

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

10th December 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
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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

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, 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

Saturday 9th December 2023 6.30 pm Mass

Shirley Foran (née Keenan), Derrylea (Months Mind), Regina Sediene (1st Anniversary), James & Elizabeth Behan, Deceased Members of the Behan Family, Naas, Des Kinsella & his wife Murial, Martin Keogh, Dublin, Tom Moran, Pass Bridge, Monasterevin, Jim Dowling, St. Evin's Park, Kelly Dwyer, Newbridge, Deceased Members of the Dowling Family, Kilpatrick, Deceased Members of the Burke Family, Cowpasture, M.J. McCormack, Nurney, Patrick & Teresa Kaye, Cowpasture.

Sunday 10th December 2023, 9.00 am Mass

Betty Noons, Mountrice, Tom Moran, Pass Bridge, Monasterevin, Deirdre Brereton, Cowpasture, Raymond Langley, Dublin & USA, Mary & Jimmy Dunne, St. Evin's Park, Joan & Tom Brereton, St. Evin's Park, Mary Ellen Flynn, John & Elizabeth Melia, Crossmorris, Sean Melia, Monasterevin, Michael Melia, Dara Park, Kildare, Noeleen & Matt Walsh, Maryville, Kildare, Nathan Heffernan, Mountrice, Joan Langley, (née Fassnidge), M.J. McCormack & Deceased Members of the McCormack Family, Balkinstown, Nurney, Jimmy & Norah Kennedy, Pluckerstown, Allen, Elizabeth (Betty) Hackett.

Sunday 10th December 2023, 11.30 am Mass

Bill & Jane Holligan, Ruth & John Holligan, Simon Ridge, London, Mick & Julie Malone, Patrick & Joseph Haven's, Patrick & Ann Hayes, Sean McLoughlin, Cowpasture, Tom Moran, Pass Bridge, Monasterevin, Michael Rodgers, Coole, Phyllis Woods & Tony Woods, Old Grange, Johnny Walsh, St. Evin's Park, John Holmes, Patrick McDermott, Mary Mc Dermott, Thomas McDermott, Jim Dowling, St. Evin's Park, Kelly Dwyer, Newbridge, Deceased Members of the Dowling family, Kilpatrick, Deceased Members of the Burke Family, Cowpasture

Tuesday 12th December 2023, 10.00 am Mass

Jimmy Hassett, Deceased Members of the Hassett Family, Seamus O'Brien, Nags Head, Patrick & Elizabeth Reilly, Old Grange and Deceased Members of the Reilly Family



LOTTO 12/12/2023

TEAM: A
Pauline Duffy,
Lily Donoghue

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 375.00
Baskets Collection: € 845.00

READERS

Saturday 16th December 2023
6.30pm: Ger Harrison

Sunday 17th December 2023

9.00am: Jarlath Killeen
11.30am: Anne Fearon

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 16th December 2023
6.30pm: Ger Harrison, Pauline
Murphy, Cathy Cullen

Sunday 17th December 2023

9.00am: Anne McLoughlin,
Andrew Mahon, Sr. Angela
11.30am: Carmel McAlinden,
Mary O'Leary, Fiona Behan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday

17th December 2023

TEAM: A
Sr. Phil, Katie Walsh, Jackie
Quinn.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

The Parish Accounts for 2022 are
displayed on the notice board at the
back of the Church.

Thanking all of our Parishioners for
your generosity in keeping our
parish afloat in the last difficult year.
Fr. Liam

CHOIR

Saturday 16th December'23

6.30pm: Gary Farrell

Sunday 17th December'23

11.30am: Parish Choir

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 05/12/2023

Numbers Drawn: ,

14, 22, 23, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot €4,800

NO WINNER

Winners

€30 Catriona Miller

€30 Ger Harrison

€30 David Mullen

€30 Ann Murphy

€30 A & R Ryan

€20 Mary Kaye

€20 Ashling Kehoe

€20 D & S Brett

€20 Chris Brady

€20 Meave Holligan

Promoter

R. Callanan

G. Harrison

G. Harrison

R. McDonnell

G. Harrison

R. McDonnell

M. Heavey

Parish Office

R. Callanan

R. Callanan

Next Draw 12/12/2023

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 05/12/2023

Numbers Drawn:

1, 16, 21, 27.

