



MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

3rd March 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
Anna Pedrak
Simona Grauskaite

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
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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 2nd March 2024, 6.30 pm Mass
Molly Ryan, Kildangan

Sunday 3rd March 2024, 9.00 am Mass
Mary Dunne, Kill (Birthday Rem.), Molly Ryan, Kildangan, Denis Horgan, Kildare Town, Denis Browne, Belgooly, Co. Cork, James & Margaret Lawlor, Stephen & Bridie Byrne, Sean & Ann Carroll, Fassaugaugh, Vivien Maher, Clogheen, James Maher, Clogheen, Ann Langley, Dublin

Sunday 3rd March 2024, 11.30 am Mass
Molly Ryan, Kildangan, Patrick & Mary Maher, Kill, Patrick Behan, River Row, Rathangan



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 335.00
Baskets Collection: € 1130.00

CHOIR

Saturday 9th March 2024
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 10th March 2024
11.30am: Alan Reigh

LOTTO

05/03/2024
TEAM: C
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne,
Ger Harrison

READERS

Saturday 9th March 2024
6.30pm: Ruth Dempsey

Sunday 10th March 2024
9.00am: Jarlath Killeen
11.30am: Eileen O'Riordan

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 9th March 2024
6.30pm: Mary Ryan, Pauline
Murphy, Mary Doyle, Ger Harrison

Sunday 10th March 2024
9.00am: Andrew Mahon, Sharon
Hanly, Anne McLoughlin

11.30am: Mary O'Leary, Ann
Lonergan, Rita McDonnell, Ann
Whelan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 14th March 2024

TEAM: A
Sr. Phil, Katie Walsh, Jackie
Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 27/02/2024
Numbers Drawn
1, 14, 17, 22
Next Weeks Jackpot €6,800
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 D. & R. Clancy R. Clancy
€20 Cora Ready G. Harrison
€20 Marie Heavey M. Heavey
€20 Julie Weldon R. McDonnell
€20 Denis Mahon D. Mahon
Next Draw: 05/03/2024
Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto
Draw Results 26/02/2024
Numbers Drawn
5, 9, 14, 19
Next Weeks Jackpot € 5,800
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Pauline McGlynn M. Heavey
€20 Joe Treacy G. Harrison
€20 M. McLoughlin R. McDonnell
€20 D. & J. Byrne J. Byrne
€20 Majella Mellia G. Harrison
Next draw: 04/03/2024
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Weekly Draw Results: 23/02/2024

1st €100: Gary Farrell c/o Gary
2nd €50: M. Fitzpatrick c/o B. Lawlor
3rd €25: D. Stapleton c/o Dominic
4th €25: G. Stapleton
Seller: Gary Farrell

NOTICE

'Troubled Times in
Rathangan 1913 - 1923' a
talk by author and historian
James Durney, giving a
biographical sketch of local
activists.

Thursday March 7th
at 8pm
in The Old Schoolhouse.

APPEAL FOR NEW READERS

We are looking to recruit
NEW READERS.

If you would like to volunteer
for this important ministry,
please give your name to Fr.
Liam or the Parish Office.

Training session on
Wednesday 6th March 2024,
from 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

All existing readers are also
asked to attend in the parish
centre in Kildare.

TIMETABLE EASTER CEREMONY

Saturday, 23rd March 2024
Vigil Mass 6.30p.m.

Palm Sunday, 24th March 2024
Mass 9.00a.m. & 11.30a.m.

Tuesday, 26th March 2024
Penitential Service 7.30p.m.
(Open Confession - 5 Priests available)

Holy Thursday, 28th March 2024
Mass 7.30 p.m.
Adoration at Altar of Repose
after 7.30p.m. Mass Our Lady's
Chapel Until 10.00p.m.

Good Friday, 29th March 2024
Confessions
11.00a.m. to 12.00noon
2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.

Stations of the Cross
3.00p.m.

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's
Passion 7.30p.m.

Holy Saturday, 30th March 2024
Confessions 11.00a.m. to 12.00 noon

Easter Vigil Mass 6.30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024
Mass 9.00a.m. & 11.30a.m.

