

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

1st December 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.  
045 525346

Parish Office  
045 525346

Adrienne M<sup>c</sup>Cormack  
Simona Grajauskaite  
Fiona O'Hanlon  
Claudia Tanase

### 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 :

Ailish Higgins  
Director of Safeguarding & DLP  
Bishops House  
Old Dublin Road  
Carlow  
Ph: 085 802 1633

### 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](mailto: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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Cecily Collins, Moore Abbey / Kildoon, Nurney, Co. Kildare and Josie Murphy (née Prendergast), Ballykelly, Monasterevin who were interred during the week - R.I. P.

### Saturday 30th November 2024, 6.30pm Mass

Charlie Meredith, England, Patrick Kaye, Urney, Cloneygowan, Sonny McLoughlin, Galway (Birthday Rem.), Annie O'Neill & her son John O'Neill (Birthday Rem.), Audrey Hope, Annie, Micheal & Peter Eustace, Sean O'Neill, James, Elisabeth Behan & Family, Naas, Eileen O' Reardon (Sr), Dublin, Christy Harrison, Old Grange & his parents Paddy & Rose Harrison.

### Sunday 1st December 2024, 9.00 am Mass

Eileen Lacey, Main Street, John Dempsey, Umeras, John & Elizabeth Melia, Crossmorris, Sean Melia, Monasterevin Road, Michael & Ann Melia, Dara Park, Kildare, Matt & Noleen Walsh, Maryville, Kildare, Nathan Heffernan, Mountrice, Annie O'Neill, John O'Neill (Birthday Rem.), James (Shay) Dunne, St. Evins Pk., Bridget Dowling, Athy Rd. & Deceased members of the Dowling family, Athy Rd., & Deceased members of the Murray family, Aughris Bheag, Cleggan, Co. Galway, Bridie Curran & family, Walterstown, Nurney, Michael Connolly (Jnr).

### Sunday 1st December 2024, 11.30am Mass

Phil Doyle, 1245 St. Evins Park, Eileen O' Reardon (Sr), Dublin, Rizalina Villar (Birthday Remembrance), Margaret Behan, Cappanargid, Rathangan.

### Tuesday 3rd December, 10.00am Mass

Margaret Behan, Cappanargid, Rathangan.

### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €550.00  
Baskets Collection: €1240.00

### READERS

Saturday 7th December 2024  
6.30pm: Rachel Farrell

Sunday 8th December 2024  
9.00am: Rachel Beattie  
11.30am: James Forde

### LOTTO 10/12/2024

**TEAM: C**  
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne,  
Ger Harrison

### MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 7th December 2024  
6.30pm: Colette Walsh, Mary  
Doyle, Pauline Murphy

Sunday 8th December 2024  
9.00am: Sr. Angela, Anne  
McLoughlin, Paddy Clarke

11.30am: Ann Lonergan, Mary  
Lawlor, Marie Lawless

### CHILDRENS LITURGY

Sunday 8th December 2024

**TEAM: B**  
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly,  
Anna Duffy

### CHOIR

Saturday 7th December 2024  
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 8th December 2024  
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

### 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.

### Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 26/11/2024

Numbers Drawn:

3, 7, 8, 19

Next Weeks Jackpot: €2,400

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Mick Callanan R. Callanan  
€20 P. & Evie O' Reilly R. Callanan  
€20 Sally Meehan R. McDonnell  
€20 Catherine Quinn R. Callanan  
€20 Dick Weldon M. Doyle

Next draw: 03/12/2024

Thank you for continued support!

### Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results: 25/11/2024

Numbers Drawn:

12, 13, 18, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot: €1,000

Winner: Margaret Hanlon

Winners Promoter

€20 Sophie O' Rourke P. Donohoe  
€20 Gary Brett D. Brett  
€20 Gemma Smith D. Buckley  
€20 Mary Dowling M. Dowling  
€20 Ollie & Aoibhinn M. Forde

Next draw: 02/12/2024

Thank you for continued support!

### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 22/11/2024

1st €100: Stephen Molloy % Rita's Shop  
2nd €50: Eoin Stapleton % Dominic  
3rd €25: Mick Harrison % Caoimhe  
4th €25: Bernice & Niall % Steven  
Seller: Earley's Shop

### IRISH CATHOLIC newspaper on sale in church.

### DECEMBER LIST OF THE DEAD

Parishioners if you would like to have your relatives remembered at all masses during the month of December please write their names on the list provided at the Altar Rails, and place in the box marked "December List Of The Dead" Donations can be included in the Envelopes provided. Thank You.

### RATH LADIES CLUB

Are delighted to host a Flower Arranging Evening with Rosaline.  
**Wed 4th Dec @ 8pm**  
Venue : Fisherman's Inn  
Demonstration of flower arrangements & Xmas Wreaths.  
Come along and enjoy in the fun.  
Admission € 12. All are welcome.  
**For more information:**  
Margaret 085-2724318  
Orla 087-1335673

### MONASTEREVIN PARISH CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2024

**CAROL SERVICE**  
WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
7.30 PM (GOSPEL CHOIR)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER  
6.30 PM MASS  
SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER  
9.00 AM & 11.30 AM MASS

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK & THE HOUSEBOUND**  
MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> & TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
2.00 PM - 4.00 PM (IN CONFESSION BOX)

