



MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

12th January 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:

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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

Safe Guarding of Children Diocesan Designated Liaison Person :

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**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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Eoin Moran, Bell Harbour and Eilish Enright late of Athgarvan, Newbridge & Knock, Co. Mayo who were interred during the week - R.I. P.**

Saturday 11th January 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Anne Tynan, Jamestown, Anne Delaney, Coole, Pat Joe Harrison, Kill, Des & Muriel Kinsella, Dublin, Patrick Walsh, Gurteenoon, Philip Walsh, Gurteenoon, Robert & Kate Walsh, St. Evins Park, William & Kate Dempsey, Gorey, Co. Wexford, Martin Dempsey, Kildare, Benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul, Monasterevin, Christina Clarke, Hugh Clarke, St. Evin's Park and all the deceased members of the Casey & Clarke families, Elizabeth Kelly, Passlands, Sr. Alphonsus, Mercy Convent, Sheila Quinn (née Kelly), Annie Kelly, Thomas Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan, Thomas & May Malone, Pat Malone, Cis Lalor, Jim Lalor, Molly & Sheamus Brogan, Quinsboro, Mary Lynch, Ironhills, Suncroft, John Mullen, Clogheen

Sunday 12th January 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Madeline Lusk, St. Evins Park, Mary Lynch, Ironhills, Suncroft.

Sunday 12th January 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Barbara Maloney Dunne (née Sandgrove), Clogheen, Charles (Chas) Donohar, Inchacooley, Teresa Kaye, Sr. Alphonsus, Mary Lynch, Ironhills, Suncroft.

Tuesday 14th January 2025, 10.00am Mass

Teresa Kaye, Cowpasture.

Thursday 16th January 2025, 10.00am Mass

Oliver O'Reilly, Riverstown House, Clara, Co. Offaly/Togher Grove, Monasterevin.



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €440.00
Baskets Collection: €1245.00

CHOIR

Saturday 18th January 2025
6.30pm: Family Choir

Sunday 19th January 2025
11.30am: Parish Choir

LOTTO
14/01/2025

TEAM: A
Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 18th January'25
6.30pm: Deirdre Cotter

Sunday 19th January'25
9.00am: Lisa Marie Duffy

11.30am: Liz Fitzpatrick

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 18th January 2025
6.30pm: Colette Walsh, Pauline Murphy, Pat Molloy

Sunday 19th January 2025
9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Sharon Hanley, Ann McLoughlin

11.30am: James Forde, Mary O' Leary, Mary Lawlor

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 26th January 2025
TEAM: A

Sr. Phil, Katie Walsh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 07/01/2025

Numbers Drawn:

8, 9, 16, 21

Next Weeks Jackpot: €3,200

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Ava Rose Donohar M. Heavey

€20 Rita Fennell R. McDonnell

€20 Keith Sharpe G. Harrison

€20 Dan Boland M. Doyle

€20 Louise Mahon M. Doyle

Next draw: 14/01/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 06/01/2025

Numbers Drawn:

14, 17, 19, 25

Next Weeks Jackpot: €2,000

No winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Pauline McGlynn M. Heavey

€20 M. & M. Burroughs P. Donohar

€20 Lynn Franey M. Dowling

€20 Maeve Holligan T. Buckley

€20 Brigid & Michael M. Dowling

Next draw: 13/01/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results:

1/01/2025

1st €100:

2nd €50:

3rd €25:

4th €25:

Seller:

MONASTEREVIN DRAMA GROUP

Monasterevin Drama Group presents 'The Two Loves of Gabriel Foley' by Jim Keary. Monasterevin Community Centre 23rd, 24th & 25th January @ 8pm.

Tickets €15 available from Earley's Fashion shop and following all masses 18th & 19th January.

HELLO JANUARY!

January of a thousand miles. Always starts somewhere. Nothing will be achieved Unless you take Action. Momentum plus Repeated efforts will take You further than expected.

ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY.



St. Brigid is reputed to have been born in the Townland of Umeras, just outside Monasterevin, Co. Kildare. This year a new Bank Holiday to honour St. Brigid takes place on Monday 3rd February.

