Park, Elizabeth Dempsey,
St. Evin's Park, Maura Domican, Old Kilcullen, Deceased Members of the Domican & Dunne
Families, Mary & James Melia, Ballyfarsoon, John Foley, Ned Foley, Mrs. Rose Davis, Charlie &
Mrs. Switzer, Mary & Odie Nolan, Pass Bridge, Margaret Walsh, Old Grange, Mrs. Rose, Joe
Harrison, Bray formerly Old Grange.

Sunday 19th November, 9.00 am Mass

Kevin Martin, Maura Domican, Old Kilcullen & Deceased Members of the Domican & Dunne
Families, James (Shay) Dunne, St. Evin's Park, Deceased Members of the Dunne & Walsh
Families, John O'Neill, Coolnafeagh, Annie O'Neill, Sean Grattan, Umeras, Deceased Members
of the Grattan Family, Whelan Street, Alice & Myles Christie, Gurteenooona, Maura Walsh, Ann
Curran, Rosie Gallagher, Maura O'Connell, Rosebrook, Mary & Odie Nolan, Pass Bridge,
Deceased Members of the Fitzgerald Family, Ballykelly

Sunday 19th November, 11.30 am Mass

Margaret Behan, Cappanargid (Birthday Rem), Margaret Bourke, Old Grange Ave (Birthday
Rem), Ellen Howard, Bell Harbour, Patrick Lonergan, Tom Perry, Barraderra, Mary & Odie
Nolan, Pass Bridge, Maime Bannon, Gurteenooona, Joe & Margaret Carmody, Dublin Street and
their children Noel, Tom & Gretta,



LOTTO

21/11/2023

TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy,
Lily Donoghue

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 405.00

Baskets Collection: € 1095.00

READERS

Saturday 25th November '23
6.30pm: Sr. Phil

Sunday 26th November '23
9.00am: Tom Fitzgerald
11.30am: Liz Fitzpatrick

CHOIR

Saturday 25th November '23
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 26th November '23
11.30am: Gospel Choir

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday
3rd December 2023

TEAM: B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina
Kelly, Anna Duffy

MINISTERS OF EUCHARISTS

Saturday 25th November '23
6.30pm: Dan Clancy, Jacqueline
Kennedy, Mary Ryan

Sunday 26th November '23
9.00am: Andrew Mahon, Ann
McLoughlin, Sr. Angela
11.30am: Rita McDonnell, Ann
Lonergan, Fiona Behan

INVITATION

Jesus asks you to come and
spend 1 hour with Him every
Wednesday night from
7.30pm to 8.30pm
in Our Lady's Chapel.



Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 14/11/2023

Numbers Drawn:

8, 10, 18, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot €4,200

NO WINNER

Winners

€20 Michael Callanan

€20 Peggie Kelly

€20 Colleen Brady

€20 Paidí Odhron

€20 Moira King

Promoter

Rita C.

P. Kelly

G. Harrison

M. Heavey

R. Callanan

Next Draw 21/11/2023

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 13/11/2023

Numbers Drawn:

11, 16, 22, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot: €3,200

No Winner:

Winners

€20 Kathleen Merrins

€20 Geraldine Carroll

€20 Lil Byrne

€20 Margaret Downey

€20 Jerry Byrne

Promoter

M. Heavey

S. Ryan

P. Moore

M. Heavey

J. Byrne

Next draw: 20/11/2023

Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results:

10/11/2023

1st €100: Chris Merlehan

c/o DJ

2nd €50: Joe Donohoe

c/o Nags

3rd €25: Bob Harrison

c/o Nags

4th €25: Mag Fitzpatrick

c/o Nags

Seller: DJ Earley

SENIOR CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE AGM

The senior citizen's committee AGM
takes place on Tuesday 21st November
at 8.00pm in Parish Centre,
Monasterevin.
New members welcome.

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 21st

The feast of the Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrates Mary in
her grace filled life, wholly given over to
the Holy Spirit.

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

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA

Heavenly Father, we pray for the
many people whose lives have been
torn apart by conflict in Gaza and
Israel.

We pray especially those who have
died, those who are grieving, the
injured and those now without food,
shelter or medical supplies.

Strengthen and support the work of
all relief organisations.

We pray also for those who have the
power to bring peace. May they be
touched by a spirit of compassion
and kindness.

Amen

BALLYFARSOON/KILL HILL CHRISTMAS TREE

Collectors will be calling this week.



Thank you for your continuous
support.



SYNOD NEWS

The first part of the Synod
Assembly has concluded in
Rome. A Synod Report was
agreed on the last day of the
month long assembly.

