

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

16th 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.

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Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9.00am to 4.30pm
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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 **Bridie Donnelly (née Whyte), 11 Cassidy Court, Monasterevin, Kildare / Armagh and Joseph Melia, 1390 Saint Evins Park, Monasterevin, Kildare who were interred during the week. - R.I.P.**

Saturday 15th February 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Michael Moody, Dublin & Cowpasture, Tony Moody, Cowpasture, Annie Moody and the Foster family, Kathleen Hyland, New Lodge, Daniel Harrison, Kill, Sisters Juliana & Monica, Knockbeg College, Carlow, Margaret & William Doyle and Deceased members of the Doyle family Lughill, Helena & James Campbell, Main St. Monasterevin, Geraldine & Paddy Harrison, Larchill, Ray Greely, Monasterevin, James Downey, The Square Monasterevin, Bernard Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan, Patrick Kirwan, Station House, Leo Kelly, Kill & Deceased members of the O'Connell & Kelly families, Mag Murray, Ballyfarsoon, Tom Breen, St. Evin's Park, John & Bridgie Finn, Ann Fullam, Nurney.

Sunday 16th February 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Mrs. Margaret Boland, Drogheda Street, Bernie Holligan, Borradera (Birthday Rem.), Bernard & Annie Maher, Coole, John Nolan, Cronnagh, Stradbally, Margaret Murray, Ballyfarsoon, Din Damer, Ballyfarsoon.

Sunday 16th February 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Douglas Harrington, Kildare.

Tuesday 18th February 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Rose Heavey (Birthday Rem.), Patrick Heavey, late St. Evin's Park, Marie Barry, Doneany, Marie McDonagh

Wednesday 19th February 2025, 10.00am Mass

Savannah Muller, Monasterevin.

Friday 21st, February 2025, 10.00am Mass

Patrick Kaye.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 310.00
Baskets Collection: € 1450.00

CHOIR

Saturday 22nd February 2025
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 23rd February 2025
11.30am: Gospel Choir

LOTTO

18th February 2025

TEAM: C
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

READERS

Saturday 22nd February 2025
6.30pm: Ruth Dempsey

Sunday 23rd February 2025
9.00am: John Dooley
11.30am: Billy Cleary

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 22nd February 2025
6.30pm: Hannah Duffy, Pat Ryan, Pauline Murphy

Sunday 23rd February 2025
9.00am: Fiona Farrell, Rachel Farrell, Andrew Mahon

11.30am: Carmel McAlinden, Ann Whelan, James Forde

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 2nd March 2025

TEAM: A
Sr. Phil, Katie Walsh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 11/02/2025

Numbers Drawn:

2, 7, 8, 20

Next Weeks Jackpot: €4,200

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Ivor Donegan M. Doyle
€20 Robert Sharpe G. Harrison
€20 Tom & Veronica R. McDonnell
€20 P. McDonnell R. McDonnell
€20 Mick Bradshaw M. Heavey

Next draw: 18/02/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 10/02/2025

Numbers Drawn:

10, 11, 21, 28

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 3,000

No winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Adam Ryan R. Ryan
€20 Declan & Ber M. Casey
€20 Bobby Whyte P. Whyte
€20 Eddie Donoghue E. Donoghue
€20 Betty Whyte S. Whyte

Next draw: 17/02/2025

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MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results:

07/02/2025

1st €100: Grainne Stapleton c/o: Dominic
2nd €50: Darren Doyle c/o: Online
3rd €25: Christina McHale c/o: Earley's
4th €25: Seb Mulpeter c/o: Online

Seller: Dominic Stapleton

PARISH OFFICE

We have a Beautiful New Arrangement of various Gifts and Cards in stock for Special Occasions: such as Confirmation, Holy Communion, Birth of a Child, or just for that special person.

Call in and our friendly staff will be delighted to look after you.

