



MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

19th 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:

Fr. Liam Merrigan P.P.

Parish Office
045 525346

Adrienne M^cCormack
Simona Grajauskaitė
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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

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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, Parish Radio 99FM
OUR MAIN CHURCH SERVICES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON LINE VIA OUR PARISH
WEBCAM @ MONASTEREVINPARISH.IE
CHARITY TAX NO. CHY 7355

Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 18th January 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Oliver Dowling (1st Anniversary), Pleasants Place, Dublin 8, Margaret O'Loughlin, Rathangan, Dympna Mullen, Clogheen, Monasterevin, Jack Nolan, Cowpasture, Thomas & Margaret Grattan, Killenard, Thomas Grattan, The Heath, Jim & Christina Byrne, Cloneygowan, Patricia Sweeney, Portarlinton, Michael, Julia & Joe McCabe, Cowpasture, Eileen Buckley (Birthday Rem.), Marie Doyle, Gorey, Sadie Harrison, late of Rathangan Road, Patrick Holligan, Barraderra & deceased members of the Holligan family, Michael Sheehan, Oghill & deceased members of the Sheehan family, Eileen Robinson, Togher Road.

Sunday 19th January 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Edward & Mary (Molly) McGuinness & deceased members of the McGuinness & McLoughlin families, Thomas & Margaret Grattan, Killenard, Thomas Grattan, The Heath, Jim & Christina Byrne, Cloneygowan, Patricia Sweeney, Portarlinton, Michael, Julia & Joe McCabe, Cowpasture, James & Mary Melia, Ballyfarsoon.

Sunday 19th January 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Brigid Lonergan, Mike Dunne, Nurney Road, Edward & Mary (Molly) McGuinness & deceased members of the McGuinness & McLoughlin families, Eamonn Ryan, Gurteenona, Bridget Forde, 1011 Cowpasture & deceased members of the Forde family, Cowpasture, Thomas & Margaret Grattan, Killenard, Thomas Grattan, The Heath, Jim & Christina Byrne, Cloneygowan, Patricia Sweeney, Portarlinton, Michael, Julia & Joe McCabe, Cowpasture, Marie Doyle, Gorey.



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 370.00
Baskets Collection: € 1085.00

READERS

Saturday 25th January '25
6.30pm: Serge De La Rey

Sunday 26th January '25
9.00am: Adam McAllister
11.30am: Eileen O' Riordan

CHOIR

Saturday 25th January 2025
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 26th January 2025
11.30am: Gary Farrell

LOTTO 21/01/2025

TEAM: B
Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

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 25th January 2025
6.30pm: Ger Harrison, Hannah Duffy, Marie Lawless

Sunday 26th January 2025
9.00am: Sr Angela, Davina Weldon, Andrew Mahon

11.30am: Fiona Farrell, Rachel Farrell, Carmel McAlinden

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 26th January 2025
TEAM: A

Sr. Phil, Katie Walsh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 14/01/2025

Numbers Drawn:

3, 12, 17, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 3,400

No Winner

Winners

€20 May Sharpe

€20 Louise McDonnell

€20 Christina McHale

€20 S. Mulpeter

€20 Marie Delaney

Promoter

G. Harrison

R. McDonnell

R. Callanan

M. Doyle

M. Doyle

Next draw: 21/01/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 13/01/2025

Numbers Drawn:

17, 19, 21, 28

Next Weeks Jackpot: €2,200

No winner

Winners

€20 Ellen Nolan

€20 L. Hall

€20 Ger Harrison

€20 May Sharpe

€20 Dan Quinn

Promoter

M. Heavey

G. Martin

G. Harrison

G. Harrison

R. McDonnell

Next draw: 20/01/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVAN SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER & SOCIAL

On Sunday 26th January 2025
in The Clanard Court Hotel, Athy

Music by Unity
Commencing 1.00pm sharp

Please reply by 20th January 2025 to
your Area Rep.

If you did not receive Invitation & would
like to go, please contact:
Mary Doyle 086 3724635

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



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, Drogheda
Street, Monasterevin (W34KD61) 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.

