

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

2nd 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
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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeffory Butterfield, Brocan Wood, Monasterevin, Kildare who died during the week - R.I.P.

Saturday 1st February 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Annie O'Neill, her son John, Aubrey Hope, Annie, Michael & Peter Eustace, Sean O'Neill, Tommy Delaney, Ballagh, Catherine Kavanagh, Harbour View, Tom, Jim & Stephen Connolly, Dublin St., Mary Connolly, Newmills, Mountmellick, Very Rev. Fr. Jack Walsh, Sr. Marian Rankins, Convent of Mercy, Anna Cunningham, Ballagh, James Dunne, Coolier, Brendan Higgins (Birthday Remembrance), Breda Sharpe, 1024 Cowpasture (Birthday Remembrance), Bernardo Leonardo.

Sunday 2nd February 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Bridie Mahon, Grange.

Sunday 2nd February 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Liam McGlynn, St. Evin's Park, Bridie Mahon, Grange, Frank Byrne, Rathangan, Helen Byrne (Birthday Remembrance), Ellen & Christopher Kenny, Rathangan, Maureen (Ashling) Clinton, Monasterevin, Frank Dempsey, Ballagh, Peter & Esther Scully, Mullaghroe, Bernardo Leonardo.

Tuesday 4th February 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Peter & Esther Scully, Mullaghroe, Annie Farrell, Fielbrook, Portlaoise & Deceased members of the Scully & Farrell families.

Thursday 6th February 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Johannes Muller, Monasterevin.

Friday 7th February 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Matt Colgan.



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 335.00
Baskets Collection: € 1030.00

READERS

Saturday 8th February '25
6.30pm: Ger Harrison

Sunday 9th February '25
9.00am: Tom Fitzgerald
11.30am: Ann Fearon

CHOIR

Saturday 8th February 2025
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 9th February 2025
11.30am: Alan Reigh

LOTTO

4th February 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 8th February 2025
6.30pm: Mary Ryan, Irene Sharpe, Colette Walsh, Mikey Baker
Sunday 9th February 2025
9.00am: Nuala Flynn, Sr. Angela, Paddy Clarke
11.30am: Ann Fearon, James Forde, Mary Lawlor, Ann Lonergan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 9th February 2025

TEAM: B

Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly
Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 28/01/2025

Numbers Drawn:

3, 12, 17, 20

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 3,800

No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Jude McCormack	M. Heavey
€20 Brendan Sweeney	M. Sweeney
€20 Twins Kaye	M. Heavey
€20 L. O. D.	G. Harrison
€20 Lily Donoghue	c/o Lily

Next draw: 04/02/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 27/01/2025

Numbers Drawn:

10, 18, 20, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 2,600

No winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Sheila Brereton	M. Dowling
€20 Robert Sharpe	G. Harrison
€20 Anne Holligan	A. Holligan
€20 Ger Harrison	G. Harrison
€20 Kathleen Merrins	M. Heavey

Next draw: 03/02/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results:

24/01/2025

1st €100: Robert Sharpe	c/o: Earley's
2nd €50: Shannon Harrisal	c/o: Buddy
3rd €25: Aisling Stapleton	c/o: Dominic
4th €25: Sadie Maher	c/o: David Maher

Seller: Earley's Shop



Saint Brigid of Kildare
Feast Day Feb 1

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

FEAST DAYS

St. Brigid's Day

Saturday, 1st February

St. Brigid's crosses will be blessed at
6.30pm Mass

Presentation of Our Lord

(Candlemas Day)

Sunday, 2nd February

9.00am & 11.30am Mass

Please bring candles if you wish to have them blessed for your home. If you wish to donate candles for the church use please leave them on the altar rails before mass.

Feast of St. Blaise

Monday, 3rd February

Blessing of the throats will take place at

all masses this weekend: Saturday

1st February at 6.30pm, Sunday 2nd

February at 9.00am & 11.30am

masses and after the Camino Walk

Monday 3rd February at 12.30pm at

the Service of Light.

PRAYER TO SAINT BRIGID

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen

Wishing you all blessings for
Saint Brigid's Day.

BLESSING OF THE SICK

Tuesday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.
Lourdes is associated with the sick.

The Sacrament of the Sick will be given at all masses, on the weekend of Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February.
Please bring a sick person you know.

