



MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

18th 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
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

Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 17th February 2024, 6.30 pm Mass

Oliver Dowling, Pleasants Place, Dublin 8 (Months Mind), Mrs. Margaret Boland, Drogheda Street, Patrick Kirwan, Station House, Cyril Dunne, 3Kill & deceased members of the Dunne family, Leo Kelly, Kill & deceased members of the O'Connell & Kelly families, Mrs. Elizabeth Flood, Athy, Margaret Murray, Ballyfarsoon, Ann Fullam, Nurney, Jim Dowling, St Evin's Park, Kelly Dwyer, Newbridge, James Downey, The Square, Monasterevin, Tom Moran, Pass Bridge, Monasterevin, Savannah Muller, (Birthday Rem), Hugh Clarke, Christina Clarke, & Deceased Members of the Casey & Clarke Families

Sunday 18th February 2024, 9.00 am Mass

Daniel Harrison, Kill, Margaret Hall, Derryoughter, Kildangan, Michael Hall (Snr), Michael Hall (Jnr), Derryoughter, Kildangan, Marie McDonagh, Gurteenoon, Tom Moran, Pass Bridge, Monasterevin

Sunday 18th February 2024, 11.30 am Mass

Douglas Harrington, Nell Moran, St. Evin's Park, Nancy Perry, Old Grange, Patrick Heavey, late St. Evin's Park, Rose Heavey, late St. Evin's Park (Birthday Rem), Jim Dowling, St Evin's Park, Kelly Dwyer, Newbridge, Tom Moran, Pass Bridge, Monasterevin, Frank & Des Copeland, Emo Park.

Tuesday 20th February 2024, 10.00 am Mass

Winnie Mahon, Gurteenoon (Birthday Rem.)

Wednesday 21st February 2024, 10.00 am Mass

Patrick Kaye, Cowpasture



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 465.00
Baskets Collection: € 1385.00

READERS

Saturday 24th February'24
6.30pm: Ger Harrison

Sunday 25th February'24
9.00am: John Dooley
11.30am: Liz Fitzpatrick

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 24th February 2024
6.30pm: Hannah Duffy, Cathy Cullen, Fiona Farrell, Pat Ryan

Sunday 25th February 2024
9.00am: Andrew Mahon,
Sr. Angela, Anne McLoughlin

11.30am: Ann Lonergan, Irene Sharpe, Mary O'Leary, Ann Fearon

CHOIR

Saturday 24th February'24
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 25th February'24
11.30am: Parish Choir

LOTTO 20/02/2024 TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy,
Lily Donoghue

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 3rd March 2024

TEAM: B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly,
Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 13/02/2024
Numbers Drawn
5, 19, 20, 21
Next Weeks Jackpot €6,400
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Rita & Caroline M. Heavey
€20 Ticket No 107 c/o A. Kelly
€20 Sarah O'Neill R. McDonnell
€20 Catherine Gorry A. Kelly
€20 Ann Gammell G. Harrison
Next Draw 20/02/2024
Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto
Draw Results 12/02/2024
Numbers Drawn
3, 10, 21, 27
Next Weeks Jackpot € 5,400
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Gia Gorry R. McDonald
€20 Aoife Murphy D. Buckley
€20 Stephanie, S & R S. Ryan
€20 Lorraine Hall G. Martin
€20 Marie Heavey M. Heavey
Next draw: 19/02/2024
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Weekly Draw Results: 09/02/2024

1st €100: Jim Kevins c/o Stephen
2nd €50: Niall Willis c/o Mooneys
3rd €25: Niall & Bernie c/o Mooneys
4th €25: Keith Quinn c/o C. Quinn
Seller: Stephen Morrissey

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

This year focus country is Malawi, with extremely high levels of poverty, where life is already a struggle for many. Climate change and droughts are becoming more extreme and unpredictable. People are losing their homes and even their lives.

Your generosity can help to build a better tomorrow.

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the church.



NOTICE

CLEANER AVAILABLE
Available Mondays,
Wednesdays & Thursdays.
In Monasterevin area.
Own Transport.
Call on - 087 1614428.

NOTICE

Older Voices Kildare are offering a free Digital Skills Training Course for Older people. Hi Digital is a step-by-step course for anyone who needs a bit of help developing their digital skills, particularly those who have rarely or never been online.

Topics will include:

- Using your smartphone and other devices
- Basics of internet access
- Researching hobbies
- Booking travel/ tickets
- Using Apps
- Introduction to online banking
- Staying safe online

WHERE: Monasterevin Library

WHEN: Tuesdays 20/27 February,
5/12 March 2024

TIME: 2.00 - 3.30

For more details or to register please contact:

Caroline 086 137 2871 or
Monasterevin Library 045 529 231

NOTICE

Whizzkids Childcare Enrolments

Whizzkids childcare are taking enrolments for September 2024 for ECCE and Afterschool Children.

If your child will be 2.8 years before September 2024 and you would like to avail of an ECCE place please email whizzkids99@outlook.com or phone 0831561601 for further details.

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

A MONASTEREVIN Parish Evening



SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



St. Peter & Paul's Church,
Monasterevin

This year our Novena is confined to 3 nights

Theme: Peace

3 Nights commencing on
Wednesday 20th March to
Friday 22nd March, 2024
Time: 7.30pm

Wednesday, 20th March 2024
Guest Speaker: to be confirmed

Thursday, 21st March 2024
Guest Speaker: people from
Cuin Mhuire. Speaking about
addictions.

