

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

29th 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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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 28th December 2024, 6.30pm Mass

Tony Dillon, Cowpasture & Deceased members of the Dillon Family, Patrick & Margaret Christie & Deceased members of the Christie family, Tony White, Oghill, Matt Lonergan, Old Grange, John Kenna, Main Street, Lil Ryan, Cowpasture, Tony Ryan, England, Sonny & Raewyn Baker, New Zealand, Sean & Lily Grattan, Juan Requillo, Sean Coady & Patricia Coady, 1413 St. Evins Park, Sarah Daniel, Patjoe Harrison, Kill, Ann Houlihan, Kilmead, Athy, Michael & Josephine Nolan, St. Evins Park, Fr. Denis O'Sullivan, Julia & Michael Malone, Cowpasture, Patrick Joseph Havens, Patrick & Theresa Kaye, Cowpasture, Ann Hayes, Naas, Patrick Hayes, Deceased members of the Berns family, Cherryville, John, Bridget & Deceased members of the Harrison family, Gurteenooona, Thomas, Sarah & Deceased members of the Murphy family, Ballymorris, Portarlinton, Robert Harrison, Putney, Sr Pius & Sr Attracta, Convent of Mercy, Noel Martin, Ard Mhuire, Rathangan, John, O'Neal, Ard Mhuire, Rathangan, Christy Kavanagh, Clonny & Deceased members of the Kavanagh, Murphy, Kenna & Behan families, Tom & Tess Hyland, The Harbour, Liam Murphy, 1256 St. Evin's Park, Thomas & Margaret Ryan, Limerick, George, Michael, Mary, Gerard, Sean, Martin & Rita Ryan, Miko O'Regan & Patsy McNamara, Joseph & Ellen Murphy, Gurteenooona, Joe (Spud) Murphy, Sr. M.Veronica, Shaun & Michael Murphy, John & Eileen McMonagle, Scotland, Teresa (Dolly) Connolly, Drogheda St.

Sunday 29th December 2024, 9.00 am Mass

Patjoe Doyle, Quinsboro, P.J.& Sadie Ready, William & Annie Ready, Bill & Mary Reidy, Jack & Peg Reidy, Tommy, Tony, Patjoe Doyle, Billy Melia, Betty Melia, Michael & Margaret Doyle, Dinny & May Doyle, Sean Mullen, Lughill, Margaret (Peg) Mullen, Lughill, John Joseph Mullen, Lughill, Bill O'Sullivan, Lughill, Matthew Duffy, Clonmel, Lilly Mannion, Togher Rd., Naas, Mona Rowan, formerly Lughill, McDonald Family, Lughill, Hall Family, Lughill, Ernie Cooke, Newbridge, Dolly & Connie Murray, Newbridge, Gerard Reddy, Julia Malone, Michael Malone, Ann Hayes, Elizabeth Lawlor, Kildare Rd,

Sunday 29th December 2024, 11.30 am Mass

Elen Murphy, Christy Lonergan, Eileen Kelly, Richard & Kathleen O'Rourke, Mountrath, Patrick & Maureen Kelly, Ballykelly, Christopher & Margaret Dunne, Suncroft, Kitty Ryan, Suncroft, Santiago Lourdes, Garry TJ, Michael & Carmel Forde, Cowpasture, The Sadler Family, Rathangan, Margaret, Maurice, Maura and William N. Cleary, Larchill, Michael & Mary Brady, Skirteen, Patrick Brady, Patrick & Annie Archbold, Grange, Moore Abbey, Francis & Sean Hogan, Birr, Co. Offaly, Roisin O'Rourke, Drogheda St, Noel McAlinden, James Maher, Clogheen.

Tuesday 31st December 2024, 10.00 am Mass

Edward (Ned) Cullen, Hybla, Tony Lawlor, Togher Grove.

Wednesday 1st January 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Thomas Shinkins, Mountrice, Patrick Melia, Ballyfarsoon.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €
Baskets Collection: €

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 4th January 2025

6.30pm: Pat Ryan, Mikey Baker,
Jacquiline Kennedy

Sunday 5th January 2025

9.00am: Nuala Flynn, Honey Thornton,
Lily Donoghue

11.30am: James Forde, Fiona Behan,
Mary Lawlor

Monday 6th January 2025

FEAST OF EPIPHANY
10.00am:

7.30pm:

READERS

Saturday 4th January 2025
6.30pm: Sr. Phil

Sunday 5th January 2025

9.00am: Sr Angela
11.30am: Betty Cleary

Monday 6th January 2025

FEAST OF EPIPHANY
10.00am:

7.30pm:

LOTTO 07/01/2025

TEAM: C
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne,
Ger Harrison

CHOIR

Saturday 4th January 2025
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 5th January 2025

11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

Monday 6th January 2025

FEAST OF EPIPHANY
10.00am:

7.30pm:

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 12th January 2025

TEAM: B

Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly,
Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
NO LOTTO ON THE 31/12/2024
LOTTO RESUMES ON 07/01/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto
NO LOTTO ON THE 30/12/2024
LOTTO RESUMES ON 06/01/2025

Thank you for continued support!