In the coming months this report
will be considered by Catholics
here in Ireland and across the
world, ahead of the second part
of the Assembly in October 2024.

This report and a summary of it,
prepared by Vatican News, can
be viewed on the dedicated
Synod page on Kandle.ie.

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT AVAILABLE

Health care assistant available for
part-time hours in the home. All
cares done including community
care. Monasterevin and Rathangan
areas. Fetac level 5.
Contact 086 1050710

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. A.G.M.

Monasterevin GFC AGM will take
place on Monday 27th November at
8.00pm in the club.
All members are requested to attend.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Week of Witness 2023

Sunday 19th—Sunday 26th November

ACN supports every year an average of 6,000
projects in close to 150 countries, through the
prayers, generosity and volunteering work of
those who support us in our mission. Projects
range from big to small and include the
construction and repair of churches and other
parish buildings; supporting the formation of
priests, religious and lay missionaries; providing
cars, motorcycles and other means of
transportation to help clergy and other parish
pastoral; workers reach remote areas of the
world.

Since 2016, the Wednesday of the week of
Witness has become known as Red Wednesday.
Red is the liturgical colour for the feasts of
martyrs, representing the blood of those who
suffered death for their faith. On Red Wednesday,
where possible, cathedrals, churches and public
buildings around the world are lit up in red to
show solidarity with our suffering Christian
brothers and sisters.

This year, Red Wednesday falls on 22nd
November, the feast of St. Cecilia, the patroness
of musicians and Church music and one of the
most famous martyrs of the early Church.

This coming Wednesday wear something red—a
tie, scarf or scapular—to show solidarity with the
suffering Church and to remember the blood lost
by Christians in defence of their faith.
Material at back of church.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Sunday 19 November 2023
is the seventh World Day of the Poor,
with the theme of **not turning away**.

Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the
elderly Tobit, who says to his son, "Do not
turn your face away from anyone who is
poor" (Tobit 4:7
St. Anthony of Padua, Patron of the Poor.



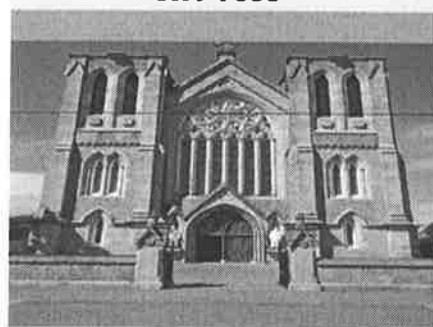
GROWTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT MONTHLY RETREAT

St. Peter and Paul's Parish
Church Portlaoise
Saturday 25th. November 10.00 am to 1.30 pm

Holy Mass @ 10am - Confessions
available. Retreat continues in Parish Centre
from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm

(Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena,
Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry)

Contact: Michael Nerney 0868157305 Spiritual
Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P
All Welcome



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

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....
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

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being
devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.
A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands
have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the
city gates.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 127: 1 - 5

R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **[R]**
- Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **[R]**
- Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14 - 30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (*Shorter from in italics)
*Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.' The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who

had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. *Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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.



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th November 2023

World Day of the Poor

We find today an invitation from the gospel to put all our talents at the service of God and of his kingdom.

**"Do not turn
your face away
from anyone
who is poor"**
(Tob 4:7)



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

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer
in the sight of your majesty may obtain for
us the grace of being devoted to you and
gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
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.
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

**To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this
sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him may bring us growth in
charity. Through Christ our Lord.



The context for today's gospel is the Last Judgement scene which immediately follows, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, welcome into the Kingdom." We have all been given talents, in varying degrees, our intelligence, the skills we have acquired, our health, our limited time on earth. Some may have ten talents, some five, some one. Those talents were not given to us to bury in the ground, to possess just for our own personal advantage. We are asked to use whatever gifts we have been given in the service of those in need, those who are poor and unwanted. The greater the gifts we have been given, the more responsibility we have to use them.

Unfortunately, our culture often blames the poor for being poor. They are often considered to be lazy, untrustworthy, or irresponsible and therefore undeserving. But we can hardly blame the 89,000 children who are living in poverty in Ireland today for being poor!

Gratitude is the only solid foundation for our relationship with God. How can we repay God for all that God has given to us? God needs nothing from us. But God's children do. We express our gratitude to God by sharing our talents and gifts in the service of God's children who are in need, the poor, lonely, homeless, or unwanted. We are only stewards of the gifts we have been given, called to use them responsibly in the light of the needs of others.

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



I liked the colours in The Church Window. All were different and held together in light, like a happy family. Every person is a colour of God, and is like a talent, to let the light of God's Love shine through us. We let the love of God shine through us when we smile, offer to help, say please and thanks and respect our mother Nature.