



MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

9th March 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
Friday:

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

Saturday 8th March 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Alice Kelly (1st Anniversary), formerly Passlands, Sadie Ready, Larch Hill (Birthday Rem.), Pat Joe Doyle, Quinsboro (Birthday Rem.), Sean Whelan, Skirteen, Whelan family, Ballybrittas, Mooney family, Ballyfarsoon, Mary & John Joe Brady, Coventry, Breda Sharpe, Cowpasture, Masie Byrne, Inchacooley & St. Evin's Park, Monasterevin, Vera McLaughlin & Charlotte Row, Gorey Wexford, Eileen Roche, Monasterevin, Richard Kleebar, 1 Bell Harbour, Monasterevin, Richie Kelly, formerly Fenagh, Co. Carlow, Brigid Doyle, Athy, Michael Connell, Athy, Elizabeth Murphy & deceased members of the Murphy family, Suncroft, Michael Dowling Jnr., Gurteenoon, Michael, Brigid & Mary Dowling, Pat & Lily Storan, Alice Jarman (née Dowling), James Nelligan, Sean & Ann Carroll, Fassaugh, Monasterevin, Paddy Miller, Graiguecullen/ Borradera, Sarah McDonnell, Fr. John Foster, Vera Coyle, Teresa Skamaraskas, Coventry, Owen Marron, Tullamore, James, Mary, Michael, Brother Tom & John Earley.

Sunday 9th March 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Ann Langley & Deceased Members of the Byrne & Langley Families, Fr. John Foster, Vera Coyle, Teresa Skamaraskas, Coventry.

Sunday 9th March 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Bridie Dunne, 22 The Glebe, Monasterevin (Months Mind), Mary King, Ballyfarsoon, John Earley, Cloneygath, Michael Johnson, Mountrice, Kathleen Hickey, Kylebeg, Kildangan, Maura Cleary, Larch Hill, Paddy Miller, Graiguecullen/ Borradera, Essie & John Donoher, The Cottage, Inchacooley, Fr. John Foster, Vera Coyle, Teresa Skamaraskas, Coventry.

Thursday 13th March, 10.00am Mass

Michael Ryan, Lackagh (Birthday Rem.), Fr. John Foster.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 350.00
Baskets Collection: € 1115.00

CHOIR

Saturday 15th March 2025
6.30pm: Family Choir

Sunday 16th March 2025
11.30am: Parish Choir

St. Patrick's Day 17th March
11.30am: Parish Choir

LOTTO
11/03/2025

TEAM: C
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

READERS

Saturday 15th March 2025
6.30pm: Rachel Farrell

Sunday 16th March 2025
9.00am:
11.30am: Tom Carroll

St. Patrick's Day 17th March
9.00am:
11.30am:

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 15th March 2025
6.30pm: Mary Ryan, Colette Walsh, Cathy Cullen, Mikey Baker

Sunday 16th March 2025
9.00am: Anne McLoughlin, Sr. Angela, Andrew Mahon

11.30am: Anne Whelan, Rita McDonnell, Carmel McAlinden

St. Patrick's Day 17th March
9.00am: Lily Donoghue, Paddy Clarke, Sr. Angela
11.30am: Hannah Duffy, Fiona Behan, Anne Whelan, Ann Fearon

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 30th March 2025
TEAM: A
Sr. Phil, Katie Walsh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 04/03/2025

Numbers Drawn:

11, 18, 19, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot: €4,800

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Caroline Porter R. McDonnell

€20 Roisin Bracken G. Harrison

€20 Jimmy Freeman M. Doyle

€20 S. & C. Foster M. Heavey

€20 Shay Murray G. Harrison

Next draw: 11/03/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 03/03/2025

Numbers Drawn:

5, 10, 15, 16

Next Weeks Jackpot: €3,600

No winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Joe Moore J. Moore

€20 Dan Quinn R. McDonnell

€20 Bridie Harrison G. Harrison

€20 Donna Hayes D. Buckley

€20 Pauline O'Connell R. McDonnell

Next draw: 10/03/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: /2025

1st €100:

2nd €50:

3rd €25:

4th €25:

Seller:

PETITIONS FOR NOVENA

Blank Novena Petitions are available at the Altar Rails in St. Peter & Paul's Church for all those wishing to have Petitions included in the Novena Masses.

