# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

24th 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.

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**Opening Hours:** 

Monday - Thursday 9.00am to 4.30pm Friday: 9.00am to 4.00pm

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Notices & Anniversaries to be left in the Parish Office by Wednesday's @ 1 p.m.

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#### **Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance**

Saturday 23rd December 2023, 6.30 pm Mass
Robert Harrison, Putney (1st Anniversary), John & Bridget Harrison, the Harrison family, Gurteenoona, Thomas & Sarah Murphy, Ballymorris, Sr. Pius & Sr. Attracta, John O'Neill, Noel Martin, Annie, John & Séan O'Neill, Aubrey Hope, Michael, Annie & Peter Eustace, Michael (Jnr) & Sadie Eustace, Breda & Joe Sharpe, Cowpasture, Broughan & Shiela Donegan, Ballyshane, Rathangan, Pat & Jane Comerford, Ballynowlart, Bracknagh, Michael Kemmy, Dunkerrin, Stephen O'Connor, Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry (Birthday Rem.), Buddy, Manie & Annmarie Harrison, Ann Houlihan, Kilmead, Athy, James & Julia Blake, Larchill, Jack & Eileen Walsh, Skirteen, Honour Walsh, Catherine & Michael King, Ballyfarsoon, Michael & Mary Collins, Gurteenoona, William & Margaret Collins, Michael & Mary Kate Collins, Ballyfarsoon, Johnny Collins & deceased members of the Collins, Kenna, Patterson & Mooney families, Dick Lonergan, St. Evin's Park & deceased members of the Lonergan family, Christy Sheppard, Kill, Sean, Margaret & Peg Mullen, John & Joseph Mullen, Lughill, Matthew Duffy, Clonmel and deceased members of the Mullen, McDonald & Hall families, Lughill, Julia & Michael Malone, Cowpasture, Patrick Joseph Havens, Ann & Patrick Hayes, Naas, Martin & Sarah Bems & deceased members of the Berns family, Cherryville, Patrick & Teresa Kaye, Cowpasture, Laurence Melia, Manchester, Christy & Margaret Murray, Ballyfarsoon, Jack Murray, Cowpasture, Christy shepard, Kill, Patrick & Mary Harrison, No. 1 Kill, John & Bridget, Finn, Kathleen Ransome, Ballyfarsoon, the Murray & Harrison families, Mary

O'Neill (née Thorpe) Sunday 24th December 2023, 9.00 am Mass

Patrick (Paddy) Donoher, Inchacooley, Elizabeth (Liz) Donoher, Inchacooley, Charles (Chas) Donoher, Inchacooley, Tom & Mary Cox, Longford, Joe Ottley, the Grattan & Whyte families, Christopher Nolan, Mary & Patrick Cronin, Patrick & Rosanna Keegan, Cowpasture, Peter & Catherine Clifford, Bracknagh, Rose Heavey, St. Évin's Park, Sheila Melia, Gurteencona, Patrick, Eileen & Bernie Holligan, Barraderra, Dick Holligan, Old Grange, Larry Holligan, St. Evin's Park, Katie & Pat Dunne, Lackagh, Laurence & Hannah Feddigan, Killenard, Mattie, Nancy, Jack & M.J. McCormack, Numey, Fr. John Foster (Birthday Rem.), Peter Foster & deceased members of the Foster Family, Edward & Molly McGuinness, Nelly McGuinness, Sheila O'Connell, Alice McLoughlin, Michael & Carmel Forde, Cowpasture, Sadlier Family, Rathangan, Henry Fitzpatrick and the Fitzpatrick Family, Inchacooly, Frank & Ann Gillen, Passlands, Hugh & Loy Bolger, Athy, Seamus Hayden, Ballymore, Eustace, Michael & Annie Hayden, Moatefield, the Hearns Family. Baltinglass & Timpson Family, Athy, Joe & Kitty Murphy, Athy, Daniel, Sarah, Pat & Joe Harrison, Kill, Morgan Drea, Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, Bridle Morrissey, Birmingham, Mary & Bill King, Ballyfarsoon, Michael & Catherine King, Ballyfarsoon, Christy Lonergan, Togher Grove, Eileen Kelly, Mt Prospect, Rathangan, Immaculata Burke, Cashel, Mary & Patrick Daffy, Maddenstown, Sean, Margaret & Peg Mullen, John & Joseph Mullen, Lughill Matthew Duffy, Clonmel, deceased members of the Mullen, McDonald & Hall families, Lughill, Johnny Walsh, Pat Dunne, Sean & Ann Carroll, Fassaugh, Michael & Fergeal Ryan, Kill Hill & deceased members of the Ryan family, Owen Boland, Dennis & Mary Conroy, Toghereen, Tom, Betty, & their son Dennis Conroy, Coolatogher. Sunday 24th December 2023, 11.30 am Mass

