

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

28th 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
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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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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 27th January 2024, 6.30 pm Mass

Michael O'Rourke (1st Anniversary), Mary Maher, Newbridge, Michael Keenan (Jnr) and his daughter Shirley Foran (nee Keenan) and Deceased Members of the Keenan, Foran & Walsh Families, Joe Walsh, Old Grange, James Dunne, Coolier & Deceased Members of the Dunne Family, Denis & Mary Conlon, Knavenstown, Sean Harrison, St. Evin's Park, Rose Harrison, Old Grange, Patrick Holligan, Borraderra & Deceased Members of the Holligan Family, Bridget Hannon, Hannah Hannon, Michael Murphy, Doncaster, Maureen Robinston, Athy.

Sunday 28th January 2024, 9.00 am Mass

Rose Melia, Gurteenoonna, Bernard & Annie Maher, Coole, Thomas Barnes, Coole, John Nolan, Crannagh, Stradbally, Michael & Elizabeth Freeman, Clogheen, Robert Fassnidge, Roseanne Kelly, Kilberry, Patrick Cooke, Shean, Athy.

Sunday 28th January 2024, 11.30 am Mass

Maureen O'Reardon, Clinton, Bridie Mahon, Patrick Casey, Eamon Ryan, Gurteenoonna, Catherine Kavanagh, Harbour View, Margaret Patterson, Old Grange.

Wednesday 31st January 2024, 10.00 am Mass

Seamus O'Brien, Nags Head.

Thursday 1st February 2024, 10.00 am Mass

Fr. Jack Walsh p.p., Emo, Sr. Marian (nee Rankin), Deceased Members of the Rankin Family.



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 335.00
Baskets Collection: € 985.00

CHOIR

Saturday 3rd February 2024
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 4th February 2024
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

LOTTO
30/01/2024

TEAM: A
Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 3rd February '24
6.30pm: Sr. Phil

Sunday 4th February '24
9.00am: Adam McAlister
11.30am: Gary Farrell

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 3rd February 2024
6.30pm: Hannah Duffy, Cathy Cullen, Fiona Farrell, Pat Ryan

Sunday 4th February 2024
9.00am: Davina Weldon, Lily Donoghue, Paddy Clarke

11.30am: Ann Lonergan, Irene Sharpe, Ann Fearon, Mary Lawlor

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday
4th February '2024
TEAM: B

Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 23/01/2024
Numbers Drawn
3, 8, 14, 18
Next Weeks Jackpot €5, 800
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Ann Dunne P. Kelly
€20 Pauline Earley R. Callanan
€20 Brigid Lonergan A. Kelly
€20 Nuala Kaye
€20 Maura Dowling R. Callanan

Next Draw 30/01/2024.
Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto
Draw Results 22/01/2024
Numbers Drawn
8, 12, 16, 26
Next Weeks Jackpot € 4,800
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Regina Brennan R. Brennan
€20 Karen Whyte D. Brett
€20 Johnnie Collins Finlays
€20 Jane Murphy B. Fitzgerald
€20 Dickie Weldon Finlays

Next draw: 29/01/2024.
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Weekly Draw Results:

19/01/2024

1st €200: K. Merrins c/o Deirdre
2nd €100: Amelia Ottley c/o Bingo
3rd €50: Maureen Tynan c/o Bingo
4th €50: J. Maher c/o Steven M

Seller: Deirdre Ransome

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:

Day Care
Caretaker Parish Property
Cleaner Ellistown GFC
2 Environmental Workers
Passlands Graveyard

To apply:

Monasterevin Community
Employment Scheme
Parish Centre
Monasterevin
Tel. 045 525143

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.

A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.15am to Mountrice & return to Mountrice at 2.00pm, for those who wish to avail of transport, payment on the bus.

All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camino passport that will be stamped at Sts. Peter & Pauls Church & will be given a certificate to say they have completed the Camino.

St. Brigid's Crosses & refreshments will be provided on the day.

For more information, please contact Monasterevin Parish Office on 045 525346



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Saturday 3rd February
2024

Blessing of the throats will take place at the 6.30pm mass next Saturday 3rd February and Sunday 4th February at 9.00am and 11.30am masses.

MASS FOR ST. BRIGID'S DAY

Mass at 10.00am
In Parish Church

FÉILE BRÍDE 2024

Pause for Peace

Join us in a global Pause for Peace. The Pause for Peace movement invites people from around the world to stop and pause for 1 minute's silence with the aim of forming a spirit of solidarity and peace in societies all over the globe. Time 12.00 local time - St. Brigid's Day 1st February

PRAYER TO ST. BRIGID

Oh Brigid, Mary of the Gael, may your protection never fail. Spread your mantle over me, where 'ere I am, where 'ere I be. Cover me with God's joy and peace, let my faith and hope never cease.