To commemorate Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Monasterevin - Rathangan Road (R414), Eircode: W34 X529, @ 11am on Monday 3rd February (walk is approx. 6km). Car parking provided at Mountrice Cross.

The walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty & will journey via Umeras then along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a Service of Light at 12.30pm.

A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30am to Mountrice and return to Mountrice at 2.00pm. For those who wish to avail, payment on the bus.

All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camino Passport that will be stamped at Sts Peter & Paul Church.

St Brigid's Crosses & refreshments will be provided on the day.

More information:
Parish Office 045 525346



COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME VACANCIES

2 Environmental Workers, Passlands Graveyard

1 Grounds Person Rosglas GAA

1 Grounds Person Monasterevin AFC

To apply and check eligibility, please contact your local Intreo Office or Community Employment Office in the Parish Centre on 045-525143.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



The conference of St. Vincent de Paul wish to express their gratitude to all who supported the Super Valu and Church Gate collections.

To the Gospel Choir, and all who contributed so generously to the collection at the Carol Service, to the John Paul II students, St. Paul's Secondary School, the pupils of St. John's School and all our anonymous benefactors, Thank You.

Without this support we would not be in a position to assist those most in need in our parish. We provide assistance with Rent, Electricity, Food/Food Vouchers, Fuel and Oil. We also assist with Education with our "Frederick Ozman Bursary" which assists a local student through Third Level Education.

On behalf of those we help, Thank You.

Mass will be offered for all our Benefactors.

DANA'S CROSS & CLOAK CONCERT

In aid of the All Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade

Sunday 2nd February 2025 featuring local artists

7.30pm (doors open 6.30pm)
The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois.

Tickets €25 (Book on Eventbrite.ie)

For more information contact
Antoinette: 086-0803047



BLESSING OF ALL BABIES WHO WERE BAPTISED DURING 2024



Sunday 12th 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 for next weekend Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th January 2025.



focus on sunday

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12th January 2025

At the baptism of Jesus, God witnessed that Jesus was his Son. By baptism we too have been made God's children, chosen to bring his Good News to the world.



The baptism of Jesus was not just like our baptism. Baptism for us is entering the church and it is asserting the freedom from the sin. Even though Jesus was not the sinful one, he took part in the ritual of his people - plunging himself, if you put it like this, into the depths of his people. And plunging himself into the depths of our humanity. These depths include our sin as well as all our hopes.

And it's more than that. At the baptism, Jesus heard the words, You are my beloved Son. We could say he came out of the water a different man, Receiving his title from his Father. Later on, he would hear those words again at the Transfiguration. At that time, others would hear them also, Peter and James and John. At the Transfiguration, they were told to listen to him.

But here, nobody else heard the words. We know them because the writers of the Gospel. have shared with us what they heard from Jesus. Only Jesus could have told them what he heard.

The words of Jesus are extended to all of us. He would say, I am God's beloved Son. And because of that, you are his beloved sons and his beloved daughters.

Allow yourself today hear those words spoken to you. Substitute your gender and your name. And give thanks that you are the beloved of God.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

At Baptism we celebrate that the baby has Three Special Friends: God The Father, who makes the sun shine on everybody; God The Son, Jesus, our forever friend, born at Christmas; and God the Holy Spirit who lives in our heart with every breath we breathe. The people touch the baby with welcome and blessing. The baby is carried with loving hands, beginning life. We are carried with loving hands too at the end of life to a new home of love and joy.



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, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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,
 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
**Behold the One of whom John said:
 I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
 Nourished with these sacred gifts,
 we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
 that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,
 we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE
 The Lord be with you.
 And with your spirit.
 Go in peace.
 Thanks be to God.



and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-16. 21-22
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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.



and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps. 103:1-3.3-4.24-25.27-30
**R. Bless the Lord, my soul!
 Lord God, how great you are!**

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent **[R]**
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **[R]**
3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **[R]**
4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **[R]**
5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **[R]**

SECOND READING
Titus 2:11 - 14; 3. 4-7
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus
 God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: **This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**

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

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
 You bring light to those in darkness: 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

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
 'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'
 A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.
 Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.
 Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain,

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