**Please put completed petitions
in the box provided at the
Altar Rails.**

RELICS OF ST. THÉRESE OF LISIEUX & HER PARENTS ST. LOUIS & ST. ZELIE MARTIN

Will visit St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin at **ALL MASSES** on the weekend of **Saturday 22nd March** and **Sunday 23rd March** with Veneration afterwards.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday 8th March, 2025

Theme: "For ALL women and girls: Rights, Equality, Empowerment". This years theme calls for action that can unlock equal rights, power and opportunities for all and a feminist future where no one is left behind.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



**St. Peter & Paul's Church
Monasterevin**

**This year our Novena is
confined to 5 nights**

Theme: HOPE

**5 Nights commencing on
Monday 31st March 2025 to
Friday 4th April 2025**

Time: 7.30pm

Monday 31st March 2025

Guest Speaker:

Bishop Paul Dempsey, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin & formerly P.P. Newbridge.

Tuesday 1st April 2025

Guest Speaker:

Geraldine Mullan - Mum who lost her husband + 2 children tragically, tells her story.

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Guest Speaker:

Sr. Joy, Presentation Filipino Sister who has worked in different ministries.

Thursday 3rd April 2025

Guest Speaker:

Cuan Mhuire - Centre for those battling addictions.

Friday 4th April 2025

Guest Speaker:

Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin.



LENTEN PRAYER

God of goodness and mercy, Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. **Amen**



MASS NOTICE

**Monday 17th March
St. Patrick's Day Masses
9.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.**

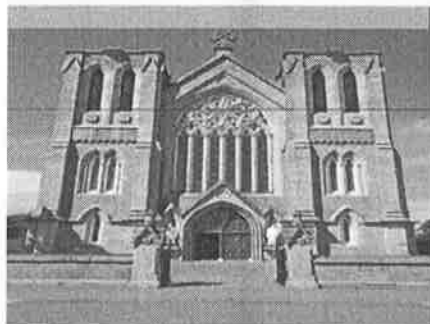
MARCH represents new growth and its flower symbol is the daffodil which represents forgiveness, trust, honesty and true love.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

This year the focus country is Guatemala, Lima, Julio and their family and the impact of Climate Change on their lives. They can't escape the increasingly unpredictable weather which is Destroying their crops and threatening their family's home and safety. Their daughter Miriam is due to start Secondary School and they can't afford her education. Climate Change is pushing them further into poverty.

Your generosity can help build a better future for Lima, Julio and their family. Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the Church.

Trócaire
Working for a just world.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

GREETING

In the name of the Father **Amen.**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us..... **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and out-stretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 90:1-2.10-15

R. Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **[R]**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **[R]**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **[R]**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 10: 8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made

him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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.



focus on sunday

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9th March 2025

Although we are strongly drawn to follow Jesus, we will experience strong conflicts and temptations to follow "other gospels". If we stay with Jesus in prayer and friendship we can overcome such conflicts.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. 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.

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

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured. 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.**



As Christians, we are called to conform our will to God's will. But this is extraordinarily difficult. Sometimes – perhaps frequently! – we delude ourselves and instead conform God's will to our will. The temptations of Jesus point us to three of

the most common ways of doing so. In the first temptation, Jesus is asked to allow his desire for material things (bread) to divert him from doing God's will. We live in a consumer culture and an unacknowledged addiction to consumer goods can often interfere with following the path of Jesus, who may ask us to let go of what we possess, in a life of loving and caring for others, especially the poor and excluded. In the second temptation, Jesus could become someone very important and this surely would help him in spreading God's message. We too can often want to be seen as someone more important than others, but Jesus, who came "not to be served, but to serve," calls us to wash the feet of others, in a humble spirit of service. In the third temptation, Jesus could perform an extraordinary feat of throwing himself off the Temple and not be harmed. This would win him the adulation of the crowds and so provide him with a large, receptive audience for his message. But Jesus knew that his message would be unpopular and lead to him being rejected, but this did not deter him from doing God's will. Our desire to be popular, to have status, to win the admiration of others, may sometimes deflect us from doing the will of God.

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



In Lent, Jesus wants to bring us joy and happiness. God made us because God loved us, and God is with us to help and care. Sometimes we want more things, that make us selfish and greedy. Sometimes we want others to do things our way, that makes us unhappy, and sometimes we show off, forgetting that all our gifts are from God. In Lent God helps us to care for others, to help and say Thanks.