Shine your light where there is darkness, strengthen me in any weakness, Heal all within that may be ill, give me the desire to do God's will.

'Till rest, my journey o'er, with God and you forever more.

EVENING PRAYER ON THE FEAST OF ST. BRIGID

You are invited to join Bishop Denis Nulty for a diocesan celebration of Evening Prayer on the Feast of St. Brigid with Fr. Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

Marking the beginning of a year commemorating St. Brigid and her legacy 1500 years after her death. Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, 1st February 2024 at 7.30pm 30pm

BLESSING OF COUPLES

February 14th is St. Valentine's Day the patron saint of Love, Young People and Married Couples. Fr. Liam will bless all couples at all masses on the weekend of Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th February.

MONASTEREVIN CONVENT N.S. (Scoil Eimhin Naofa)

CLOSING CEREMONY

We can now confirm that the Ceremony to mark the closing of our existing main school building will take place between 15.00 and 18.30 on Thursday, 1st February 2024.

It will provide our community with an Opportunity to pay a final visit / walk-through prior to its demolition.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PUPILS WILL FINISH SCHOOL AT 13.45 PM ON THIS DATE.

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

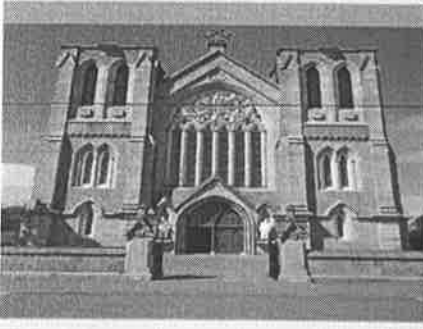
Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on Friday 2nd February. Please call the office on 045 525346 if you would like him to call.

MONASTEREVIN CREDIT UNION LIMITED

AGM Location: Council Hall, Main St. Eircode: W34CR63
Date: 29th January 2024
Time: 7pm sharp
Members draw for prizes up to €500 for all who attend.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Wife and family of the late Michael Kelly, Passlands, would like to thank very much everyone who supported them with friendship and kindness during Michael's illness and passing. Thanks to all who attended the funeral. John Maher for his professional funeral arrangements. The staff of McCreal's pharmacy. Staff of Portlaoise Hospital. Paramedics who attended to Michael. Special thanks to Teresa Martin for bringing Holy Communion to Michael every week. Fr. Merrigan p.p. for his help and funeral mass. Foster coaches. Dawn Broughan for beautiful singing. Edmond Melia and our very thoughtful neighbours. Thank you. The Holy Sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.**

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 RITE

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way
to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you have given us the
consolation of the truth:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
leading us into everlasting life:
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, Lord our God, that we may
honour you with all our mind, and love
everyone in truth of heart. Through our
Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: "Your God will
raise up for you a prophet like myself,
from among yourselves, from your own
brothers; to him you must listen. This is
what you yourselves asked of the Lord
your God at Horeb on the day of the
Assembly "Do not let me hear again"
you said " the voice of the Lord my God,
nor look any longer on this great fire, or
I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All
they have spoken is well said. I will raise
up a prophet like yourself for them from
their own brothers; I will put my words
into his mouth and he shall tell them all
I command him. The man who does not
listen to my words that he speaks in my

name, shall be held answerable to me for
it. But the prophet who presumes to say in
my name a thing I have not commanded
him to say, or who speaks in the name of
other gods, that prophet shall die."

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS. 94)

**R. O that today you would listen to his
voice! Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving
thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **[R]**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made
us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **[R]**
3. O that today you would listen to his
voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work.' **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry.
An unmarried man can devote himself to
the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about
is pleasing the Lord; but a married man
has to bother about the world's affairs
and devote himself to pleasing his wife:
he is torn two ways. In the same way
an unmarried woman, like a young girl,
can devote herself to the Lord's affairs;
all she need worry about is being holy
in body and spirit. The married woman,
on the other hand, has to worry about
the world's affairs and devote herself to
pleasing her husband. I say this only to
help you, not to put a halter round your
necks, but simply to make sure that
everything is as it should be, and that you
give your undivided attention to the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and
shadow of death a light has dawned.
Alleluia!**



GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as
Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath
came Jesus went to the synagogue and
began to teach. And his teaching made
a deep impression on them because,
unlike the scribes, he taught them with
authority.

In their synagogue just then there was
a man possessed by an unclean spirit,
and it shouted, 'What do you want with
us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come
to destroy us? I know who you are:
the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said
sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And
the unclean spirit threw the man into
convulsions and with a loud cry went out
of him. The people were so astonished
that they started asking each other what
it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is
new' they said 'and with authority behind
it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits
and they obey him.' And his reputation
rapidly spread everywhere, through all
the surrounding Galilean countryside.

