



# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

21st 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 soul of Dan O'Connor, Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry who died in England recently - R.I.P.

#### Saturday 20th April 2024, 6.30pm Mass

Michael Ryan (Months Mind), Lackagh, Mick Doyle, Main Street, Ross Wheeler, Moore Abbey, Sheila Donegan, Ballyshane, Rathangan, Michael Keenan (Snr) & Deceased members of the Keenan Family, John Malone, No. 7 The Drive, St. Evin's Park, Mary P. McConn, Pat & Grandad Malone, Danny Buckley, Kildangan, Sean Harrison, St. Evin's Park (Birthday Rem), Peter Foster, Ballykelly, Bridie Doyle, Athy, Mick Connell, Athy

#### Sunday 21st April 2024, 9.00 am Mass

Eamonn Melia (Months Mind), Elizabeth (Liz) Donohoe, Inchacooley, Christina Maher, Athy, Peter Foster, Ballykelly

#### Sunday 21st April 2024, 11.30 am Mass

Agnes Smyth and her son Michael Smyth, Mountrice, Mick Doyle, Main Street, Ross Wheeler, Moore Abbey, Bridie Bailey, Eddie Deasey, Myra Smith, Skirtean, John Holligan, Bill & Jane Holligan, Rutch Holligan, Ann Hayes, Naas, Julie Malone, Patrick & Joseph Haven's, Mick Malone, The Borke Family, Cowpasture and The Dowling Family, Ballybracken, Peter Foster, Ballykelly, Tom Conroy, Coolatogher

#### Thursday 25th April 2024, 10.00 am Mass

James Casey, Peter Foster, Ballykelly



#### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €320.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1405.00

#### CHOIR

Saturday 27th April 2024  
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 28th April 2024  
11.30am: Gospel Choir

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

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

#### READERS

Saturday 27th April 2024  
6.30pm: Deirdre Cotter

Sunday 28th April 2024  
9.00am: Sr. Angela  
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 23/04/2024

#### TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

#### MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 27th April 2024  
6.30pm: Pat Ryan, Hannah Duffy, Mary Doyle, Dan Clancy

Sunday 28th April 2024  
9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Davina Weldon, Sharon Hanly

11.30am: Mary Lawlor, Irene Sharpe, James Forde., Ann Lonergan

#### Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 16/04/2024

Numbers Drawn

3, 7, 11, 19

Next Weeks Jackpot € 1,000

2 Winners: Eamon Bradlen

Lily Donoghue

Winners Promoter

€20 Betty Keogh B. Keogh

€20 Grainne Downey R. McDonnell

€20 Pauline McGlynn R. Callanan

€20 Marissa Barry M. Sweeney

€20 L. & C. & C. Byrne R. Callanan

Next draw: 23/04/2024

Thank you for continued support!

#### Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 15/04/2024

Numbers Drawn

2, 6, 18, 26

Next Weeks Jackpot € 7,200

No Winner:

Winners Promoter

€20 Dave Fogarty P. Moore

€20 Adrian Brett D. Brett

€20 L. Nugent & A. Kelly A. Kelly

€20 Jerry Byrne J. Byrne

€20 Jane Murphy B. Fitzgerald

Next draw: 22/04/2024

Thank you for continued support!

#### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results:

19/04/2024

1st €100: Martin Malone online

2nd €50: Billy Collins c/o Bingo

3rd €25: Caroline Kavanagh c/o P. Earley

4th €25: Rita Callinan c/o Earleys

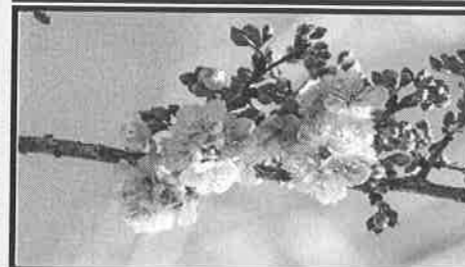
Seller: online

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the emergency services, John Maher for his kindness and professionalism. To Fr. Liam for his guidance. To Sgt. Josephine Dowling and her colleagues for courtesy they showed Eamonn on his last journey around town. To Aidan Connolly for the beautiful singing. For friends who travelled long distances to offer comfort.

Lastly to the people of Monasterevin and surrounds for showing such respect and fondness for Eamonn.