ANAM CARA ONLINE BEREAVEMENT EVENING FOR PARENTS

Date: Tuesday 18th February 2025

Time: 7pm—8.30pm

Guest Speaker: Brid Carroll

How to register: Anam Cara Online BIE February 2025

BLESSING OF THE SICK

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Lourdes is associated with the sick.

The Sacrament of the Sick will be given at all masses this weekend
Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February.

Please bring a sick person you know.

11 February 2025

World Day of the Sick

Loving God,
rock of strength for those who trust in you;
comforter of those who call on you.
Hear the cry of those who suffer
from sickness or weakness,
and embrace them in your loving arms.
Give them peace,
and strengthen them
with the vision of your kingdom.
We make this prayer through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



BLESSING OF COUPLES

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

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



Prayer for Couples

Dear Lord, I know that You hold the key to our lasting happiness. May it ever be present in our relationship. Fill our hearts with Your unspeakable joy. May we always find joy and contentment in the company of each other. Amen.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jamie Rose Catherine Comiskey, Rory Gerrard Michael Law and Georgia Ray Jay Fallon, who were baptised by Fr. Liam on Saturday 8th February 2025.



SHRINES OF FRANCE

Last few places left

PARIS, LISIEUX & NORMANDY BEACHES & HONFLEUR

28th April - 2nd May 2025

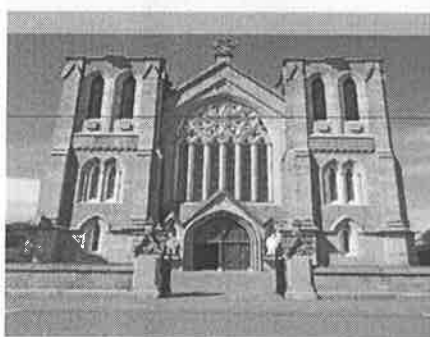
5 - DAY PILGRIMAGE

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



focus on sunday

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th February 2025

It is all too easy to trust in our own possessions - and the more we have the easier it is. But they are all temporary. If we put our trust in the Resurrection and live in its spirit then we shall inherit eternal life.



**Rejoice when that day comes
and dance for joy,
for then your reward
will be great in heaven.**


Today's Gospel, commonly called The Beatitudes, is familiar. Jesus uses very direct and simple language crafted with elegant poetry. We might even see a poetic justice or karmic quality in the reversal of fortunes they contain. Jesus is, once more, championing the underdog, the marginalised in society. Yet Jesus is also pre-figuring his own fate: he will become one of the most despised, suffering, and outcast persons on earth, only to be received as one cherished, comforted, and welcomed by God the Father.

The second half of the passage contrasts sharply with the opening. Jesus invokes the vengeful God of the prophets to speak powerfully to his audience. He subverts the conventions of the day neatly by using this authoritative imagery to raise up the lowest echelons of society and spurn those in positions of power. The passage is another rebuttal of the highly stratified society of the time, where might and right were used to oppress those less fortunate.

We can take comfort that our suffering and our trials unite us more closely to Jesus, and these experiences are held and honoured by God the Father. We can also ask if our society today is, in essence, any less stratified? When we are on the right side of the divide, do we stretch out a hand to those on the other side? The Gospel asks us to reflect on where we stand both in times of trial, and in times of ease.

Giovanna Feeley, DCU, Liturgical Musicologist & Writer

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus was a superstar. He made people feel good. Sometimes, when people wanted Him, He went hiding. I wonder why? All beauty, joy, sport, success are gifts on loan from God. When we forget to say thanks for these gifts, we are not growing in love, and God is Love. When I see people lighting candles, I think they are doing what Jesus did...giving thanks in the quiet, for the gifts of life, to Our God of Love.



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 this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward.
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.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION
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
God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live.
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.**



their diseases.
Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:
'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.
'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.
'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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.

He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 1:1-4.6

R. Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

- Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **[R]**
- He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **[R]**
- Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind; For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **[R]**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 6:17. 20 - 26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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 teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.
The Lord says this:
'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.

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