

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

31st 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

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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

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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 30th December 2023 6.30 pm Mass

Patsy Keogh, Kilmessan, (1st Anniversary), Angela Broughal, Mary Donoher, Umeras (Birthday Rem), Michael & Kay Kavanagh, Melitta Park, Kildare, Anne Tynan, Jamestown, deceased members of the Tynan family, Jamestown, & deceased members of the Delaney family, Coole, Gerard Reddy, Ann Hayes, Julia Malone, Michael Malone, Jim Forde, Millstream Avenue, Patrick & Mary Molloy, Kildoon, Nurney, Anna Sexton, Castle Park, Kildangan, Thomas Barrett, Clougheen, formerly of Clonbrin & deceased members of the Barrett family, Clonbrin, John O'Neill, Clonbrin, Mary & Denis Meredith, Clougheen & deceased members of the Meredith family, Christy Harrison, Old Grange & his parents Paddy & Rose Harrison, Old Grange

Sunday 31st December 2023, 9.00 am Mass

Ellen Murphy, Thomas Shinkins, Mountrice, Margaret & Michael Kelly, Kildare Road, Paddy & Margaret Johnston, Kildare Road, Michael & Mrs. Nelligan, Kildare Road, Patrick & Mrs. Kelly, Newtown, Rathangan, Sr. Teresa Bridgid Kelly, Sisters of Charity, Kilkenny, Pat McKeown, Arklow, Bernard & Joan O'Farrell Kilenure, Sean & Peg Mullen, Lughill, Michael O'Reilly, Hill of Down

Sunday 31st December 2023, 11.30 am Mass

Nancy Fitzpatrick, Inchacoooley, Ellen Murphy, Edward (Ned) Cullen, Hybla, Thomas Shinkins, Mountrice, James Dunne, Grange, Moore Abbey, Mike & Patsy Dunne, Nurney Road, Margaret & Patrick Murphy, Quinsboro, Christy Kavanagh, Clonanny, Tom & Tess Hyland, Harbour View, Séan Kavanagh, Clogheen & deceased members of the Murphy, Behan, Kenna & Kavanagh families, Mike & Margaret McLoughlin, Jamestown Cross & deceased members of the McLoughlin family, Pat & Madge Mulhall, Beechwood, Ballintogher & deceased members of the Mulhall family, Kathleen Kaye, Umey, Cloneygowan, Sr. Lazerian Kaye, Melbourne, Australia

Tuesday 2nd January 2024, 10.00 am Mass

Patrick Melia, Ballyfarsoon



Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 26/12/2023.

Numbers Drawn

NO LOTTO ON THE 26/12/2023

LOTTO RESUMES ON 09/01/24.

Next Weeks Jackpot €

No Winner

Winners

Promoter

€20

€20

€20

Next Draw 09/01/2024.

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 25/12/23

Numbers Drawn

NO LOTTO ON THE 25/12/2023

LOTTO RESUMES ON 08/01/2024

Next Weeks Jackpot €

No Winner

Winners

Promoter

€20

€20

€20

€20

Next draw: 08/01/2024.

Thanks for your continued support

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on Friday 5th January 2024. Please call the office on 045-525346 if you wish him to call.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday 6th January '24
FEAST OF THE
EPIPHANY MASS

10.00 am & 6.30 pm

Dear Parishioners

As we begin a New Year together in our Parish, on my own behalf I would like to wish you and your families a holy and happy New Year 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 Organisations 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.

PRIESTS CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE COLLECTION

On behalf of myself thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas Envelope Collection and also thank you 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.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Wishing you all a Very Happy and Peaceful New Year from the Office
Staff: Adrienne, Mary, Anna & Simona.

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

BLESSING OF ALL BABIES WHO WERE BAPTIZED DURING 2023

Next Sunday the 7th of January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

We are welcoming back all babies who were Baptised in the last year for a special blessing at all Masses next weekend, Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

INVITATION FOR PARISH MINISTRIES

Volunteers from the different Parish ministries who have done voluntary work in our Parish are invited to a Celebration Meal on Friday, 19th January '24 at 7 pm in the new St. Paul's Secondary School, Athy Road

If you still didn't get your invitation, it can be collected from parish office.

RSVP by the phone 045 525346 or email:
monasterevin.parish@gmail.com

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €
Baskets Collection: €

CHOIR

Saturday 6th January 2024
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 7th January 2024

11.30am: Alan Reigh

LOTTO

09/01/2024

TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 6th January '24
6.30pm: Ruth Dempsey

Sunday 7th January '24
9.00am: Lisa Marie Duffy
11.30am: Billy Cleary

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.



MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

FEAST OF EPIPHANY

Saturday 6th January 2024

10.00am: Sr. Angela, Anne McLoughlin, Andrew Mahon
6.30pm: Mary Ryan, Pauline Murphy, Ger Harrison, Lilly Madigan

Sunday 7th January 2024

9.00am: Davina Weldon, Lily Donoghue, Paddy Clarke
11.30am: Mary O'Leary, James Forde, Anne Whelan, Fiona Behan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday

16th January 2024

TEAM: B

Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen.
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

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless . . . ' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.
The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he

had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS. 104)

R. He, the Lord, is our God.

He remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! **[R]**
2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. **[R]**
3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. **[R]**
4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. **[R]**

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:8.11-12.17-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:22 - 40 (*shorter form 2:22,39-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the

Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days in girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



focus on sunday

A day to pray with and for our family; to give thanks to God for them; to pray for healing of divisions and bitterness. We pray that we may grow in respect and love for our extended family throughout the world.

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

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. 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.
My Lord and my God.

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

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. 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.
Thanks be to God.



Think for a while sometime today of the joys of family life. Recall them and enjoy them. It's the place where we find unconditional love. We may drive each other mad at times or let each other down. But our love is strong for the person just as that person is.

In that way family is a sacrament, a sign of God accepting us, forgiving us, moving us on to greater love and maturity and always faithful. The reason we call into family around Christmas is just that; we are family.

Family today is varied. We live in a world which needs the values of family life but there are difficulties. Financial worries and worries about children and the life they will have, are many. Worries about our older people and their health and future.

The joy of real love varies as we get older. Mary and Joseph had no idea that Jesus would get lost. That he would cause them worry. Mary and Joseph must have been proud of Jesus - seeing him becoming an adult like any Jewish boy. They knew that sometime they would have to let him go.

So, family also lets us be and lets us go. We miss our family who are away but realise that is what they chose to do, or often, had to do. Our family give us our roots - where we came from, but also our wings to find our own way in life, with a new family.

So, every family is a holy family! Not just a saint and an immaculate mother. But holy in trying to love each other as best we can.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



When Jesus was young he strayed away and got lost. Mary and Joseph were very sad and were looking everywhere for him, because they cared and were worried. My nephew has a teenage boy. He wanders away. His parents ask him to text them just to let them know where he is. He forgets. Lord, Mary and Joseph ease the pain that we make for each other in home life.