

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

28th 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 :

Ailish Higgins

Director of Safeguarding & DLP

Bishops House  
Old Dublin Road  
Carlow

Ph: 085 802 1633

### 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

#### Saturday 27th April 2024, 6.30pm Mass

Liam Dowling, Monasterevin (Months Mind), Christina (Patsy) Oakley, Liam Ryan, Clondown, Michael Mulhall (Jnr) (Birthday Rem), Michael Mulhall (Snr) & Nancy Mulhall, Larry Holligan, Wesley Ball Scotland, Charles McEnemey, Lackagh, Michael (Snr), Brigid & Mary Dowling, Gurteenoonna, Jim & Marie Dowling, Alice Jarman (nee Dowling), Pat & Lil Storan, Jim Forde, Millstream Avenue, Dolores Blanc, London, Patrick Moran, Mary Moran, Patrick Moran (Jnr), Margaret Moran, Elizabeth Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Edward Robinson, Togher Rd.

#### Sunday 28th April 2024, 9.00 am Mass

Patrick, Peter & Etta Looby, Clogheen

#### Sunday 28th April 2024, 11.30 am Mass

George Donohar, Cloncarlin (1st Anniversary), Jim (James) Corbally, Mountrice, formerly Dunleer, Co. Louth (1st Anniversary), Sr. Fionnuala Byrne, Mary & Patsy Colfer, Mungret, Co. Limerick, Martin Fennell, Old Grange, Jack Dunne & Deceased members of the Dunne family, Mountrice, Son Patterson, Old Grange, Philomena O'Sullivan, Togher Road, John Cahill, 7 Hopkins Haven & Athy, Peter Behan, Ard Mhuire, Rathangan



#### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 310.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1210.00

#### CHOIR

Saturday 4th May 2024  
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 5th May 2024  
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 12th May 2024

TEAM: B  
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

#### READERS

Saturday 4th May 2024  
6.30pm: Ger Harrison

Sunday 5th May 2024  
9.00am: Tom Fitzgerald  
11.30am: Gary Farrell

#### 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 30/04/2024

TEAM: B

Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

#### MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 4th May 2024  
6.30pm: Fiona Farrell, Patricia Molloy, Pauline Murphy, Ger Harrison

Sunday 5th May 2024  
9.00am: Lily Donoghue, Paddy Clarke, Davina Weldon

11.30am: Carmel McAlindon, Mary Lawlor, James Forde, Fiona Behan

#### Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 23/04/2024

Numbers Drawn

12, 15, 17, 20

Next Weeks Jackpot € 1,200

No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Margaret Downey	M. Heavey
€20 Frank Hannon	A. Kelly
€20 Pat Daffy	R. Callanan
€20 Theresa Miller	A. Kelly
€20 Annette Cleary	G. Harrison

Next draw: 30/04/2024

Thank you for continued support!

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

Draw Results 22/04/2024

Numbers Drawn

6, 11, 17, 25

Next Weeks Jackpot € 7,400

No Winner:

Winners	Promoter
€20 Tina Coyne	Finlays
€20 Kathleen Donegan	P. Donohar
€20 Joe Treacy	G. Harrison
€20 Ann Duffy	G. Harrison
€20 Peter Moore	P. Moore

Next draw: 29/04/2024

Thank you for continued support!

#### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results:

26/04/2024

1st €100: David Maher	c/o David
2nd €50: Ber Foley	c/o Bingo
3rd €25: Keith Quinn	c/o Catherine
4th €25: Seb Mulpeter	c/o online

Seller: David Maher

#### VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on Friday 3rd May 2024.

Please call the office on 045-525346 if you wish him to call.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to babies Maisie Evelyn Brown, Chloe Rose Best and Nicholas Luiz Puchalski, who were baptised by Fr. Liam Merrigan on Saturday 20th April 2024.



#### 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.

#### 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.

#### MONASTEREVIN DAYCARE CENTRE CLG

VACANCY : Daycare Centre Manager, permanent part time position

Monasterevin Daycare Centre are inviting applications to fill the above post. The position entails a 14 hour week over 2 days which will extend to a 20 hour 3 day week when we move to our refurbished premises in the Autumn.

A covering letter with CV should be mailed to [bdeasy47@gmail.com](mailto:bdeasy47@gmail.com).

The closing date for applications is 7 May 2024.

A full Job Description can be had on request from the above email address.

#### KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN PIGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock

Sunday 2nd June 2024

Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of George Donohar Who died on 28th April 2023

May He Rest in Peace.

As we lovingly remember George on his first anniversary, we, his family would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped and supported us with our sad loss.

"Will those who think of George today, a little prayer to Jesus say"

The Sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.

#### 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

#### 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.

#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL HIDDEN - BUT STILL AMONG US

Prisoners are easy to forget. Locked in institutions, they seem to disappear from society's sight. But prisoners still belong to the society that incarcerates them. Most will eventually be released, and the experience they have in prison will greatly affect their ability to adjust to life 'outside' as law-abiding citizens.

