



MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

7th January 2024

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
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, 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 6th January 10.00am Mass

Nancy McCormack, Numej

Saturday 6th January 2024, 6.30 pm Mass

Joseph O'Rourke (First Anniversary), Patricia O'Rourke, Simon Ridge, London, Bill & Jane Holligan, John & Ruth Holligan, Maeve Hall, Tommy Hall, 1248 St. Evin's Park, Rose, Seamus & Patrick Heavey, 1414 St. Evin's Park, Margaret Cullen, 662 Old Grange, Anne Delaney, Coole, Anne Tynan, Jamestown, Eric Morrissey, Bridget (Bid) Murphy, St. Evin's Park, Timmy Meredith, Mrs. Nancy Perry, Old Grange, James, Anthony & Mary Kelly, Clogheen, Molly Kaye, Skirteen, Eugene Melia, Nan Lawlor, Sheila Melia, Athy Rd., (Birthday Rem.), Christopher Melia (Snr.), Athy Rd., Margaret (Mag) Dunne, 3 Kill Hill & Deceased Members of the Dunne & Hughes Families, Des McEvoy, Carlow, Christina Clarke, Hugh Clarke & Deceased Members of the Casey, Clarke & Coughlan Families, Patrick Walsh, Gurteenoonna, Philip Walsh, Gurteenoonna, Katie & Robert Walsh, St. Evin's Park, Billy & Kate Dempsey, Gorey, Martin Dempsey, Kildare, Esther Ball.

Sunday 7th January 2024, 9.00 am Mass

Thomas Murphy, Charles (Chas) Donohar, Inchacooley

Sunday 7th January 2024, 11.30 am Mass

June Walsh (Months Mind), Deceased Members of the Teegan Family, Monasterevin, Thomas Murphy, Annie & John Dunne, Rathcoole (Birthday Rem.), Joe Fitzpatrick, Maisie Fitzpatrick, Ann Kelly, née Dowling, Naas, Bridie Power née Dowling, Naas, Bridget (Bid) Murphy, St. Evin's Park, Kathleen Dunne.



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 230.00
Baskets Collection: € 780.00

CHOIR

Saturday 13th January 2024
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 14th January 2024
11.30am: Alan Reigh

LOTTO

09/01/2024
TEAM: A
Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 13th January '24
6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

Sunday 14th January '24
9.00am: Sr. Angela
11.30am: James Forde

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

Saturday 13th January 2024
6.30pm: Hannah Duffy, Cathy Cullen, Fiona Farrell, Pat Ryan

Sunday 14th January 2024
9.00am: Andrew Mahon, Sharon Hanly, Anne McLoughlin
11.30am: Rita McDonnell, Ann Lonergan, Irene Sharpe, Mary Lawlor

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday
16th January 2024
TEAM: B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 02/01/2024.

Numbers Drawn

NO LOTTO ON THE 02/01/2024

LOTTO RESUMES ON 09/01/24.

Next Weeks Jackpot €
No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20

€20

€20

€20

€20

Next Draw 09/01/2024.

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 02/01/2024

Numbers Drawn

NO LOTTO ON THE 02/01/2024

LOTTO RESUMES ON 08/01/2024

Next Weeks Jackpot €

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20

€20

€20

€20

€20

Next draw: 08/01/2024.

Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Christmas Draw Results:

22/12/2023

1st €200: Chrissy McHale c/o Domo
2nd €100: Laura Howard c/o Niall
3rd €50: Aoife Stapleton c/o Dominic
4th €50: Christina McHale c/o Rita
5th €50: Sean Duffy c/o John

Seller: Nags

Sellers Prize €50: Dominic Stapleton

€50: Catherine Quinn

BLESSING OF ALL BABIES WHO WERE BAPTISED DURING 2023

This Sunday 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 this weekend Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th January. the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

A PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ

That our concern for others may reflect your love. Amen.

ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK ON MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY.



St. Brigid is reputed to have been born in the Townland of Umeras, just outside Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.

This year a new Bank Holiday to honour St. Brigid takes place on Monday 5th February.

To commemorate Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Monasterevin - Rathangan Road (R414), Eircode: W34 X529, @ 11am on Monday 5th February (walk is approx. 6km). Car parking provided at Mountrice Cross.

The walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty & will journey via Umeras then along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in St. Peter & Pauls Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm.

WELCOMING THE RELIC OF ST. BRIGID

As we prepare to celebrate the life of St. Brigid on February 1st and on this, the 1500th anniversary of her death, the Brigidine Sisters from their convent in Tullow are very generously loaning their relic of St. Brigid to Kildare Parish for the year.

The relic will be housed in a specially designed shrine in St. Brigid's Church, Kildare. The shrine will be unveiled and Mass will be celebrated in honour of St. Brigid and the generosity of the Brigidine Sisters on Sunday 28th January at 11am.

This is seen very much as a home-coming for St. Brigid and all are most welcome to attend.



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

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



The Baptism of Our 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

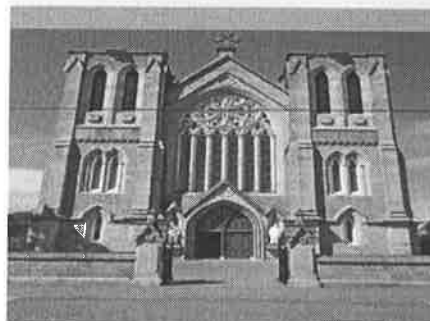
PRAYER FOR PEACE - ST. JOHN PAUL II

Lord Jesus Christ, who is called the Prince of Peace, who Yourself is our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you" - please grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love.

Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.
Amen.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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

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, O 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.



out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Is.12:2-6

R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

- Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. [R]
- Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. [R]
- Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. [R]

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of John. Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth - so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia John saw Jesus coming towards him and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:7-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist 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.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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



focus on sunday

Wherever there is water, there is life. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan marked the beginning of his life's work, his taking on the fullness of humanity. Our baptism is the source of our Christian vocation.



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

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.



A birth is a joy to parents. The first words of a child or grandchild or nephew or niece make a big difference to our lives. A new estate of houses and the beginning of a parish, a country. We mark beginnings with some sort of ritual or ceremony.

Jesus' baptism begins his mission and joins him into the religious life of his people. Baptism for us is the beginning of faith. It introduces us into the prayer and sacraments for important times of life, joining us to the community within the area and the parish, with people we meet through the Church - friends, husband, or wife. It brings us into a meaning in life in the gospel of Jesus, and the big traditions of the Church, and faith in the afterlife; by baptism we are to care for the poor.

We are part of the church. Baptism not just a prayer but a joining into the church. Part of a community which with all its faults and failings has made a huge difference to the world. How much health care, education and other services in Ireland and abroad can we thank our church and the other churches for?

And knowing Jesus, a friend. The one who forgives. So that we can always move forward to a fuller life, more joy, and peace. As was said to him, is said to us - 'you are my beloved son and daughter.'

For baptism we pray in thanks --- glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Every child baptised with life is God's child. When we celebrate Baptism we give thanks for Three Special Friends ...God The Father who makes the sun shine on everyone, good and bad, God The Son Our Forever Friend, came at Christmas, and God The Holy Spirit who is the breath of our heart and life. 'We thank You God Our Father. You made us to live for you and for each other. We can see and speak to one another, become friends, share our joys and sorrows. We gladly thank You.'

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