

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

5th 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.

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Monday - Thursday
9.00am to 4.30pm

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9.00am to 4.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm- 1.30pm

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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 soul of Dom Walsh, St. Evins Park, Monasterevin, Kildare who was interred during the week - R.I. P.

Saturday 4th January 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Dick Holligan, Old Grange, Kathleen Dunne (née Keegan), Cowpasture, Bridget Hannan, Sligo, Mrs. Nancy Perry, Old Grange, Margaret Cullen, 662 Old Grange, Des McEvoy, Derry Moyle, Carlow, Kathleen Kaye, Urney, Cloneygowan, Sr. Lazerrian Kaye, Melbourne, Australia, Anne Delaney, Coole & her daughter Anne Tynan, Jamestown, Eugene Melia, Nan Lawlor, Bride, Pat & John Hughes, Shella & Cyril Sharpe,

Sunday 5th January 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Michael O'Reilly, Hill of Down.

Sunday 5th January 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Brendan Hanlon (Birthday Remembrance) Clogheen, Thomas Murphy, Bridget Murphy, St. Evin's Pk., Nancy Fitzpatrick, Inchacooley, Frank Byrne, Rathangan, Esther Ball, Nancy McCormack, Willie Whelan.

Monday 6th January 2025 7.30 pm Mass

Timmy Meredith, Eric Morrissey, Cowpasture.

Tuesday 7th January 2025 10.00 am Mass

Sheila Melia, Athy Road, Monasterevin, Christopher Melia (Snr) & Nora Melia.

Wednesday 8th January 2025 10.00 am Mass

Molly Kaye



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €
Baskets Collection: €

READERS

Saturday 11th January '25
6.30pm: Deirdre Cotter

Sunday 12th 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 11th January 2025
6.30pm: Cathy Cullen, Dan Clancy, Mary Ryan

Sunday 12th January 2025
9.00am: Lily Donoghue, Andrew Mahon, Honey Thornton

11.30am: Rita M^cDonnell, Rachel Farrell, Carmel M^cAlinden

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!

Monasterevin G.F.C. Lotto
NO LOTTO ON THE 03/01/2025
LOTTO RESUMES ON 10/01/2025

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FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Monday 6th January 2025
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS

10.00 am & 7.30 pm

CONGRATULATIONS

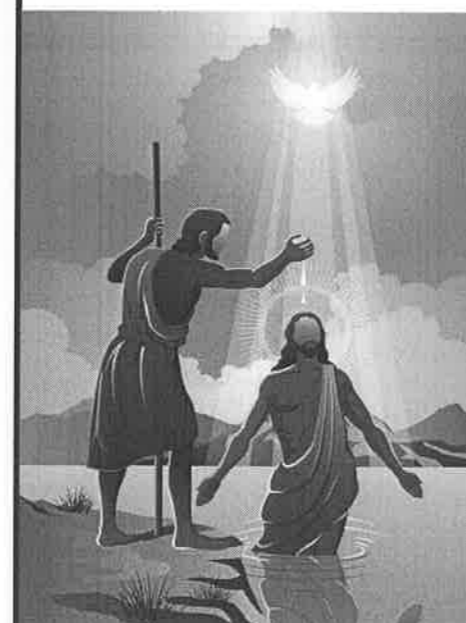
Congratulations to babies: Kodie Liam Hyland and Rian Thomas Grattan Byrne who were baptised by Fr. Liam on 29th December 2024



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.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



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.

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

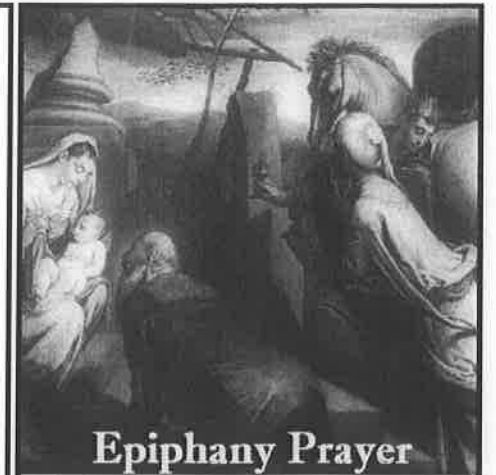


THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE opens across the world, Pope Francis has shared this prayer throughout the Jubilee.

