

**MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.**

9th 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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Adrienne M<sup>c</sup>Cormack  
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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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 Director of Safeguarding & DLP  
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 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](mailto: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 Seamus McGovern, Rochestown, Co. Cork, Kathleen Rose Fairhurst who died in England, the mother of Catherine Grattan, Umeras and Bridie Dunne (née Sexton), Kildangan, who were interred during the week. R.I.P.

**Saturday 8th February 2025, 6.30 pm Mass**

Noirin Byrne, Anne Houlihan, Kilmeade, Athy (Birthday Remembrance), Matt, Andrew & Rachel Colgan, Patrick Hyland, Oghill House, Monasterevin, Martin Rowan & Deceased members of the Rowan & Harrison Families, Anita & James Nelligan (Birthday Remembrance), Drogheda Street, Monasterevin, Hugh Clarke, St. Evins Park, Christina Clarke & all deceased members of the Casey & Clarke Families, Paddy & Maggie Nicholls, 1257 St. Evin's Park, Dolores Murphy, 1255, St. Evin's Park, Annie Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan (Birthday Remembrance), Tom Moran, Passbridge, Maura Ryan, Ballyfarsoon, Tony Ryan & Elizabeth Ryan, Eddie, Mary & Bob Harrison, Tom Barrett, 19 The Glebe, (Birthday Remembrance)

**Sunday 9th February 2025, 9.00 am Mass**

Deirdre Brereton, Cowpasture, Mary Dunne, St. Evin's Park, Tom Moran, Passbridge, Donohar Family, Umeras, Rice Family, Umeras, Mrs Melia, Umeras

**Sunday 9th February 2025, 11.30 am Mass**

Brendan McHale, Sharon Dunne (née Gorry), Clogheen, Christopher (Christy) Walsh, Lackagh, Patrick Behan & Deceased members of the Behan Family, River Row, Michael Byrne, Sligo, Meo Byrne, Ballykelly, Sligo, George, Babs & Kathleen Byrne, Ballykelly, Sylvester & Bridget Dunne, Kilpatrick, Kildangan, Carmel & Denis Lawlor, Fassagh, Maureen McSweeney, Kildangan, Tom Dunne, Kildangan, Peter, Mag & Cyril Dunne, No. 3 Kill, Josie Hughes, Nurney Road, Tom Moran, Passbridge, John Clinton

**Tuesday 11th**

**h February 2025, 10.00 am Mass**

Ger Reidy, Skirtean, Maria Melia Ballyfarsoon, Mary King, Ballyfarsoon, Anne King, London

**Weekly Collection**

Envelope Collection: €415.00  
 Baskets Collection: €1,435.00

**READERS**

**Saturday 15th February 2025**  
 6.30pm: Ger Harrison

**Sunday 16th February 2025**

9.00am: Tom Fitzgerald  
 11.30am: Ann Fearon

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

**Saturday 15th February 2025**  
 6.30pm: Pat Molloy, Dan Clancy, Mikey Baker

**Sunday 16th February 2025**

9.00am: Lily Donoghue, Sharon Hanley, Paddy Clarke

11.30am: Ann Whelan, Rita McDonnell, Mary O'Leary

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**Sunday 9th February 2025**

**TEAM: B**  
 Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly  
 Anna Duffy

**CHOIR**

**Saturday 15th February 2025**  
 6.30pm: Family Choir

**Sunday 16th February 2025**  
 11.30am: Parish Choir

**LOTTO**

**11th February 2025**

**TEAM: B**  
 Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle



**Monasterevin Parish Lotto**

Draw Results: 04/02/2025

Numbers Drawn:

3, 6, 9, 16

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 4,000

No Winner

**Winners Promoter**

€20 Gary Farrell M. Doyle  
 €20 Mary Sweeney M. Sweeney  
 €20 L. O. D. G. Harrison  
 €20 Jim Ryan M. Heavey  
 €20 Rose Prendergast M. Heavey

Next draw: 11/02/2025

Thank you for continued support!

**Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto**

Draw Results: 03/02/2025

Numbers Drawn:

9, 14, 22, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot: €2,800

No winner

**Winners Promoter**

€20 Peg Morrissey M. Heavey  
 €20 Rose Behan B. Fitzgerald  
 €20 Brian Kelly P. Donohar  
 €20 Geraldine Carroll S. Ryan  
 €20 Susanne Fahey F. Lawlor

Next draw: 10/02/2025

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**MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.**

Weekly Draw Results:

31/01/2025

1st €100: Ryan & Caomhin Mick Foley  
 2nd €50: Neville Ransome Deirdre Ransome  
 3rd €25: Harry Worrell Bingo  
 4th €25: Ann Fearon Mick Foley

Seller: Mick Foley

**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

**SHRINES OF FRANCE**

**Last few places left**

**PARIS, LISIEUX & NORMANDY  
 BEACHES & HONFLEUR**  
 28<sup>th</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
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Ceremony of Light — Camino

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF  
 LOURDES**

**PRAYER FOR HEALING**

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.  
 (Mention your petition)

Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen.

**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.



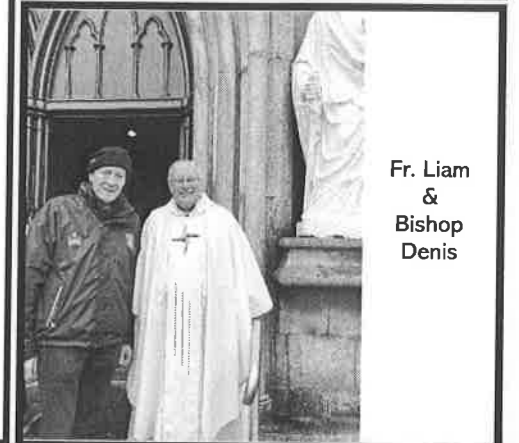
**ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK**

A big thank you to everyone involved for organising Monday's St. Brigid's Camino Walk.

Fr. Liam



Walking along the Canal - Camino



Fr. Liam & Bishop Denis

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Medecca Stanciu and Amiya Thorpe who were baptised by Fr. Liam on Sunday January 26th 2025.



**if we love  
 one another,  
 God lives in us,  
 and his love  
 is perfected  
 in us.**

1 JOHN 4:12

our Parish ALL YEAR

# focus on sunday

God in Christ chooses his apostles, men whom the world would think weak, maybe unsuitable, these are the ones he wants for himself. We are all called by God even though we may feel unworthy in his sight. That in itself is a sign of God's grace: it is the way to his kingdom.

*Do not be afraid;  
from now on  
it is men you will catch*



The disciples are understandably sceptical when Jesus tells them to cast their nets "out into the deep water". They have been working hard all night and caught nothing. But they must think there is something in what Jesus says – or maybe they are just humouring him. Either way, they agree to try again. And

what a result – such a huge catch of fish that their nets begin to tear and they fill two boats to sinking point. They get a lot more than they bargained for, just by trusting Jesus and taking that leap of faith.

One line in this Gospel that stands out is Peter's reaction: "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." He is completely overcome, as well he might be. The scene makes him uncomfortable and painfully aware of his flaws. But Jesus immediately puts him at ease. Instead of focusing on Peter's shortcomings, he is looking ahead at what is possible for Peter and he reassures him with the simple words "Do not be afraid". Peter has demonstrated his trust by being open to Jesus, and there are wonderful things in store for this disciple – a net full of fish is just the beginning.

We might never find out what's possible if we don't step outside our comfort zone, whether it's reaching out to repair a broken relationship, speaking up for someone who has been wronged, or taking the first step to change a habit that is destructive to ourselves or others. The big challenge is to trust that God knows what God is doing and is constantly urging us to pull away from the shore. God wants us to live life to the full, to take that next step we've been agonising over. Do not be afraid; put out into deep water.

*"A boat is safe in the harbour, but this not the purpose of a boat." (Paulo Coelho)*

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 to go fishing with his friends. Today his friends were tired, because they caught no fish all night. Jesus said "I'll go with you in the boat, and we will try together for a catch. They caught hundreds of fish. Jesus told them that God Our Father holds the whole world in His Hand, the fish, and the sea, the birds, and sky, the little babies, you and I. God's Name is Love.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. 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.* **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

### 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

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. 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.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

**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.

### 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.**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

### GREETING

In the name of the Father ..... **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

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah** In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps.137: 1-5-7-8**

**R. Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

- 1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **[R]**
- 2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **[R]**
- 3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **[R]**
- 4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **[R]**

### SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**  
**\*Shorter form ( italics) 15:3-8. 11.\***

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, *\*in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.\**

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me have worked harder than any of the others; *\*but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.*

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**