**A mass has been offered for your Intentions.**



#### MONASTEREVIN CONVENT N.S

(Scoil Eimhin Naofa)

#### Special Class admission Notice

In respect of admissions to the 2024/2025 school year (ASD Class)

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the link for Application Form for Admission for the 2024/2025 school year are available as follows:

Via Website: [www.sen.ie](http://www.sen.ie)

link <https://www.aladdin.ie/i/39327107>

On request: by emailing :

[sainteivin@gmail.com](mailto:sainteivin@gmail.com)

or by writing to The Office Administrator,

Monasterevin Convent N.S.,

Drogheda Street, Monasterevin,

Co. Kildare. W34P308

**The school will commence accepting Applications for admission on 22nd April 2024 and shall cease accepting applications for admission on 20th May 2024.**

#### THE SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION



THE SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT STS. 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)

#### 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)

#### GENEROUS COLLECTION FOR GAZA

Thanks to all who were so generous with the Gaza Collection.

2,000 Euros was sent to Bishop's House in Carlow who are sending it direct to Gaza.

Be assured I have inquired that this money will be used specifically to help those most in need.

Fr. Liam Merrigan

#### A Prayer for Favourable Weather

God our Father,  
we turn to you, the source of all goodness and grace.

We come before you with humble hearts, seeking your divine intervention in the rhythm of the seasons.

Bless us with the favourable weather which we so badly need at this time,

Especially for our farming community and all others whose livelihoods depend on it.

Grant them strength and perseverance in their work. In their labour may they find solace and fulfilment, knowing that their efforts contribute to the well-being of our communities.

Bless them with resilience in the face of challenges and grant them moments of peace amidst the storms of life.

Help us, as faith communities, to support and uplift them, recognising the vital role they play in sustaining life.

Guide us, Lord to be mindful stewards of the earth and compassionate neighbours to those who cultivate it

May your loving presence be a beacon of hope and strength for all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### NEWSLETTER INSERT

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday 21st April 2024.

It is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel is always from John Chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd.

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction when he asked us:

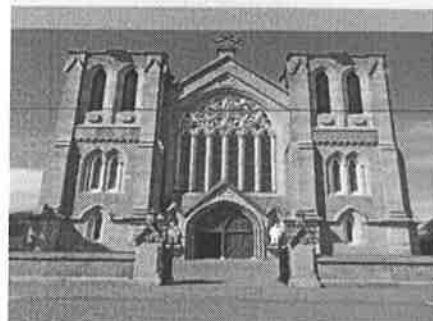
**Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest. (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).**

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and that the Church will always have pastors who care for God's people with the Heart of Christ himself.

#### 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.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.**

**GREETING**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **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.... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**  
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

**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**

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 4: 8 - 12**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles** Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up

perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29**

**R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. or Alleluia!**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R)

**SECOND READING 1 John 3: 1-2**

**A reading from the first letter of St. John** Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I am the good shepherd,**  
**says the Lord;**  
**I know my own sheep**  
**and my own know me.**  
**Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL John 10: 11 - 18**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and

scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

**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.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.



**focus on sunday**

Today is a day of prayer to deepen our own sense of vocation, and to pray to the Lord to call men and women into a life of ministry and service within religious life.



**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.

**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**

**The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
 Keep your family, we pray, O Lord, in your constant care, so that, under your protection, they may be free from all troubles and by good works show dedication to your name. Through Christ our Lord. **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.**



The Good Shepherd is one of the most ancient Christian symbols: a mural found in the second-century Roman catacombs of St Calixtus is believed to be the earliest example of Christian art. The metaphor of shepherd for ruler was used widely in pre-Christian writings, but today's Gospel sees Jesus imbuing the role with complex and contradictory characteristics. The Shepherd is also the sacrificial Lamb: in this one Gospel chapter, the phrase 'he lays down his life for his sheep' occurs ten times. And this act of surrender, born out of love for his flock, becomes an act of triumph, as he takes up his life again, echoing the journey from cross to Resurrection. In John's Gospel, the washing of feet replaces the Last Supper narrative, and the loving shepherd allegory corroborates Christ's servant leadership, while the declaratory "I am" utterance follows the Scriptural pattern of divine self-revelation. The word 'pastor' has long been used to denote ordained leaders, and in 2013 Pope Francis urged priests: "Be shepherds with the smell of the sheep". The sheep in today's Gospel are astute, intelligent beings: they recognise the true Messiah. With Christ as the true Shepherd of us all, lay and ordained, we may ask ourselves on this Vocations Sunday: what call(s) am I answering in my life? What voices am I listening to? Who and what am I choosing to be led by, as the voice of God calls out to be heard, shepherding us to safety, comfort, and hope.

**Giovanna Feeley, DCU, Liturgical Musicologist & Writer**

**Jesus' Story**

*Fr. Liam Hickey*



Bernadette was a little girl from Lourdes. She minded sheep. Our Lady from Heaven brought her messages about helping sick people. Bernadette was a "good shepherd." She did her work well. The Lady asked her to find special water to bless sick and worried people. The water flows today from a big rock, called The Grotto, where people bless, pray and light candles. Lourdes, is a place where smiles are brighter, and hugs are tighter.