

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

23rd February 2025

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
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

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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
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Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 22nd February 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Cyril Dunne, Kill, Peter Dunne, Kill, Jeremiah Lalor, Clogheen, Ellen (Lil) Doyle, Gorey, Wexford, Liam McGlynn, St. Evins Park, Fr. Pat Lonergan, (Birthday Remembrance), Matt Lonergan, (Birthday Remembrance), Eileen Kelly, Mt. Prospect, Rathangan (Birthday Remembrance), Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, John & Lily Lawlor, Kildare Road, Christy Lonergan, Togher Grove.

Sunday 23rd February 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Pat Fitzpatrick, Dublin Road, Mary Fitzpatrick, Borris-in-Ossory, Joe Sharpe, Cowpasture, Eileen Kelly, Mt. Prospect, Rathangan (Birthday Remembrance), Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, John & Lily Lawlor, Kildare Road, Christy Lonergan, Togher Grove, Denis Meredith, late of Skirteen, Sean Murphy, The Glebe.

Sunday 23rd February 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Ellen (Lil) Doyle, Gorey, Wexford, Eileen McDonnell, Nancy Boland, Drogheda Street, Eileen Kelly, Mt. Prospect, Rathangan (Birthday Remembrance), Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, John & Lily Lawlor, Kildare Road, Christy Lonergan, Togher Grove.

Tuesday 25th February 2025, 10.00am Mass

Winnie Mahon, Gurteenooona, Mary Dempsey, Ballagh.

Wednesday 26th February 2025, 10.00am Mass

Mary Flynn, Kilberry, Joe Sharpe, Cowpasture.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 405.00
 Baskets Collection: € 1035.00

READERS

Saturday 1st March 2025
 6.30pm: Ruth Dempsey

Sunday 2nd March 2025
 9.00am: John Dooley
 11.30am: Billy Cleary

CHOIR

Saturday 1st March 2025
 6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 2nd March 2025
 11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

**LOTTO
25/02/2025**

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.

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 1st March 2025
 6.30pm: Ger Harrison, Cathy Cullen, Marie Lawless

Sunday 2nd March 2025
 9.00am: Sr. Angela, Davina Weldon, Andrew Mahon

11.30am: Ann Fearon, Mary Lawlor, Ann Lonergan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 2nd March 2025

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

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 18/02/2025

Numbers Drawn:

3, 5, 20, 21

Next Weeks Jackpot: €4,400

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Pat McLoughlin M. Heavey

€20 Jade Kelly G. Harrison

€20 Rachel Ryan G. Harrison

€20 Paddy & Tommy D. Mahon

€20 Ann Fearon R. Callanan

Next draw: 25/02/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 17/2/2025

Numbers Drawn:

6, 7, 10, 27

Next Weeks Jackpot: €3,200

No winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Gertie Gahan G. Broughall

€20 Naoise, R. & C. M. Casey

€20 Pat Gorry S. Ryan

€20 Brigid & Michael M. Dowling

€20 Vincent Murphy P. Behan

Next draw: 24/02/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results:

14/02/2025

1st €100: Seb Mulpeter c/o: Online
 2nd €50: Connie Rayne c/o: Bingo
 3rd €25: David Connolly c/o: Caoimhe
 4th €25: Clodagh McLaughlin c/o: Bingo

Seller: Online

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

This year the focus country is Guatemala, Lima, Julio and their family and the impact of Climate Change on their lives. They can't escape the increasingly unpredictable weather which is Destroying their crops and threatening their family's home and safety. Their daughter Miriam is due to start Secondary School and they can't afford her education. Climate Change is pushing them further into poverty.

Your generosity can help build a better future for Lima, Julio and their family.

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the Church.

trócaire
 Working for a just world.

**SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR
LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**



**St. Peter & Paul's Church
Monasterevin**

**This year our Novena is
confined to 5 nights**

Theme: HOPE

**5 Nights commencing on
Monday 31st March 2025 to
Friday 4th April 2025**

Time: 7.30pm

Monday 31st March 2025

Guest Speaker:

Bishop Paul Dempsey, Auxiliary
Bishop of Dublin & formerly P.P.
Newbridge.

Tuesday 1st April 2025

Guest Speaker:

Geraldine Mullan - Mum who lost
her husband + 2 children tragically,
tells her story.

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Guest Speaker:

Jarlath Burns, President
of the GAA.