Next Weeks Jackpot: €3,800

No Winner:

Winners

€20 Catherine Gorry

€20 Paidi & Odhran

€20 Tina Lawler

€20 Kathleen Merrins

€20 Pat Forde

€20 Mag Byrne

€20 Catherine Dunne

€20 Robert Sharp

€20 Samantha Ryan

€20 Pender Family

Next draw: 11/12/2023.

Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results:

01/12/2023

1st €100: C. Doyle c/o Christmas P.

2nd €50: Sarah Farrell c/o Gary

3rd €25: Boiler c/o Nags

4th €25: Peg Morrissey c/o SM

Seller: Club Christmas Party Night

BAMBELLINI SUNDAY

Bambellini is the Italian word that
means, "Little Baby Jesus.
Children are asked to bring their
Baby Jesus (from the family
nativity scene) to the church next
Sunday to be blessed.

MONASTEREVIN CHRISTMAS

MARKET

The 7th annual Christmas Market
takes place on Sunday 10th
December from 10.00am to
4.00pm in Monasterevin
Community Centre.
Eircode W34 FH24

MONASTEREVIN PARISH CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2023

CAROL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2023

7.30 PM (GOSPEL CHOIR)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2023

7.30 PM

(FIVE PRIESTS PRESENT)

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2023

2.00 PM – 4.00 PM

(IN CONFESSION BOX)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2023

6.30 PM - MASS

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2023

9.00 AM MASS

11.30 AM - MASS

5.00 PM – CHILDREN'S MASS

9.00 PM – VIGIL MASS

(IN CANDLELIGHT WITH THE GOSPEL

CHOIR)

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2023

9.00 AM & 11.30 AM - MASS

(WITH PARISH CHOIR)

TUESDAY 26TH & WEDNESDAY 27TH

DECEMBER 2023

NO MASSES

THURSDAY 28TH & FRIDAY 29TH

DECEMBER 2023

10.00 AM - MASS

COMMUNION TO THE SICK &

THE HOUSEBOUND

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2023

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 2024

10.00 AM & 6.30 PM

POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH

In order to decorate the Church for
Christmas we would be very
grateful for the donation of
Poinsettias for the Church.

The flowers can be left on the altar
rails from this week on.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Family of the late Louis
Duffy wish to thank Fr. Liam
Merrigan, Dr. Boland, the
Palliative care team, home
help, relatives and friends for
all their support and all who
called the house and
attended his funeral. Mass
will be offered for your
intentions.

LIVE CRIB

The live crib is back this year.
The Nativity Garden will
include a live crib on Sunday
24th December from 4.00pm
with live animals.



FOR THE PEOPLE OF GAZA AND ISRAEL

IGNORED CRIES

The world watches
In disbelief
As evil spreads its wings
While two enemies' fuel
Their hate
Childrens lives left in ruins.
Their future at risk and
Uncertain
As the innocence of the
divide
Their cries are ignored.
Both sides are left broken
Innocent civilians left to
Pick up the pieces with the
Devastation of a war
That has no winners.

Kathleen Doyle

CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Carol Service by
Candlelight with Monasterevin
Gospel Choir & Aaron Doyle in
Sts. Peter and Paul Church on
Wednesday 13th December
2023 at 7.30pm.
Free Admission. Donation on the
night to local charities.

All Welcome.

THE ADVENT WREATH

We invite you to continue or start
the tradition of having an Advent
wreath in the home. As you light
a candle on your Advent wreath
for the first time, pray this prayer
of blessing.

A Blessing Prayer

Loving God, let your blessing
come upon us as we light this
wreath.

May it be a sign of hope for us as
we prepare for your coming and
may it turn our hearts to you in
the days ahead.

Give us and the world your peace
and love as we wait in joyful
hope. We ask this through Christ
our Lord. Amen

VACANCY FOR ADMIN ASSISTANT PARISH OFFICE, MONASTEREVIN

Duties:

Provision of Service to
Parishioners. Computerisation of
Parish Records. Typing and
printing of Parish Weekly
Newsletter.