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **Amen**



Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus
may Your light shine on our way,
as once it guided the steps of the Magi:
that we too may be led into Your presence
and worship You,
the Child of Mary,
Mother of God,
the Word of the Father,
the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
in union with Your heavenly Father
and the Holy Spirit,
You are One God
forever and ever, amen. *Francis/18*

NEW YEAR PRAYER FOR FRESH BEGINNINGS

Lord of new beginnings, as I stand at the start of this new year, I thank You for the gift of a fresh start. Help me to embrace this opportunity to begin anew. Give me the courage to let go of past mistakes and disappointments, and the faith to step boldly into the future You have prepared. Renew my mind with Your truth, refresh my spirit with Your presence, and revive my hope in Your promises.

Guide me in setting godly goals and grant me the perseverance to pursue them. May this year be marked by spiritual growth, positive change, and a deeper walk with You. Let every day be a new opportunity to experience Your grace and to live out Your purpose for my life. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

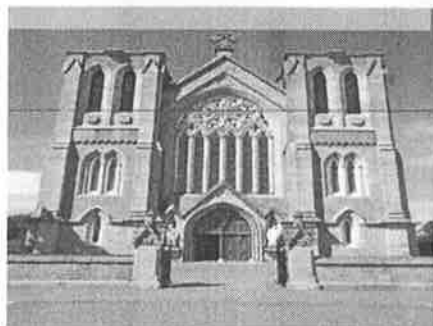
COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME VACANCIES

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 Parish Centre 045 525143





focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 5th January 2025

Jesus is the One sent by God who speaks to us about the wisdom and truth of God. By accepting him we too become children of God and are filled with grace and truth.



We all have certain fixed attitudes and views which have resulted from our upbringing, social class, culture, religious beliefs and experiences. If someone expresses very different attitudes and views, we can either reflect on what they say and allow them to challenge the way we think, or we can just simply reject them out of hand. In today's Gospel, the author expresses his amazement that Jesus, the Word of God, was rejected by the very people God had created and chosen as his own. What Jesus was saying and doing challenged the fixed views and attitudes of the people of Israel. When Jesus reached out to the tax collectors and sinners, who were considered to have been rejected by God because of their behaviour, the religious authorities could not accept that Jesus was carrying out God's will. Wealth was understood to be a sign of God's favour, poverty a sign of God's disfavour. So when Jesus criticised the accumulation of wealth by some, while others survived at a subsistence level, even the apostles were challenged: "Then, who can be saved?" (Luke 18 v26), they asked him. Jesus was seen as a threat to the religious beliefs of the people of God that the authorities believed that it was their religious duty to get rid of him. We too can often water down the radical demands of the Gospel when it challenges our lifestyles or comfort zones. Welcoming and reaching out to those who are poor and excluded, even at some cost to ourselves, is the challenge of Jesus to us today, just as it was then.

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

God Our Father wanted to share happiness. So God made the sun, the stars, the mountains, the oceans. They were "God's Voice," but they could not speak "words." Then, God made human beings, boys and girls who could speak words, like love, please, thanks, sorry. God made all people in the image and likeness of His Own Son, Jesus Christ, and He is called "THE WORD OF GOD." To be human and happy is to follow Jesus, and learn to love. The Angelus Bell always reminds us of God's Love Story.

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

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God, we humbly ask you, that, through the working of this mystery, our offences may be cleansed and our just desires fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.
Amen.

May he give you integrity in the faith, endurance in hope, and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end.
Amen.

May he order your days and your deeds in his peace, grant your prayers in this and in every place, and lead you happily to eternal life.
Amen.

And 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.



He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received - yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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.



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

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, for by it you show us the way of truth and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom. 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.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 1:3-6.15-18*
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.
Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18 (or *1:1-5.9-14)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
* In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.*
A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.
The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh, or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.
John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said :

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

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.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, splendour of faithful souls, graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ecc 24:1-2.8-12
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself.
She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One.
'Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.
He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance."
From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain.
I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion.
In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.
I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps.147:12-15.19-20
R. The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.
1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. [R]
2. He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. [R]
3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. [R]