

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

4th February 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

Safe Guarding of Children Diocesan Designated Liaison Person :

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Old Dublin Road
Carlow

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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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Annette Connolly, 1743 St. Evin's Park, Monasterevin, Kildare, who died during the week R.I.P.**

Saturday 3rd February 2024, 6.30 pm Mass

Pat Hyland, Oghill House Stud, Brother Tom Earley, Maura Ryan, Ballyfarsoon, Elizabeth Ryan, Tony Ryan, Cowpasture, Mary, Neddy & Bob Harrison, Ballyfarsoon, Mary Donohoe, Umeras, Anna Cunningham, Ballagh, Liam McGlynn, St. Evin's Park, Paddy & Maggie Nicholls, 1257 St. Evin's Park, Anita Nelligan, Tommy Delaney, Ballagh, Edward McGuinness, Vera Coyle, Teresa Skamaraskas, Mary (Molly) McGuinness, Quinsboro (Birthday Rem.), Johannes Muller, Monasterevin.

Sunday 4th February 2024, 9.00 am Mass

Mary Dunne, St. Evin's Park, Deirdre Brereton, Cowpasture, Tom, Jim & Stephen Connolly, Dublin St., Mary Dunne, St. Evin's Park, Mary Connolly, Newmills, Mountmellick, Edward McGuinness, Vera Coyle, Teresa Skamaraskas, Mary (Molly) McGuinness, Quinsboro (Birthday Rem.)

Sunday 4th February 2024, 11.30 am Mass

Breda Sharpe (Birthday Rem.), Liam McGlynn, St. Evin's Park, Johnny Timmons, 2 Bestfield, Carlow, Kathleen Kaye & Nuala Waldron, Urney Cloneygowan (Birthday Rem.),

Tuesday 6th February 2024, 10.00 am Mass

Johannes Muller, Monasterevin

Wednesday 7th February 2024, 10.00 am Mass

Matt Colgan, St. Evin's Park, Patrick Kaye, Urney, Cloneygowan (Birthday Rem.)

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 295.00
Baskets Collection: € 945.00

CHOIR

Saturday 10th February'24
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 11th February'24
11.30am: Alan Reigh

LOTTO
06/02/2024
TEAM: B

Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

READERS

Saturday 10th February'24
6.30pm: Deirdre Cotter

Sunday 11th February'24
9.00am: Tom Fitzgerald
11.30am: Betty 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

Saturday 10th February 2024
6.30pm: Mary Doyle, Dan Clancy, Jacqueline Kennedy, Colette Walsh.

Sunday 11th February 2024
9.00am: Andrew Mahon, Sharon Hanly, Anne McLoughlin
11.30am: Mary O'Leary, Marie Lawless, Carmel McAlinden, James Forde

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday
18th February'2024
TEAM: A

Sr. Phil, Katie Walsh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 30/01/2024
Numbers Drawn
1, 3, 21, 22
Next Weeks Jackpot €6,000
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 John Dunne	M. Heavey
€20 V. Merrins	M. Heavey
€20 Pat Kelly	G. Harrison
€20 Joe Grattan	R. McDonnell
€20 Fiona Whelan	R. Callanan

Next Draw 06/02/2024
Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto
Draw Results 29/01/2024
Numbers Drawn
1, 6, 19, 27
Next Weeks Jackpot € 5,000
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Jayden & Teddy	J. Moore
€20 Adrienne Walker	G. Broughall
€20 Sheenah Foy	A. Holligan
€20 Tina Coyne	
€20 Betty Whyte	S. Whyte

Next draw: 05/02/2024
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Weekly Draw Results:

26/01/2024

1st €100: Caroline Morrissey c/o C M
2nd €50: S.T.A.R c/o D. Ransome
3rd €25: Mary Mahon c/o Barry
4th €25: Mick Holligan c/o Bingo

Seller: Caroline Morrissey

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 & Paul 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 this Saturday 3rd February and Sunday 4th February at 9.00am and 11.30am masses.

DATES FOR CONFIRMATION 2024



ST. EVIN'S N.S.
Saturday 13th April 2024
11.00am

ST. PETER'S N.S.
Saturday 13th April 2024
2.00pm

LACKAGH
Sunday 14th April 2024
11.30am

DATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION 2024



ST. EVIN'S N.S.
Saturday 18th May 2024
11.00am

ST. PETER'S N.S.
Saturday 25th May 2024
11.00am

LACKAGH
Sunday 26th May 2024
11.30am

KILDARE, MONASTEREVIN & RATHANGAN

Pilgrimage to Lourdes
27th May - 1st June 2024

€825 pps
4* Hotel Eliséo

Accompanied by
Fr. Liam Merrigan &
Fr. Bill Kemmy

For Further
Details & Booking Form
Contact :

Monasterevin - 045 525 346
Kildare - 045 521352
Rathangan - 045 524064

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.

PARISH OFFICE

We have a Beautiful New Arrangement of various Gifts and Cards in stock for Special Occasions: such as Confirmation, Holy Communion, Birth of a Child, or just for that special person.

Call in and our friendly staff will be delighted to look after you.

REFLECTIONS

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged." - Luke 6:37

"What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?" - Romans 8:31

NOURISHING OUR COMMUNITIES

You are invited to an evening on Tuesday the 20th of February about growing food in our communities, for our communities. The event kicks off with a screening of "Together We Grow" (40 mins), the true story of a community enriched by growing food for their neighbours. A panel discussion, refreshments and chat will follow. Organised by the Co. Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN), please contact info@ccen.ie for information.

