

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

14th April 2024

**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<sup>c</sup>Cormack  
Anna Pedrak  
Simona Grajauskaite

**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 :**

Mr. Michael Daly  
c/o Bishops House  
Old Dublin Road  
Carlow

Ph: 085 8021633

**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](mailto:monasterevin.parish@gmail.com), Parish Radio 99FM  
 OUR MAIN CHURCH SERVICES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON LINE VIA OUR PARISH  
 WEBCAM @ MONASTEREVINPARISH.IE

**Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dean Dempsey who died London, Monday, the son of Late Denis Dempsey, Mountrice, Sr. Imelda Kennelly, Ros Glas Convent, Moore Abbey, Monasterevin, Kildare, W34 W590/ Finuge, Kerry / Delvin, Westmeath, Bridget (Bridie) Bailey (née Hall), Harbour View, Monasterevin, Kildare who were interred during the week and Julieann O'Donoghue (née Dunne), 3 Ferns Crescent, Fernsbridge, Monasterevin, Kildare who died during the week - R.I.P.

**Saturday 13th April 2024, 6.30 pm Mass**

Patrick Keegan, Cowpasture, Rosanna Keegan, Cowpasture, Mary Barlow, Mary Harrison, Ballyfarsoon, Elizabeth Ryan, Cowpasture, Doreen McEvoy, Togher Rd. (Birthday Rem.), James, Anna & Christy Gorry, Ellistown, Mary Wilson, Cushina, John Melia (Jnr), Manchester, Breda Melia, Lar Melia, Manchester, Brother Maurice Murphy, Closelands, Eileen Buckley & Deceased members of the Buckley & Casey Families, Maisie Fitzpatrick, Lackagh

**Sunday 14th April 2024, 9.00 am Mass**

Mary Barlow, Christopher, Kathleen & Peter Merlehan, Westmeath, Michael, Moira & Karla Fitzgerald, Dublin, Annie O'Neill (Birthday Rem.), Eileen Holligan, Borraderra, Larry Holligan, St. Evin's Park & Deceased members of the Holligan Family

**Sunday 14th April 2024, 11.30 am Mass**

Annette Cullen, Hybla, Mary Barlow, Thomas & Lena Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan, Elizabeth, Ann & Alice Kelly, Passlands, Philameoma Moloney, Old Grange, Annie O'Neill (Birthday Rem), John O'Neill, Sean O'Neill, Aubrey Hope, Annie, Michael and Peter Eustace, Vincent Murphy, Moate & Old Grange, Maurice & Brigid Murphy, Old Grange, Francis Kelly (Jnr), Bridget & Patrick Moody, Meath, Joseph Joe Dunne, Bracken 's House, Clogheen

**Thursday 18th April 2024, 10.00 am Mass**

Mick Doyle, Main St.

**Weekly Collection**

Envelope Collection: € 585.00  
Baskets Collection: € 750.00

**CHOIR**

**Saturday 20th April 2024**  
6.30pm: Gary Farrell

**Sunday 21st April 2024**  
11.30am: Parish Choir

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
Sunday  
28th April 2024**

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

**READERS**

**Saturday 20th April 2024**  
6.30pm: Deirdre Cotter

**Sunday 21st April 2024**  
9.00am: Adam McAlister  
11.30am: James Forde

**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.

**LOTTO  
16/04/2024**

**TEAM: C**  
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

**Saturday 20th April 2024**  
6.30pm: Mary Ryan, Ger Harrison, Fiona Farrell, Cathy Cullen

**Sunday 21st April 2024**  
9.00am: Sr. Angela, Andrew Mahon, Lily Donoghue

**11.30am: Marie Lawless, Ann Fearon, Ann Whelan, Carmel McAlinden**

**Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results 09/04/2024**

Numbers Drawn  
1, 9, 22, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot € 1,400  
No Winner:

<b>Winners</b>	<b>Promoter</b>
€20 Albert Kelly	P. Kelly
€20 Julie Weldon	R. McDonnell
€20 Seamie Whyte	G. Harrison
€20 Tom Harrison	G. Harrison
€20 Aileen McGlynn	R. McDonnell

Next draw: 16/04/2024  
Thank you for continued support!

**Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto  
Draw Results 08/04/2024**

Numbers Drawn  
2, 3, 4, 25

Next Weeks Jackpot € 7,000  
No Winner:

<b>Winners</b>	<b>Promoter</b>
€20 Jim McDonagh	S. Hackett
€20 Christine Finglas	D. Buckley
€20 Deirdre Ransome	R. McDonnell
€20 Paddy Kelly	P. Kelly
€20 Senan O' Neill	A. Holligan

Next draw: 15/04/2024  
Thank you for continued support!

**MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.  
Weekly Draw Results:  
05/04/2024**

1st €100: Gary Farrell c/o Gary  
2nd €50: Jack Nolan c/o Peter  
3rd €25: John Buddy c/o Buddy  
4th €25: Mick Donohoe c/o Arthur  
Seller: Gary Farrell

**PRAYER**

We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

**FIRST COMMUNION 2024**



**ST. EVIN'S N.S.**  
**Saturday 18th May 2024**  
11.00am

**ST. PETER'S N.S.**  
**Saturday 25th May 2024**  
11.00am

**LACKAGH**  
**Sunday 26th May 2024**  
11.30am



**CEMETARY MASSES 2024**

**MONDAY, 10TH JUNE 2024**  
@ 7.30 PM - St. Evin's

**TUESDAY, 11TH JUNE 2024**  
@ 7.30 PM- Passlands

**WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE 2024**  
@ 7.30 PM- Yew Tree

**MONDAY, 17TH JUNE 2024**  
@ 7.30 PM- Lackagh

**KILDARE, MONASTEREVIN  
& RATHANGAN**

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes  
27th May - 1st June 2024**

€825 pps  
4\* Hotel Eliséo

Accompanied by  
Fr. Liam Merrigan &  
Fr. Bill Kemmy

For Further  
Details & Booking Form  
Contact :

Monasterevin - 045 525 346  
Kildare - 045 521352  
Rathangan - 045 524064

**NOTICE**

Are you unemployed or looking to upskill, would you like to gain a recognised QQI Level 5 Qualification Business Administration and Digital Media, Healthcare Support, Applied Social Studies or Early Learning and Care. Athy VTOS have places available for our September and January enrolments.

For additional information please call:

**Una Burke on**  
**059 8632044**  
**EXT 2/0879787727**

Further Education and training centre,  
Carlow Road, Athy. Co. Kildare  
[www.athyfetc.ie](http://www.athyfetc.ie)

**CAKE SALE**

The Gospel Choir  
are holding a Cake Sale on  
**Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st**  
**April 2024** after all Masses.

Your support would  
be greatly appreciated.



**THE SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION**



THE SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION  
WILL TAKE PLACE AT  
ST. PETER & PAUL CHURCH ON  
**SATURDAY 27TH & SUNDAY 28TH**  
**APRIL 2024.**

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.**

People in your community need help.  
Become a Volunteer today and help make a  
difference!

If you would like to Volunteer for a  
couple of hours a week  
Please visit [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)  
and click: GET INVOLVED  
Contact us: Enda Gleeson 01 8198405  
Monasterevin 085 - 1209577 or  
[volunteer@svp.ie](mailto:volunteer@svp.ie)

**COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME  
VACANCIES:**

Admin Assistant Parish Office  
Grounds Person Monasterevin AFC

2 Caretakers Monasterevin  
Community Centre

Cleaner Ellistown GFC

Care Assistants Monasterevin  
Day Centre

Environmental Worker  
Monasterevin Tidy Towns

Please call into CE Office in Parish Centre  
to register your interest in the above  
vacancies or telephone  
045 525 143

**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.



Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.



The disciples were shattered. They had believed that Jesus was the one sent by God to Israel. But they had seen him die. It had all been a big mistake. Their faith in Jesus had been a delusion. They had been let down badly and were preparing

to go back to their former way of life, as fishermen, tax-collectors. We too may feel that way at times and wonder is our faith, too, in Jesus a big delusion? We might have no problem in believing that Jesus was a great teacher. We can easily identify with his call to "love one another." But do we really believe that Jesus rose from the dead and is now alive and present to us? It was only through a personal encounter with the risen Jesus that the disciples came to believe. So, too, it is only through a personal relationship with Jesus, a relationship which is nourished by regular prayer, that we can truly believe that Jesus is alive and present to us. Jesus is not an object of belief but the subject of experience. The Easter season challenges us to ask ourselves do we really believe. And the test of our belief is whether, like the disciples after their own personal encounter with Jesus, we go out to continue what Jesus began, namely to serve and not be served, to love "as I have loved you," and thereby grow the Kingdom of God on earth.

Fr. Peter McVerry, SJ

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Easter Eggs are good. When we break the outside shell, we find a sweet surprise inside. On Good Friday, the body of Jesus was broken on the outside, but a "New Spirit" came to Him inside. He rose from the dead. He is present and alive now, in a different way, through His Spirit. His Spirit is with every person. His Spirit is with those who died too and will be with us when we die.



### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. 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.  
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. 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.



these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

**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.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 4:2 4.7.9

R. Lift up the light of your face on us,  
O Lord. or Alleluia!

- When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R)
- It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him (R)
- 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R)
- I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R)

### SECOND READING 1 John 2:1 - 5

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.  
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.  
Alleluia!



### GOSPEL Luke 24:35 - 48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### 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.....

### 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

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING Acts 3:13 - 15. 17 - 19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

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