OTHER VACANCIES
Caretaker Parish Property
Cleaner Ellistown GFC
2 Environmental Workers
Passlands Graveyard

To apply:

Monasterevin Community
Employment Scheme
Parish Centre
Monasterevin
Tel. 045 525143

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Derek & Conor Foran and the
Keenan Family would like to
express there sincere gratitude
to everyone who sympathized
with them on the resent sad loss
of our beautiful Sherry. We are
grateful to all who attended
Shirley's wake, funeral especially
those who travelled long
distances to be with us. We
would like to thank our
wonderful neighbors friends and
extended families for all their
support and kindness. Those
who helped with catering, traffic
control or in anyway over those
difficult days. A special thank you
to Fr. Merrigan for Shirley's
funeral Mass and kind words to
Aidan Connolly for the beautiful
music and songs. Paul Hyland
and team for their care &
support. A special thanks to
Fitzpatricks garage for their
guard of honor and Supervalu
Portarlinton for all their support
and everyone who brought food
to the house. Monasterevin GFC
for use of the Pavilion for
Refreshments after the funeral.
It was much appreciated by us
all. The Holy Sacrifice of the
Mass will be offered for all your
Intentions.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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 raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us....
Amen.

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast and
leading to their rest the mother ewes

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps. 84: 9-14**

R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **[R]**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **[R]**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **[R]**

SECOND READING **2 Peter 3:8-14**

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat.

What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Mark 1:1-8**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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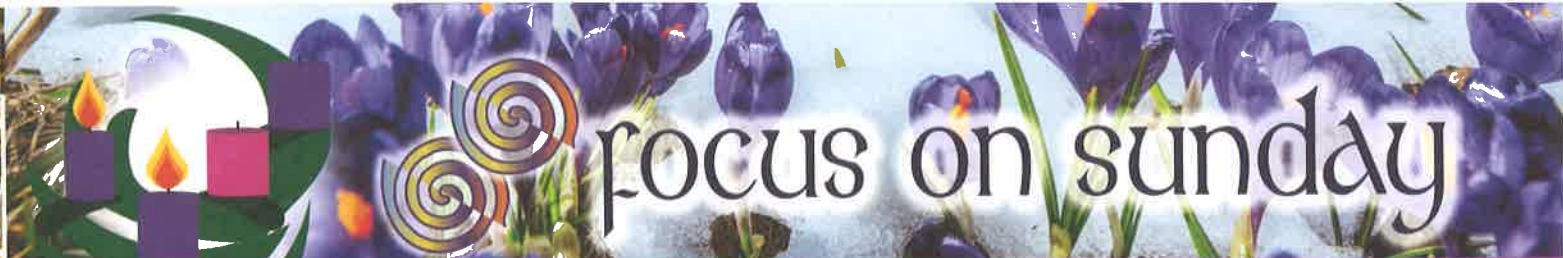
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10th December 2023

The message of repentance during this season of Advent is a call to each one of us to look deeply into our lives, to renew and deepen our relationship with God.



Prepare a way for the Lord...
...he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.



How many of us see ourselves as followers rather than leaders? It's true, of course, that to be any good in leadership, a person must have spent time following. 'Paying your dues', isn't just a cliché in old films.

Taking responsibility is the profoundest act of leadership anyone can make, and it happens in the most apparently insignificant things. Doing something you know will benefit a wider group of people, serving a common good, is leadership, even when it's anonymous.

It isn't a prerequisite of the Society of St Vincent De Paul that members appear like John the Baptist, in garments of camel-skin and subsisting on a diet of locusts and wild honey. It is true, though, I believe, that there is something about the work of the SVP that chimes with who John the Baptist was.

John announces that in the grand scheme of things he is relatively insignificant but even in saying this much, he implies that he is necessary to what is coming and who is coming after him.

John's purpose is to draw attention to Christ who, at the stage St Mark refers to in the opening of his gospel, was probably one of John's own disciples.

The work of the SVP happens because the members of the Society believe it is the will of God and to do it effectively makes the presence of Christ real in the lives of everyone: those who ask for help and those who give it.

To turn out and turn up week after week and be present to those who approach us, especially in the mouth of Christmas, is to take on the mantle of the Baptist knowing that it is the love of Christ that compels us. We follow Christ but we know too that doing whatever we can, we announce the advent of Christ himself.

Leadership in the context of Christian faith is to embody in who we are ourselves the person and purpose of Christ, disciples made apostles, learners made leaders.

Paschal Scallan CM, Provincial Office, Vincentian Community

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

John the Baptist came to tell people about Jesus, who was the Face of God's Love. He gathered people around a river and blessed them. We can always pray wherever we are. At Mass we are always reminded of ways God is present for us everyday, everywhere.