BLESSING OF COUPLES

February 14th is St. Valentine's Day the patron saint of Love, Young People and Married Couples.

Fr. Liam will bless all couples at all masses on the weekend of Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February.



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



PART TIME RECEPTIONIST

St Paul's Board of Management is recruiting for a **Receptionist** (Part Time - 16hrs P/W)
Hours: Mon-Thurs 10:30am-2:30pm.
Send CV and cover letter to recruitment@stpaulsmonasterevin.ie

Closing date for receipt of applications is **3pm on Friday 7th Feb 25.**

Full details on our FB page or www.stpaulsmonasterevin.ie



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Malachi 3: 1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 23: 7 - 10

R. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

- O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **[R]**
- Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **[R]**
- O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **[R]**
- Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2: 14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2: 22-40 (or *2: 22-32)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into*

*his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see. A light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.**

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom and God's favour was with him.

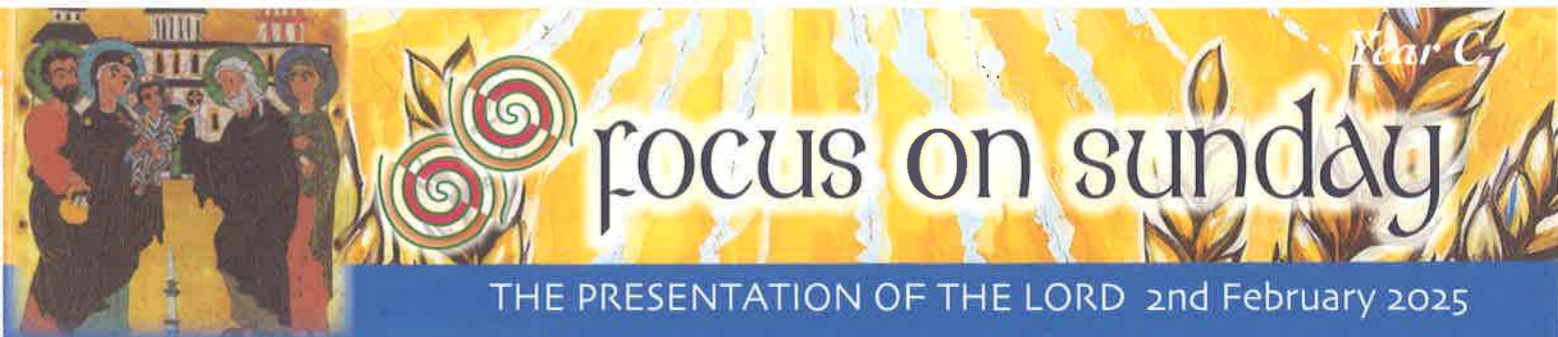
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE 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.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. 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.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

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

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. 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.**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2nd February 2025

World Day for consecrated life

Forty days ago Jesus was born: now we see him as the light to enlighten all peoples and to guide them on the way to salvation and glory.



The light to enlighten all peoples



In the recent readings we see Jesus connected with his family and his people. We see him plunge himself into the Jordan River, becoming part of his people. For the feast of the Presentation we have Mary bringing Jesus to the temple.

She brought him to offer him to the care of the Lord in the place of God And it all then became very much an event focused on family and people. Two very elderly people, Simeon and Anna, came forward and Mary saw them as representing the people. They were representing the Jewish people, the elders waiting for the Lord.

There was an expectancy among the people that God would send the Savior, the Messiah. They had read the scripture that a virgin would conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. Because they believed what they heard, they recognized the Lord.

An old Custom often in Ireland was to bring the baby to the church. Giving the baby into the care of Jesus, Maybe today we will pray for all our young children, especially babies and our families offering them into the care of Jesus. That they will always know that the Lord who created them with their parents in love, loves them all their days.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*

Today's Jesus Story is like Baptism. The child Jesus is brought to The Temple, by his parents, to give thanks to God. Simeon and Anna were like grandparents, waiting there, to welcome the new baby. Mary and Joseph brought a gift, to praise God. Simeon said that the Baby would be A LIGHT, to bless all the world. We are blessed at Baptism, with Three Special Friends. God The Father, who makes the sun shine for everybody, good, and not so good, God The Son who came at Christmas, our Forever Friend, and God The Holy Spirit who gives the breath of life to all things.