Friday, 22nd March 2024
Guest Speaker: James Kilbane -
well known faith musician.

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

FASTING THIS LENT

Fast from hurting words and say *kind* words

Fast from sadness and be filled with *gratitude*

Fast from pessimism and be filled with *hope*

Fast from worries and *trust* in God

Fast from pressures and be *prayerful*

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with *joy*

Fast from selfishness and be *compassionate* to others

Fast from grudges and be *reconciled*

Fast from words be silent, so you can *listen*.

Pope Francis

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 this Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th February.

PARISH OFFICE

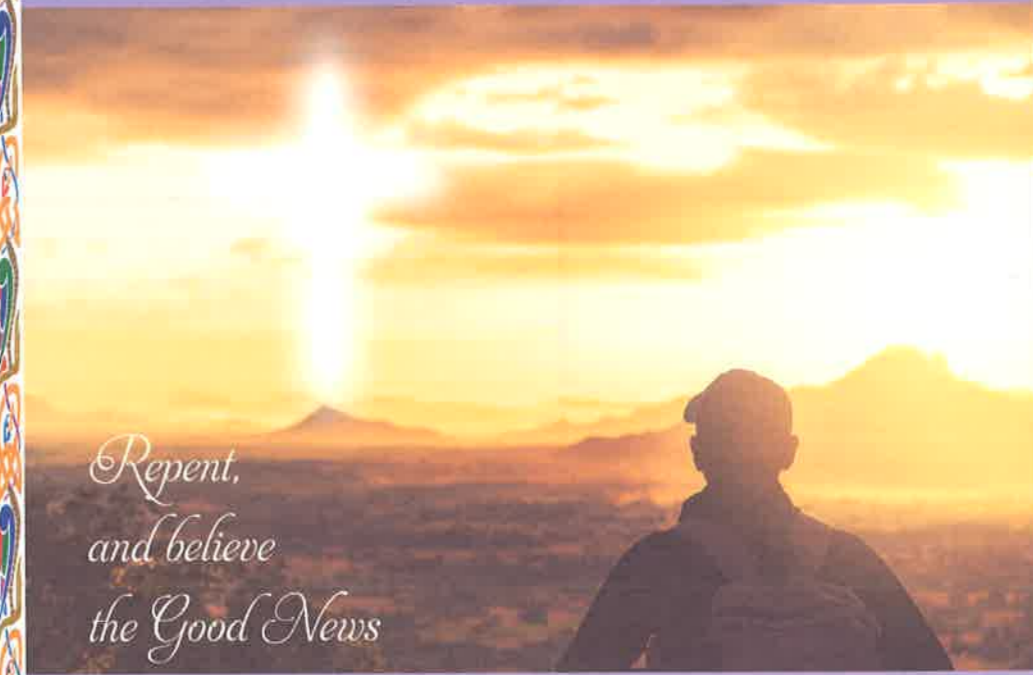
We have a Beautiful New Arrangement of various Gifts and Cards in stock for Special Occasions: such as Confirmation, Holy Communion, Birth of a Child, or just for that special person.

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





As Jesus was ever faithful to his father's will and to his vocation to bring the Good News, we too are promised the strength to resist temptation and be true to our faith.



Into the Wilderness

Lent is a time to respond to that hunger which lies at the core of our being, the hunger for a deeper connection with the Creator, the hunger to experience freshness in our lives, the hunger for what we truly long for. What better place to work all of this out than "the wilderness"? From time to time, we are landed in the wilderness. Sometimes it is an unpleasant experience and at other times we crave it, in response to a deep desire to step back from the day-to-day and make space in our lives for reflection. In the short passage we read from Mark today, we see that this is Spirit-led, the same Spirit that descended on Jesus at his baptism and 'immediately drove him out into the wilderness'. In the wilderness we can become vulnerable, thoughts and feelings can attack us like "wild beasts". But we should not be afraid; we also read that 'angels ministered' to Jesus; he is not alone.

There is a Zen proverb, 'Let go or be dragged', and no one wants to be dragged around the place. Lent invites us to embrace this wilderness time. As we fast from things that are not life-giving for us, we are also actively making space for God to breathe life and love into our hearts once more. We do this in the trust that God who loves us wants us to choose life and to clear out the blocks that stand in our way. This is 'good news', a true *metanoia* (a change of heart). God's Kingdom is being fulfilled in us and around us, not yet complete, but with every trip into the wilderness we edge closer to that reality. May this Lenten season be a period of grace for all of us.

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

Lent is a time when we can look at Jesus everyday, and learn that God Our Father is full of Love. Jesus' "Great News" is that God loves every single person, and me too, in a special way. God can never be angry. Jesus helps us to grow in love, because God is Love. We grow in love when we put others first, like giving a seat up on the bus, respect people on footpaths, and in shops, offering to help at home, and share with others that we meet in school and sport, and with neighbours.



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.

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

One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured. 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.**

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 who 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

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

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.**

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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 Genesis 9:8 - 15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 24:4-9
R. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R)**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R)**
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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