Robert Harrison, Putney (1st Anniversary), Aidan Lawless, Drogheda St. (Birthday Rem.), Sean McLoughlin, Cowpasture & deceased members of the O'Connor family, Golden, Co. Tipperary & McLoughlin family, Borraderra, Mary & Michael Lawless, Kildangan, Ann Harrison, Manie Harrison, Eddie & Rose Melia, 1033 Gurteenoona, Brendan McHale, Ashgrove, Christy Lonergan & deceased members of the Lonergan family, Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Eileen Kelly, Margaret & Bridie Morrissey, John & Katherine, Fitzgerald, Dingle, Margaret & Denis Behan, Cappanargid, Maura & Peter Behan, Peter & Michael Behan, Ard Mhuire, Bridget & Denis Gorey, Elizabeth Kelly, Bridget & William Behan, Riverrow & family, Daniel, Sarah, Pat & Joe Harrison, Kill, Frances & Sean Hogan, Birr, Geraldine & Michael Frawley, Birr, Mrs. Kathleen O'Rourke, Mountrath, Michal Johnson, Mountrice and deceased members of the Johnson Family, Kilberry, Jack, Bridget & Paddy Walsh, Mountrice, Mary Salvet, USA formerly Mountrice, Christopher & Siobhan Walsh, New York formerly Mountrice, Matt & Noeleen Walsh, Maryville, Kildare, June Walsh, Newbridge, Mountrice, John Luttrell and families, Patrick & Roseanna Keegan, 1007 Cowpasture, Patrick & Elizabeth Redmond, Curragh, Judy Mahon, Athy, Siobhan Kingston, Emo

Sunday 24th December 2023, 21.00 pm Mass

Angela Eustace, Deceased members of the Coughlan & McEvoy families, Louis Duffy, Main St., Anne Farrell, Nancy & Mick Mulhall, Michael Mulhall Jnr & deceased members of the Mulhall family, Kathleen & Mervyn Molyneaux & deceased members of the Egan & Molyneaux families, Maura Ryan, Michael & Annie Gorman, Julie & Hurbert Davis, Nan, Paddy, Tony & Rose Weldon, Mary Dunne, Kill, Morgan Drea., Maureen O'Meara, Cowpasture, Paddy & Molly Lynch, Suncroft, Mary & Odie Nolan, Pass Bridge, Tom Moran, Pass Bridge, Peter Dunne, Old Grange & Pass Bridge, Tony Dillon Cowpasture & all deceased members of the Dillon family, Paddy & Margaret Christie & all deceased members of the Dunne, Fennell & Lovern Families

Monday 25th December 2023, 9.00 am Mass

Buddy Harrison, Murt Siney, Kill, Pat Heavey, Cowpasture, Alice Dunne, Lackagh

Monday 25th December 2023, 11.30 am Mass

Buddy Harrison, Murt Siney, Kill, Pat Heavey, Cowpasture, Alice Dunne, Lackagh

Friday 29th December 2023, 10.00 am Mass

Juan S. Requillo

Monasterevin Parish Lotto Draw Results 19/12/2023 Numbers Drawn: 1, 15, 20, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot €5,200.00 NO WINNER

Promoter

Winners

€30 Jude & Alice A. Kelly
€30 Rose Prendergast M. Heavey
€30 Michael Lovern M. Heavey
€30 Dave Mullen G. Harrison
€30 Caoimhe Kelly R. McDonnell
€20 Kathleen Crabbe B. Keogh
€20 Seamie Whyte R. McDonnell

€20 D & S Brett A. Kelly €20 Noeleen Foley R. Callanan €20 Margaret Miller R. McDonnell

Next Draw 09/01/2024 Thanks for your continued support

> Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto Draw Results 18/12/2023 Numbers Drawn:

Next Weeks Jackpot: €

#### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 400.00 Baskets Collection: € 1415.00

#### MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 30th December 2023 6.30pm: Mary Doyle, Dan Clancy, Jacqueline Kennedy

Sunday 31st December 2023 9.00am: Andrew Mahon, Sr. Angela, Paddy Clarke 11.30am: Ann Fearon, Carmel McAlinden, Mary Lawlor

READERS
Saturday 30th December\*23
6.30pm: Ruth Dempsey
Sunday 31st December\*23
9.00am: Lisa-Marie Duffy
11.30am: Billy Cleary

CHOIR Saturday 30th December'23 6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 31st December 23 11.30am: Eugene Nolan



#### PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

"On this day of joy, we are all called to contemplate the Child Jesus, who gives hope once again to every person on the face of the earth. By his grace, let us with our voices and our actions give witness to solidarity and peace. Merry Christmas to all!"

