MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

15th 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.

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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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Mary Moore



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

Sr. Mary Lawlor (Ryan) (Months Mind), Sacred Heart Convent, Cork & Deceased members of the Ryan & Flanagan families, Betty Lucitt (Months Mind), Co. Wexford, formerly Cowpasture, Michael Kelly, Passlands 1st Anniversary), Rose Reidy, Cowpasture, Johnny & Peggy McDonald, Borraderra & Deceased members of the O'Connor and Maloney families, Marie McDonagh, Athy Rd, Monasterevin, Margaret Mag Dunne, No.3 Kill, Charly Dowling, Old Grange, John Dowling, Old Grange & Manchester, William Donoghue, Hybla, Jim & Maura Lawlor, Ballycarroll, Liz Moran, Jenny Dunne, The Donnelly Sisters, The Square, Loretta Kelly, Martin Tynan,

Cowpasture, Belty Malone, 150 Shindella, Rathangan, Fintan Walsh, Nurney Road and deceased members of the Walsh family Emo, Maim & Jim Brennan, Nurney Road, Sheila & Mick Dempsey, London, James (Shay) Dunne, St. Evins Park, Tom Moran, Passbridge, Christy, Margaret & Jack Murray, Ballyfarsoon, Tom Breen, St. Evins Park, Kathleen Ransome Ballyfarsoon, Patrick, Mary & Charlie Harrison, Kill, Ned & Ann Harrison, Oghill, Pat & Theresa Foy, Christy Shepherd, Kill, John & Bridget Finn, Paddy & Kathleen Murray, Murray, Harrison & Damer Families.

Sunday 15th December 2024, 9.00 am Mass
Deirdre Brereton, Cowpasture, Mary & Jimmy Dunne, St. Evin's Park, Joan & Tom Brereton, St. Evin's Park, Mary Ellen Flynn, St. Evin's Park, Sara Flynn, St. Evin's Park, Martin Tynan, Cowpasture, Alice McLoughlin, Mary & Edward McGuinness, Shella O'Connell, Nelly McGuinness & Deceased members of the McGuinness & McLoughlin families, Peter Foster & Deceased members of the Foster family, Fr. John Foster (Birthday Rem.), Teresa Dolly Connolly, Drogheda St., Molly Rowan, Fintan Walsh, Nurney Road & Deceased members of the Walsh family, Emo, Maim & Jim Brennan, Nurney Road, Sheila & Mick Dempsey, London, James (Shay) Dunne, St. Evins Park, Tom Moran, Passbridge

Sunday 15th December 2024, 11.30am Mass

Stephen Buckley, Clogheen, Catherine Earley (Birthday Rem.), Ann McCarthy (Birthday Rem.), John Kavanagh, The Harbour, Bridie Bailey, The Harbour, Michael & Kay Kavanagh, Melitta Park, Kildare, Tom Moran, Passbridge, Joe Harrison, St. Evins Park, Katie & Peter Dwane, Oghill, Mary Dwane, Portmouth, England Fleming family, Oghill, Bridget & Joe Harrison, Kildare Road, Kathleen, Bernard & David Conway, Peter & Hugh Dwane, London, Nora & Colin Tugwell, Bath, England, Larky Harrison.

Tuesday 17th December 2024, 10.00am Mass

Wednesday 18th December 2024, 10.00am Mass James & Winifred Freeman, Loretto Kelly, Polly McLoughlin

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €345.00 Baskets Collection: €1010.00

READERS

Saturday 21st December 2024

6.30pm: Mary Sweeney Sunday 22nd December 2024 9.00am: Jarlath Killeen 11.30am: Gary Farrell

Tuesday 24th December 2024 Christmas Eve:

5.00pm: Mary Sweeney 9.00pm: Ger Harrison

Wednesday 25th December 2024

Christmas Day: 9.00am: Lisa-Marie Duffy 11.30am: Liz Fitzpatrick

LOTTO 17/12/2024

TEAM: B Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 21st December 2024

6.30pm: Jacqui Kennedy, Pat Molloy, Marie Lawless

Sunday 22nd December 2024 9.00am: Sr. Angela, Paddy Clarke, Rachel Farrell

11.30am: James Forde, Irene Sharpe, Carmel McAlinden

Tuesday 24th December 2024 Christmas Eve

5.00pm: Fiona Behan, Sharon Hanley, Honey Thornton, Nuala Flynn, Cathy Cullen, Pauline

9.00pm: Colette Walsh, Fiona Farrell, Rachel Farrell, Mikey Baker Ann Fearon, Hannah Duffy, Ger Harrison

Wednesday 25th December 2024 Christmas Day

9.00am: Andrew Mahon, Davina Weldon, Lily Donoghue, Anne McLoughlin

11.30am: Rita McDonnell, Ann Lonergan, Mary Lawlor, Carmel McAlinder

CHOIR

Saturday 21st December 2024 6.30pm: Gary Farrell

Sunday 22nd December 2024 11.30am: Parish Choir

Tuesday 24th December 2024 Christmas Eve: 5.00pm: Family Choir

9.00pm: Gospel Choir

Wednesday 25th December 2024 Christmas Day:

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Sunday 12th January 2025 TEAM: B Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy



MONASTEREVIN PARISH CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 10/12/2024

Numbers Drawn:

3, 9, 17, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot: €2.800

No Winner

Next draw: 17/12/2024

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results: 09/12/2024

Numbers Drawn:

4, 9, 26, 28

Next Weeks Jackpot: €1,400

No Winner

Promoter

R. McDonnell

R. McDonnell

M. Heavey

P. Kelly

R. Clancy

P. Office

M. Doyle

M. Doyle

R. McDonnell

Promoter

P. Donoher

G. Harrison

M. Dowling

G. Broughall

S. Whyte

M. Dowling

G. Harrison

B. Fitzgerald

P. Donoher

c/o: Jenny

c/o: Bingo

c/o: Caoimhe

Next draw: 16/12/2024

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 06/12/2024

2nd €50: Louise McDonnell c/o: Willoughbys

The Parish Office will close on Monday

23rd at 12noon December 2024 and re-open

on Thursday the 2nd January 2025 at 9am.