The Society of the St. Vincent de Paul have a panel of people that visit inmates in Midlands and Portlaoise Prison.

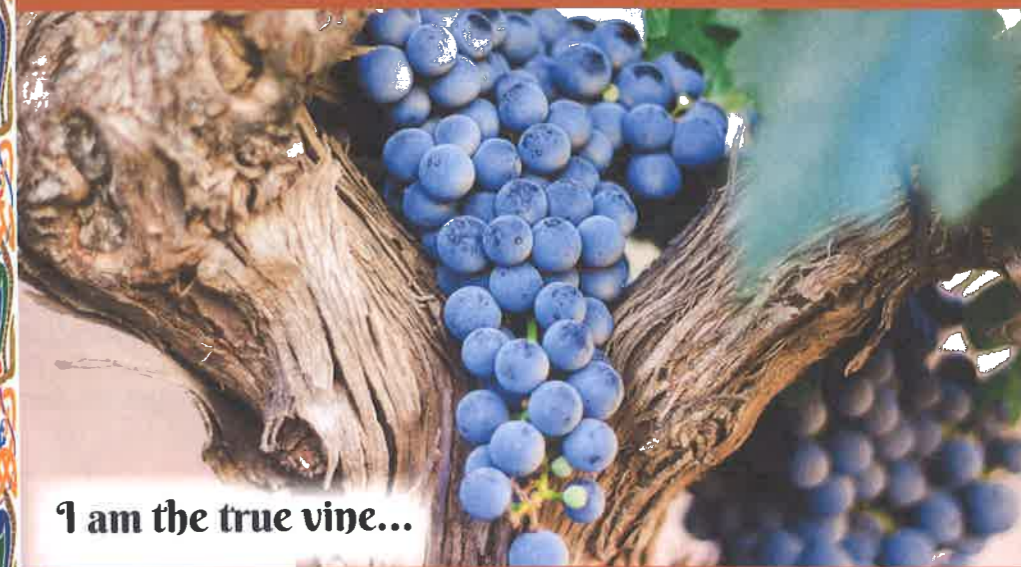
If you wish to be involved, please text 0860462405.



# focus on sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 28th April 2024

Jesus describes his relation to us like the closeness of a branch to a tree. We are brought to life in him, grow in him as people who can love each other, and become in him a people of eternal hope.



**I am the true vine...**



**'Abide in me'**

Thanks to the incredible scientific discoveries of the past century, humanity is beginning to realise just how deeply interconnected everything is in our universe. Every atom of carbon in our muscles, calcium in our bones and iron in our blood was created inside a star before the Earth was born. Despite appearances, we share the essential components for life with our fellow creatures, we are deeply embedded in, part of, this web of life and all of creation shares in this creative Mystery together. St. Paul tells us that if we want to understand God more fully, then we should look at God's creation (Romans 1:20). Pope Francis reiterates this in *Laudato Si'*, 'to contemplate creation is to hear a message, to listen to a silent voice' (LS, §85).

Jesus constantly evokes images from the natural world to teach us something about God. 'He often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things' (LS, §97). The grapevine image, a common biblical symbol of God's relationship with God's people, shows us that there is no separation between the human and the Divine, we belong to each other. 'Abide with me' reminds us to not lose sight of the reality of this intimate connectedness. We are being invited to rediscover God's earthly dynamic all around us, so that the fruits of the vine can express the reality of God's presence in our world. Perhaps this week, you can spend more time in nature. What do you find there? What is God saying to you through creation at this time? Jesus says that his followers are pruned by his Word. What is your experience of allowing God's Word to shape your life, to speak into your experiences, to shape who you are becoming?

*Extract from The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark, Messenger Publications, 2023, Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty.*

**Jesus' Story**

*Fr. Liam Hickey*



Jesus liked flowers, mountains, beautiful clouds and silvery water. Today Jesus is looking at the vine and its branches. The seed goes into dark, cold earth and it will be fed with sunshine and water. Jesus sees us like seeds of God. God Our Father gives us breath and life, and helps us to grow beautifully, like leaves on a tree. Every leaf is different. We learn to use our hands everyday. We hug, play games, do kind actions, help at home. We join our hands to say thanks to God.



**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**  
 O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of 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.

**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**

**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
 Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL John 15: 1-8**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
 'I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away -he withers; - these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

**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.

took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 21:26-28. 30-32**

**R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. or Alleluia!**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
 The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
 They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
 May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
 all families of the nations worship before him.  
 They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R)

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
 They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
 declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
 'These things the Lord has done.' (R)

**SECOND READING 1 John 3:18-24**

**A reading from the first letter of St. John**  
 My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord.**  
**Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!**



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

**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.....

**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, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 9:26-31**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
 When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they