Venue: Presentation de la Salle School, Bagenalstown, R21 X096 at 7:15pm - 9:30pm
FREE admission, book a seat on the CCEN Eventbrite page through our website:

www.ccen.ie/together-we-grow/



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
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

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 Job 7:1-4.6-7

A reading from the book of Job
Job began to speak:
Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 146:1-6

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; singing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **(R)**
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken - hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **(R)**
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23. A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.
So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
He took our sicknesses away, and carried our diseases for us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole

town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

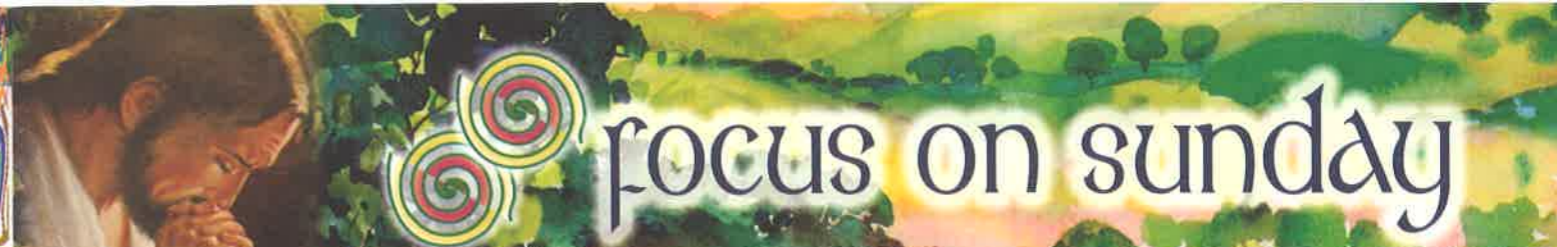
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God 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



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life.
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.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

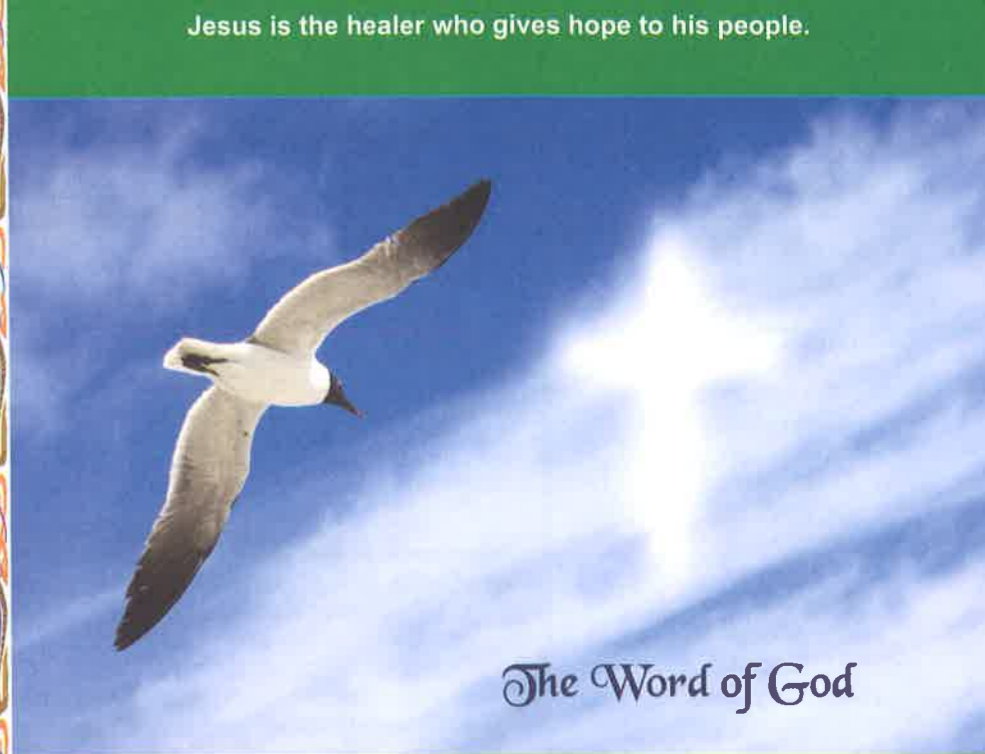
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world.
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.**

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Prayer and Care.
Today's gospel captures two important facets of Jesus – as Son of God and, as a man living in the world. As son of God, he continues his mission: preaching, healing, casting out demons - a way of being which we cannot hope to comprehend. In other ways this day in his life is very relatable. He is busy, the day is hectic with constant demands upon his time. We can all relate to that. Even in the cool of the evening after his supper he is still preaching and healing and then to bed. A day lived in the service of others. A day that might feel familiar to any parent of young children or anyone caring for a relative or simply busy at work. An early start the next morning for prayer and even his prayer was interrupted as they were all looking for him.
Two big parts of Jesus' life --- care for those in need, and prayer. We find him at prayer at all the important events of his life - before choosing his apostles, his agony in the garden, his teachings on prayer. It was the centre and motivation of his life, keeping him in daily love with God his Father.
This motivation extended into his care for the sick, a constant in the gospels.
These are two constants in the community of the Church – a community who pray both personally and together; and who care in family, parish, and the world for all who are sick and in need.
Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*

Jesus was always helping people with His Hands. Peter's mother in law was sick in bed. Jesus takes her by the hand and makes her well. Then, with her hands she makes a nice meal. Our mother and father, used their hands to hold us when we were small, to hug us, and care for us with food and clothes. Jesus tells us that when we help people with our hands, we praise God Our Father, who blesses the world through our hands.