Pope Francis

#### MONASTEREVIN PARISH CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2023

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u> SUNDAY 24<sup>™</sup> DECEMBER 2023

2.00 PM - 4.00 PM (IN CONFESSION BOX)

#### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

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

9.00 AM & 11.30 AM - MASS (WITH PARISH CHOIR)

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>
DECEMBER 2023
NO MASSES

THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> & FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>
DECEMBER 2023
10.00 AM - MASS

MASS TIMES
SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 2024
10.00 AM & 6.30 PM

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2024. Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year from the Office Staff.

Adrienne, Mary, Anna & Simona.

Dear Parishioners

As we come to celebrate the feast of Christmas, on my own behalf I would like to wish you and your families a holy and happy Christmas and to thank you for the support that you have given me during the last year.

I want to thank especially all who help in the various Ministries in our Parish and for those who give of their time in making our Parish a vibrant Christian community. To all the Clubs and Organizations who add so much to the life of the Parish, I encourage them to keep up the good work. So many people who visit the Parish and who have come to live here recently often comment to me how friendly and welcoming the people of Monasterevin are.

A warm welcome to all who are home for Christmas from abroad and to those who are unable to make it home at this festive time we send our sincere good wishes.

For many people Christmas can be a sad time, especially for those who have lost loved ones. I will be remembering all those who have died, in my prayers at Masses over the Christmas period.

I am hoping to see as many of you as possible at our Christmas ceremonies especially those who have been away from the Church for a while.

The hope that each of us have in our hearts is that the Christ who has come among us walks the journey of life with us. May that peace of Christ dwell in our hearts and your homes this Christmas.

Fr. Liam

#### 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.



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 525346 Kildare - 045 521352 Rathangan - 045 524064 VACANCY FOR ADMIN ASSISTANT PARISH OFFICE, MONASTEREVIN

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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

## PRIESTS CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE COLLECTION

I would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas Envelope Collection and also many thanks to the parishioners who kindly deliver the envelopes in their local area.

Also if you did not receive an envelope and would like to make a contribution to the support of the priests there are some at the back of the church.

Thank You.

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 24th December 2023

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One;

let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

#### GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 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....

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts,

that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

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 2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16 A reading from the second book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David,"Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that

place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 88)

#### R. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,

that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. [R]

2. 'With my chosen one I have made a covenant;

I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.'

 He will say to me: You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.'
 I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. [R]

## SECOND READING Romans 16:25-27 A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ever and ever. Amen.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said
be done to me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this

greeting could mean, but the angel said to her.'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David: he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.'Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holv and will be called Son of God. Know this too: vour kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord.' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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

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.

# Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. AFTER THE CONSECRATION The mystery of faith.

Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

just as he filled with his power the womb of

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,

the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Through Christ our Lord.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

It is right and just.

SANCTUS

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** 

We lift them up to the Lord.

hands for the praise and glory of his name.

for our good and the good of all his holy

Pray brothers and sisters, .....

## 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

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.

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. Thanks be to God

focus on sunday

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 24th December 2023

Mary accepted the life of God into her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit thus bringing God's salvation into the world. Let us open our hearts to welcoming Jesus into our lives this Christmas.



Someone asked a Christian how the teachings of Confucius and Buddha would differ from those of Christ. He responded with a story.

A woman fell into a deep hole. Try as she might, she could not get out. Confucius came along and looked in. He said, "Poor woman, if you had paid attention to me, you would not have fallen in there in the first place." He kept walking. The Buddha approached. He too spotted the woman and said to himself. "If she can just manage to get out of that hole, I can give her great help in the form of wisdom to live by." And he continued his journey. Finally, along came Jesus. He spotted the woman. He was moved with compassion and jumped in immediately to help her out.

We gather at this Mass on Christmas Eve to celebrate the concern God has for each of us. His eager willingness to jump in and help us is illustrated by the birth of his Son in our world. St. Irenaeus summed up this feast well when he wrote: "God became man so that we might become God." It has been well said that Christmas is a gift that we cannot keep until we give it to someone else. Christ is always with us, especially in the poor, always asking for room in our hearts. As we pray for peace and wish the peace of Christ to one another, may we be mindful that peace is much more than a season. It is a state of mind and a way of life.

Fr. Joe Walsh

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

We listen to The Angeleus Bell because of Mary. She listened to the Angel when God invited her to have The Baby Jesus. It is a good prayer to listen to the sound of the Bell, and let the sound pass through from the top of the head to the little toe of one's foot in silence. It is also good to put a hand on one's heart in silence, during the ringing of The Bell..

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