PRAYER TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before you with hearts full of anticipation and gratitude. We thank you for the gift of life and for the journey that has brought us to this moment.

Lord, we acknowledge the highs and lows of the past year - the joys and sorrows, the victories and challenges. Through it all, your presence has been our constant source of strength and hope.

As we welcome this new year, we place it in your capable hands. We trust in your plan and purpose for our lives, knowing that your ways are higher than our ways, and your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

We pray for your guidance in the coming year. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and wisdom. Help us to discern your will in all that we do and to walk in obedience to your Word.

Fill our hearts with hope, joy, and peace. May your love and grace shine brightly in our lives and be a source of light in a world that often needs it.

Lord, grant us the courage to face the unknown with faith and trust. In times of uncertainty, remind us that you are our anchor, our refuge, and our strength.

We thank you for the lessons and blessings of the past and look forward to the opportunities and adventures that the future holds. May we use our time, talents, and resources to bring glory to your name and to be a blessing to others.

In the name of Jesus, we welcome the new year with open hearts, renewed faith, and the confidence that you will be with us every step of the way.

Amen

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Monday 6th January 2025
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS

10.00 am & 7.30 pm

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.



WE WISH YOU A HAPPY

new year

2025

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin a New Year together in our Parish, on my own behalf I would like to wish you and your families a holy and happy New Year and to thank you for the support that you have given me during the last year.

I want to thank especially all who help in the various Ministries in our Parish and for those who give of their time in making our Parish a vibrant Christian community. To all the Clubs and Organisations who add so much to the life of the Parish, I encourage them to keep up the good work. So many people who visit the Parish and who have come to live here recently often comment to me how friendly and welcoming the people of Monasterevin are.

A warm welcome to all who are home for Christmas from abroad and to those who are unable to make it home at this festive time, we send our sincere good wishes.

For many people Christmas can be a sad time, especially for those who have lost loved ones. I have remembered all those who have died in my prayers at Masses over the Christmas period.

The hope that each of us have in our hearts is that the Christ who has come among us walks the journey of life with us. May that peace of Christ dwell in our hearts and your homes this coming New Year.

Fr. Liam

PRIESTS CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE COLLECTION

I would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas Envelope Collection and also many thanks to the parishioners who kindly deliver the envelopes in their local area.

Also if you did not receive an envelope and would like to make a contribution to the support of the priests there are some at the back of the church.

Thank You.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will re-open on
Thursday 2nd January 2025.

Wishing you all a Very Happy and Peaceful
New Year from the Office Staff

Adrienne, Simona, Fiona and Claudia

BLESSING OF ALL BABIES WHO WERE BAPTISED DURING 2024

Sunday the 12th of January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

We are welcoming back all babies who were Baptised in the last year for a special blessing at all Masses

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th January
2025

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on
Friday 3rd January 2025.

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



focus on sunday

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 29th December 2024

A day to pray with and for our family; to give thanks to God for them; to pray for healing of divisions and bitterness. We pray that we may grow in respect and love for our extended family throughout the world.



...let go if the child is to learn.



Today's Gospel is the only account in the canonical Gospels where we get a glimpse of Jesus as a young boy. Jesus and his family are on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Festival of Passover. As a 12-year-old Jewish boy, Jesus would have been encouraged to begin to take on the responsibilities of an adult Jew. Here, we read that Jesus takes this commitment quite seriously, remaining behind to interact with the teachers in the Temple who are "amazed" at his understanding. Jesus "increased in wisdom" so although we are not told anything else of Jesus' adolescent years, we can assume he continued to ask questions, learned from wise teachers and observed the signs of his times. Jesus was not zapped and suddenly enlightened. He more than likely had to study, mature, and enter into deep reflection.

Jesus, as a young person, is beginning to shape his identity. As with all families, this can cause difficulties. Parents want to protect their children; adolescents want to explore and expand their horizons. Conflict ensues. One must wonder if Mary's heart sank at Jesus' response to her "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" Today's Gospel is a reminder of the helplessness we experience at times when we must let God's dream be dreamed, in ourselves and for those we love. Sometimes we have to let people we love walk their own path and follow the way God has set out for them. Mary has been reminded of the Divine will that surrounds her son and once again she treasures "all these things in her heart". So, today, we thank God for our families, we acknowledge that family relationships can be complicated, we pray for families everywhere. In all the complexities that life brings for families, may we be open to discovering God's path for each one.

An extract from Jane Mellett and Triona Doherty: *The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke*, Messenger Publications, 2021

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

When Jesus was young he strayed away and got lost. Mary and Joseph were very sad and were looking everywhere for him, because they cared and were worried. My nephew has a teenage boy. He wanders away. His parents ask him to text them just to let them know where he is. He forgets. Lord, Mary and Joseph ease the pain that we make for each other in home life.



GOSPEL Luke 2: 41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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.

them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 83:2-3.5-6.9-10

R. They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

- How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **[R]**
- They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **[R]**
- O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **[R]**

SECOND READING

1 John 3: 1-2. 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen.

The Lord be with you.

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....

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

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1:20-22.24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel, 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with