No booking required.

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.

THANK YOU

The parish would like to acknowledge the
ongoing financial support of parishioners to
the running costs of the parish which is
much appreciated. If you contribute €250 or
more per calendar year, then the parish can
obtain a tax refund in respect of your
contribution from revenue which will
increase the value of your contribution by
31% to the parish at no cost to you. The
only requirement is that the parish must
retain a record of the contribution source to
make a claim for a refund of tax. This refund
claim has no revenue implications for the
donor.

Next week we will be sending out the
forms to the people from our records
that show they are contributing the
amount that makes them eligible for us
to claim for a tax refund from revenue.

Please consider seriously sending back
this form.

If you would like to talk with Fr. Liam
about this, easy way to help the parish,
please contact him on 045 525346.

SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat
St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church
Portlaoise

Saturday 25th January 2025
[10.00 am to 1.30 pm]

Holy Mass @ 10.00 am - Confessions
available

Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room
Parish Centre after Mass @ 10.45 am

(Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena,
Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer
Ministry)

Contact:

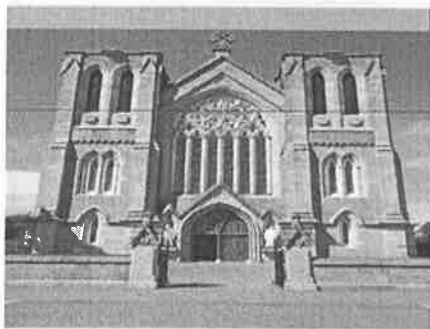
Michael Nerney 0868157305
Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P.

www.sporaidnaoimh.com

All Welcome

MNÁ BEOGA MONASTEREVIN

Would like to invite members of the
public to attend the launch of their
St Brigid Project
at Solas Bhríde Centre
on Tuesday 21st January
at 11.30am
Eircode R51 Y281.



focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th January 2025

Catholic Schools Week begins

Each Sunday liturgy is like a wedding feast in which Jesus is the bridegroom showing his love for us, - his bride - by providing food and drink for our innermost needs.



Water
into Wine



This Sunday we return to what the Church calls 'Ordinary Time' where we read the accounts of Jesus' earthly ministry. However, there is nothing 'ordinary' about this as it is during these weeks that we hear about all the extra-ordinary things that Jesus did during his earthly life. Today's Gospel is one example. John calls

this account a sign, something that points us to a deeper reality. In the Jewish tradition, a wedding was a symbol for the Kingdom of God and Jesus regularly used the image of a feast to refer to God's dream for our world.

At this wedding feast we are told that Jesus provides an extraordinary amount of wine for the celebration. "There were six stone water jars...each holding twenty or thirty gallons" (Jn 2:6), a minimum of 500 litres. By today's standards that is just over 600 bottles of wine! Not only is this a huge amount, it is also the best wine the guests have had. Sounds like a great party! But remembering that this wedding event is showing us something of who Jesus is, what the Kingdom of God is like and how God operates in our lives, we might focus on the generosity of Jesus in this story today. When have you experienced great generosity? How have you been generous to others?

The stone jars held the water used in purification rituals. This story is a significant reminder of how Jesus can transform something which has become stale into something that brings joy, new life and invites people to dance and celebrate. As followers of Jesus, we too are called to be agents of generosity, celebration and transformation. What in your life needs transformation today?

"Transformation...begins with the people of God who start turning the things of death into things of life. And the kings and presidents and nations will follow." (Shane Claiborne).

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

Jesus liked parties because people were happy and there was good food and drink for everyone. In today's story, at a wedding, He changed water into wine when his mother asked him. This was the first sign given by Jesus and made the bride and bridegroom very happy. At Mass today we thank God for loving us and being our companion in Holy Communion.



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
Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. 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.
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
We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. 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.



and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-3.7-10
R. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. [R]
- Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. [R]
- Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. [R]
- Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. [R]

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 2:1-11
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for

the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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. Amen



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: 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 govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you,

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