**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.**

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

O Lord, we bring to your altar
these offerings of our service:
be pleased to receive them, we pray,
and transform them
into the Sacrament of our redemption.
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.
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

**Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

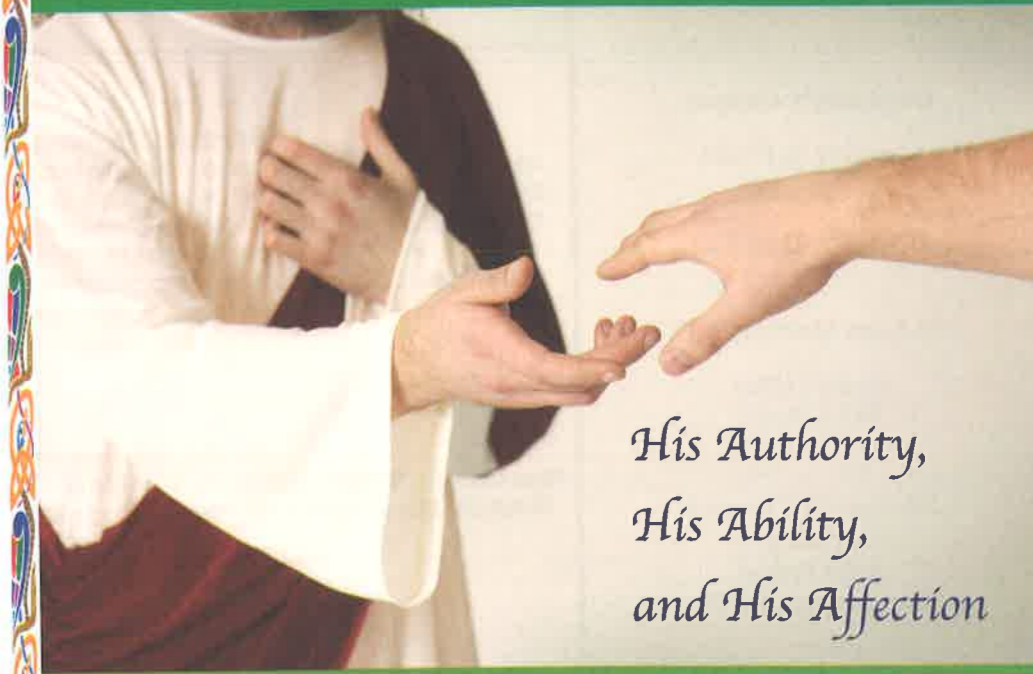
Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.**



Jesus speaks the words of his Father today with an
authority that made a deep impression on his listeners.



*His Authority,
His Ability,
and His Affection*



Mark 1:21-28 - The Holy One of God

Unclean spirits or 'demons' in Jesus' time offered an explanation
for physical or psychological illness but having an 'unclean spirit'
was a phrase also used to describe someone who was opposed to
that which was considered 'holy'. There is an irony throughout
Mark's Gospel in that it is the 'demons' and not the disciples who speak the truth about
Jesus: 'I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' While the man in the Gospel today
speaks the truth, it is also an example of how it is not enough to know a thing. You
can know the truth and still be opposed to it if it doesn't suit your agenda. The real
example of faith involves trusting with the heart and responding with action to the truth.
The demons are unable to do this. Jesus responds quite bluntly to 'the unclean spirit',
literally telling it to 'Shut up' or 'Be muzzled'.

There are many 'demons' in our world that need to be cast out – hatred towards
migrants and refugees, racism, war, discrimination of all kinds, greed, inequality, self-
centredness. One message from the narrative today is that it is not enough to know a
thing, you can know that Jesus is the Holy One of God, but faith is a way of living, not
just believing. Jesus is the one who comes to restore and to liberate, he brings healing
and frees people from that which tries to overpower them. As we journey through this
week, we might ask ourselves what needs healing in ourselves, in our lives? What
needs healing in society, in our church today?

'Once brought into the light of mutual love, demons lose their power and quietly leave
us.' – Henry Nouwen

These reflections are extracts from *The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the
Year of Mark*, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2023. (Jane Mellett and Triona Doherty).

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

We get to know Jesus especially by listening to His Love Stories which are about God,
God's people and God's world. Before we read a Jesus Story we ask Jesus to help us.
We can touch our head, lips and heart. Sometimes we can light a candle. I like to watch
to see how Jesus touches people, the little children in his arms, the man with disease, the
widow who lost her only son; how He stops and listens, praises those who help the sick,
how He enjoys meals and organises people. It is not enough to read words, but to catch
THE WORD in the journey of life is a great blessing.