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
NO MASS - 10.00 AM  
5.00 PM - CHILDREN'S MASS  
9.00 PM - VIGIL MASS  
(IN CANDLELIGHT WITH THE GOSPEL CHOIR)

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
9.00 AM & 11.30 AM - MASS  
(WITH PARISH CHOIR)

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> & FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
NO MASSES

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES**  
MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
10.00 AM & 7.30 PM

### O HOLY NIGHT CONCERT BY FR. LIAM LAWTON & FRIENDS (Including Perfect Harmony Choir)

St. Marys Church, Edenderry  
8th December  
Doors open 6:30pm - Concert 7pm  
Tickets €15

Tickets available at: Anna-Marie Boutique  
Mangans - Centra  
The Parish Office 046 9733311  
Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church  
Refurbishment  
Charity Registration Number: CHY 7355

### THE SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION

THE SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH ON **SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

People in your community need help. Become a Volunteer today and help make a difference!

If you would like to Volunteer for a couple of hours a week Please visit [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie) and click: GET INVOLVED  
Contact us: Enda Gleeson 01 8198405  
**Monasterevin 085 - 1209577 or**  
**volunteer@svp.ie**

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday 9th December is a Holy Day of obligation, it is the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Mass time at 7.30pm

### THE ADVENT WREATH

We invite you to continue or start the tradition of having an Advent Wreath in the home. As you light a candle on your Advent Wreath for the first time, pray this prayer of blessing.

### A Blessing Prayer

Loving God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath. May it be a sign of hope for us as we prepare for your coming and may it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead. Give us and the world your peace and love as we wait in joyful hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord . Amen

### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 3RD DECEMBER 2024

The International Day for Persons with Disabilities is celebrated on this day each year. Pope Francis said "I do not like the word "disability", I prefer "differently abled"

### VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on **Friday 6th December 2024.**

Please call the office on **045-525346** if you wish him to call.

### PRIEST CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The envelopes for Christmas are ready for collection from the Parish Office on **Monday 2nd December 2024.** Thank you for your continued support.

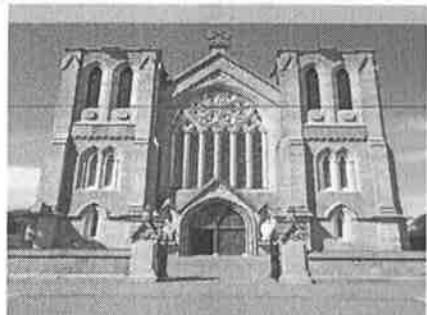
### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Grace Jones, Harrison Toadere, Ava Donohoe, Dominika Makunova and Dominik Makuna who were baptised by Fr. Liam on Sunday 24th November 2024.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

**Sunday 1st December, 2pm - 4pm**  
Rathangan Community Centre

Stalls with crafts, toys and baked goods. Games, face painting and refreshments. Christmas raffle and many prizes.  
**Scoil Bhríde Lackagh Parent's Association**



# focus on sunday

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1st December 2024

Advent calls on us, as we await the birth of Jesus to be a light for all who hunger for justice, peace and truth.



Stay awake



As we take our first steps into Advent, the message is to stay awake! In today's Gospel we meet Jesus towards the end of his ministry, instructing the disciples to be aware of the signs of the times and to stay 'alert'. It is a message designed to keep his followers on their toes.

It can be easy for us to fall into a comfortable rut, not really engaging with the wider world. And when we do look up, we notice "the worries of this life": in the natural world, in troubled countries, in our church, even our own families. But what would happen if we were to truly wake up? We can think of many people who are awake to the problems in society. One person who embodies this spirit is climate activist Greta Thunberg. Her 'School Strike for Climate' began in 2018 with her sitting alone outside the Swedish Parliament, and has grown into a worldwide movement of young people calling for action to address climate change. People like this are 'awake' to the world around them – their eyes are open, they see the injustices and they have acted. They are forging a brighter future. Countless others are reaching out, speaking against injustice, working to heal wounds in the natural world, in communities and families. We can't afford to sleepwalk through life when the Gospel challenges us to be bearers of hope and good news. This Advent, we are called to be awake. As we begin this journey, think of a time when you felt truly 'awake' to events around you. Can you become more awake to the Gospel alive and active in the world?

Awakening to the realities of the world or even of our own lives can be a painful experience. As Greta says, hope is found in action, in small steps. What small step can you take this week?

Jane Mellett

Extract from *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke* by Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, Messenger Publications, Dublin 2021.

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

A shop owner dreamt that Jesus was coming to his shop next day. The man got up very early to get everything ready. The first customer was a travelling woman looking for help for her children; next a man in bad humour complaining about everything; last, teenagers who came to look at things. The shopkeeper was disappointed. That night in a dream Jesus came back and said 'I came to your shop three times today. I was hidden in the travelling woman, the cranky man and teenagers'.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## GREETING

In the name of the Father ..... Amen.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And with your spirit.

## 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.

*(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)*

## OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps. 24:4-5. 8-9,10,14**

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

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. 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]

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. [R]

## SECOND READING

**1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2.**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**  
**Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL *Luke 21:25-28.34-36***

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

**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 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

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal 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.**  
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, .....  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## THE ADVENT WREATH

The circle of evergreen leaves stands for God who is without beginning and without end.  
The purple ribbon and three purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin.  
The red candle stands for joy of living in God's way of love.  
Today the first purple candle is lit as we begin our preparations for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## 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.**