We still have a beautiful selection of

Christmas Mass Bouquets and other items

in stock.

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.

Seller: Jenny Robinson

J. Moore

G. Harrison

Winners

€30 John Behan

€30 Rita & Louise

€30 Colm Kelly

€30 Cathal Bannon

€20 Pat Madigan

€20 Fina Altamero

€20 Aidan Byrne

€20 Peter Foster

€20 Eleonor Forde

Winners

€20 Pauline Donoher

€20 Mary Dowling

€20 Laura Grattan

€20 Arlene Byrne

€20 Rose Behan

€20 Marie Burroughs

1st €100:Brendan Fahey

3rd €25: Jenny Butler

4th €25: Haribo Gang

€20 Sara Walsh

€20 John Miller

€20 Gill Murray

€20 Lorraine O' Donnell

€30 Tracey

CAROL SERVICE WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 7.30 PM (GOSPEL CHOIR)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER 6.30 PM MASS SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 9.00 AM & 11.30 AM MASS

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & THE

HOUSEBOUND MONDAY 23RD & TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

2.00 PM - 4.00 PM (IN CONFESSION BOX)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY 24TH 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 25TH DECEMBER 9.00 AM & 11.30 AM - MASS (WITH PARISH CHOIR)

THURSDAY 26TH & FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER NO MASSES

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 10.00 AM & 7.30 PM

POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH

In order to decorate the Church for Christmas we would be very grateful for the donation of Poinsettias for the Church. The flowers can be left on the altar rails from this week on.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to babies: Ben William Heaney and Harry Martin, Heaney who were baptised by Fr. Liam on Saturday 7th December 2024.



MONASTEREVIN CONCERT COMMITTEE

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who supported our concert this year and over the past 20 years. To date we have raised over €100,000 for the Church, local harities, schools, clubs and organisations. This year we were delighted to give the Parish Committee €2,500 and the Day Care Centre €2,500. On the 17th October 2025 we are delighted to welcome Michael English again

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

By Candlelight With Monasterevin Gospel Choir and a Special Guest - Aaron Doyle

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER at 7.30 pm

In Sts. Peter and Paul Church Monasterevin All are Welcome.

LIVE CRIB

The live crib is back this year. The Nativity Garden will include a live crib on Saturday 21st from 4.00pm until Sunday 22nd December 4.00pm



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.

BAMBELLINI SUNDAY

Bambellini is the Italian word that means, "Little Baby Jesus". Children are asked to bring their Baby Jesus (from the family nativity scene) to the Church next Sunday the 15th of

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

December to be blessed.

Saturday 21st December 6.30pm Mass & Sunday 22nd December 11.30am Mass

n preparation for our Penance Service we are asking those who wish to partake of the Sacrament to reflect on the following topics on each day this week.

Monday - How is my relationship with others. Tuesday - How is my relationship with the Community Wednesday - Am I at peace with myself. Thursday - Am I at Peace with God. Friday - Am I at Peace with the world around me

3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

Prayer for Joy: Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with the joy that comes from knowing your love. May we rejoice in the good news of salvation and share that joy with others during this season of Advent. Amen.

IRISH CATHOLIC newspaper on sale in church.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

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 ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

O God.

who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity. enable us, we pray. to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-18 A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Isaiah 12:2-6

- R. Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
- 1. Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- 2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. [R]
- 3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-7 A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord: I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown

among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise

you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals: he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News

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.



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

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly. to complete what was begun in sacred !! mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come. and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy. Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts.

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.









They came to John to be baptised. They asked him, "What should we do?" John didn't tell them to say their prayers or attend the synagogue, important as that might be. He told them to live justly. Those that had more than they needed were told to

share with those who had less than they needed. Those with power and authority were told not to abuse that power for their own self-interest. They were to avoid the temptation to greed. The Messiah that John proclaimed was someone who was coming to inaugurate the Kingdom of God on earth, a Kingdom that would be, by definition, a Kingdom of justice, where people would live together in love, caring and sharing with each other. Compassion is showing kindness to another person. Justice is the word we use to describe compassion within the community or society as it strives to make things fairer for everyone. Justice is essentially political, it is "political love." It involves addressing systemic issues and ensuring that no one is left behind. So we Christians must be political. We must be on the side of those who are unwanted, discriminated against or denied their fair share of society's resources. John's exhortations - to share what we have, to avoid greed and use power or influence for the sake of others and not ourselves - are just as valid today as then. Together, compassion and justice form the foundation for a peaceful society.

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Jesus was always saying that people don't realise how good they are, getting up everyday for work for family, walking the floor at night minding children, having to watch what others want on TV, paying money for accommodation, clothes, food and books instead of buying fancy extras for themselves. All this is unselfishness. That is what Jesus noticed and praised in people. Lord, bless our preparations for Christmas. Help us to make home happy by working for each other.

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