Thursday 3rd April 2025

Guest Speaker: To be confirmed

Friday 4th April 2025

Guest Speaker:

Bishop Denis Nulty,
Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

PARISH OFFICE

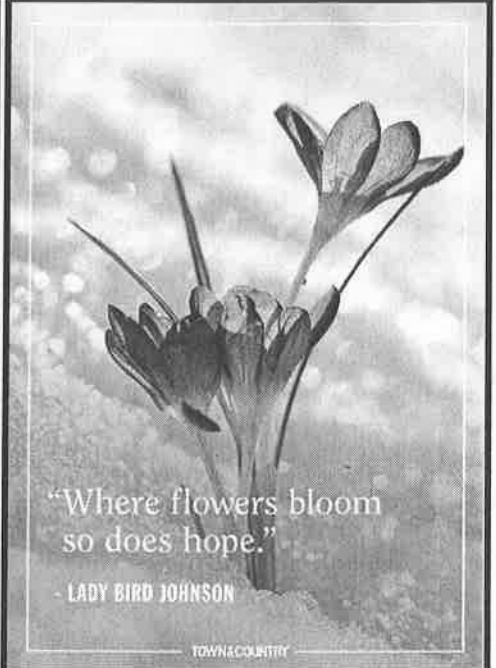
We have a Beautiful New
Arrangement of various Gifts and
Cards in stock for Special
Occasions: such as
Confirmation, Holy Communion,
Birth of a Child, or just for that
special person.

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

PETITIONS FOR NOVENA

Blank Novena Petitions will be
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.



CEMETERY MASSES 2025

MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2025
 @ 7.30 P.M. ST. EVIN'S.

TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2025
 @ 7.30 P.M. PASSLANDS

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025
 @ 7.30 P.M. LACKAGH

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025
 @ 7.30 P.M. YEW TREE

SHRINES OF FRANCE

Last few places left

**PARIS, LISIEUX & NORMANDY
BEACHES & HONFLEUR**

28th April - 2nd May 2025

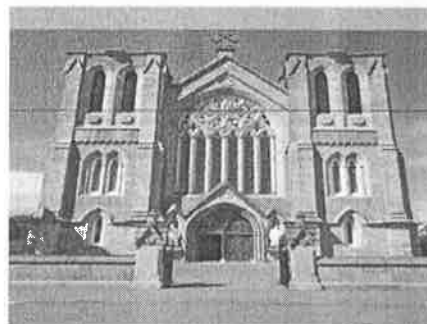
5 - DAY PILGRIMAGE

Accompanied by Spiritual Directors:
Fr. Liam Merrigan P.P. & Fr. TC O.Carm

€965 per person sharing (€300 Deposit)

For further details & Booking forms
contact:

Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346
 Carmelites Parish Office 045-521391
 Marian Pilgrimages (01) 878 8159



focus on sunday

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd February 2025

It is natural to stand up to people and 'get even' with them. The message of the gospels runs differently: we must learn to be as compassionate and forgiving as God our Father is when we turn to Him for forgiveness.



Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate



Today's Gospel follows on from last week's Beatitudes. Yet it takes the Messianic championing of the underdog a step further, as Jesus instructs his disciples in how to carry on his work after he is gone. Not only is suffering now valued, it would seem that Jesus is exhorting his disciples to actively court mistreatment, to invite subjugation, and to welcome hardship at the hands of others.

Jesus is, once more, pre-figuring his own debasement and destruction at the hands of the authorities, and placing himself squarely in the tradition of the suffering servant of Isaiah. We hear this language and these images unfold again in our Holy Week readings, while we proclaim their parallel in the Gospel narratives on Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

The road ahead for the disciples will not be an easy one, and Jesus is warning them of this in the starkest terms. He is also modelling his own compassion, forgiveness, and love, foreshadowing the prayer he will utter at one of his lowest moments, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Anyone who suffers in the name of the Lord does not suffer in vain. To walk in Jesus' shoes, to be a true follower of Christ and to live out Christian values, is to walk a path of love. We can ask ourselves how prepared we are to undertake this journey in our everyday lives? For this path of love is not strewn with rose petals, but with thorns.

Giovanna Feeley, DCU, Liturgical Musicologist & Writer

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Imagine Jesus asking you and me to love those who steal from us and treat us badly. Yet even those who jeered him on the way to Calvary and the thief on the cross were treated very well by our friend Jesus. Did he not say 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do?'



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

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. 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.
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

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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,

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. 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

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. 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

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 26:27-9,12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.
Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying around him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for

who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4,8-10,12-13

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. [R]
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. [R]
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults [R]
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. [R]

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49.
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