CEMETARY MASSES 2024

MONDAY, 10TH JUNE 2024
@ 7.30 PM - St. Evin's

TUESDAY, 11TH JUNE 2024
@ 7.30 PM- Passlands

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE 2024
@ 7.30 PM- Yew Tree

MONDAY, 17TH JUNE 2024
@ 7.30 PM-Lackagh

NEW SCHOOL BUILD LOTTO RESULTS

Results of Scoil Eimhín Naofa and St.
Peter's New School Build Lotto
Thursday 22nd February

Odeon cinema voucher: Fiona Murphy
Amici voucher: Brian Hayes
Weekly €20 winner: Eoin Ryan

Next weeks Jackpot is €675
Scoil Eimhín Naofa parents' council
collection at Supervalu on Friday 23rd.
Thank you so much to everyone who
supported us so generously on Friday
last. It is immensely appreciated and
will go towards our transport bill for the
girls from 3rd to 6th class swimming
lessons.

[https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/
monasterevinschools](https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/monasterevinschools)



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: Sr. Helen
Cullanane, Mercy Sister, who
started a grief Counseling Centre
for children in Limerick.

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

PETITIONS FOR NOVENA

Blank Novena Petitions are
available at the Altar Rails in
St. Peter & Paul's Church for
all those wishing to have
Petitions included in the
Novena Masses.

Please put completed
petitions in the box provided at
the Altar Rails.

NOTICE

Kildare and Leighlin Diocese is
inviting applications for the full
time position of
Director of Parish Development.

A job description and
information on how to apply can
be found on www.kandle.ie.

Closing date for applications is
25 March 2024.

This is a very important
appointment for our diocese, and
we ask your prayers that
our search to fill this
position will be successful.

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.

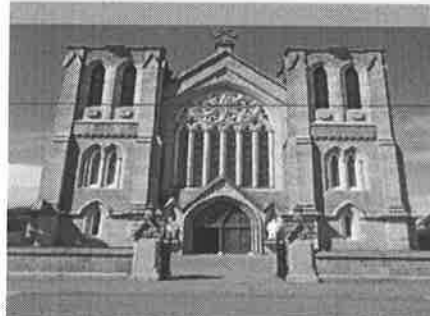
Your generosity can help to build
a better tomorrow.

Trócaire boxes are available at the
back of the church.



"Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I feel my
sins. They bite, chase and
frighten me. Where shall I go? I
look to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
and despite my weakness, I
believe in You. I hold fast to You,
and I am certain that You said,
'Whoever believes in me will
have eternal life.'"

— Martin Luther



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us..... **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-17 (or shorter version in italics*20:1-3, 7-8,12-17) A reading from the book of Exodus

**God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*

*'You shall have no gods except me.**

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.*

*'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.** For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

**Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.*

*'You shall not kill.
'You shall not commit adultery.
'You shall not steal
'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'*

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 18:8-11

R. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

- The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R)**
- The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R)**
- The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R)**
- They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:22- 25 A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**GOSPEL John 2:13-25
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple

he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

**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 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
Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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.**

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
The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE
Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. 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.**

focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 3rd March 2024

Jesus will die but will be raised to new life. He will rebuild the sanctuary in three days.



THE REAL TEMPLE IS INSIDE OF EACH OF US



Zeal for your house will consume me'

In a rare occurrence, we hear of Jesus' anger in today's scripture as he loses his cool with those selling goods in the most sacred place of worship, the Jerusalem Temple. The goods sold in the Temple markets were used in sacrifices so that people could be considered ritually clean in order to be closer to God. It was a model of religion that was exploitative and needed challenging. Jesus is overcome with righteous anger because of the injustice he sees before him; this sacred place (*hieros*) was now a marketplace. What sacred places have we turned into marketplaces today? Our economic systems are driven by profit at the expense of our environment and at the expense of the world's poorest people. Mother Earth cries out to us to stop making this household a marketplace.

In October 2023, Pope Francis published another teaching on the environment, called *Laudate Deum*, meaning Praise Be! Pope Francis calls on world leaders to urgently take the steps needed to ensure a safe world for future generations. He calls for an urgent switch to clean energy, he criticises the slow progress of governments on this issue, and to people of good will he says: "The world sings of an infinite love, how can we fail to care for it?" Each of us are called to do our part. Jesus displays a righteous anger in the Gospel today, standing up for those who are oppressed by an unfair system. In this spirit of love and compassion may we too hear the cry of those made poor and the cry of the earth; may we call for the restoration of this sacred place, our common home. Let us pray this week that 'zeal for your house will consume' us and that we will take the necessary steps to ensure a liveable world for all.

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*

Jesus' Story today tells us that every temple and church is a sign of God's Love and reminds us that God is The Giver of all gifts and you and I are His Best Gifts. Every church is a sign that God wants us to care and share with each other. When we forget God, we forget God's people and God does not want us to be mean or greedy because that does not make us happy.

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