

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

7th 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

### Saturday 6th April 2024, 6.30 pm Mass

Jim and Phil Maloney, Old Grange, Joseph & Bridget Connolly and The Family, Ballybrittas, The Byrne Family, Kilcrow, Athy, Thomas Bomes, Coole, Mrs. Bridget Forde, Old Grange, Owen Cullen, 662 Old Grange, Megan McGann, No. 9 Millstream, Michael Howard (Snr), 1380 St. Evin's Park, Ollie & Billy Leigh, Gurteenoonna

### Sunday 7th April 2024, 9.00 am Mass

Mary (Polly) McLoughlin, Clogheen

### Sunday 7th April 2024, 11.30 am Mass

Mary Barlow, Trowbridge, England & formerly Tralee, Baby Aaron Heavey, Lockaghmore, Kathleen & Arthur Cullen, Oldgrange & Deceased members of the Cullen Family, Oldgrange, Thomas Bomes, Coole, Denis Behan, Cappahard, (Birthday Rem.), John Behan (Birthday Rem.), Jim Mulhall, Ballintogher, Lena & W. J. Gillan, Ballybrittas, Fr. Joe Mulhall P.P., Glasgow, formerly Ballintogher, Sr. Clare Mulhall, St. John of God Convent, Wexford, formerly Ballintogher

### Wednesday 10th April 2024, 10.00 am Mass

Tony Lawlor, Togher Grove (Birthday Rem.), Michael Lawlor, Globe Island, Mary Lawlor, Main Street, Patrick & Catherine Whelan, Athy, Alice Kelly, Athy



### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 215.00  
Baskets Collection: €

### CHOIR

Saturday 13th April 2024  
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 14th April 2024  
11.30am: Alan Reigh

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 14th April 2024

TEAM: B  
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

### READERS

Saturday 13th April 2024  
6.30pm: Sr. Phil

Sunday 14th April 2024  
9.00am: Sr. Angela  
11.30am: Billy Cleary

### 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

09/04/2024

### TEAM: B

Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

### MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 13th April 2024

6.30pm: Dan Clancy, Colette Walsh, Jacqueline Kennedy, Pauline Murphy

Sunday 14th April 2024

9.00am: Sharon Hanly, Paddy Carke, Anne McLoughlin

11.30am: Mary O'Leary, Ann Longergan, Fiona Behan, Rita McDonnell

### Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 02/04/2024

Numbers Drawn

9, 11, 18, 21

Next Weeks Jackpot € 1,200

No Winner:

Winners Promoter

€20 Arthur Lawlor R. McD.

€20 Dominic Stapleton A. Kelly

€20 Dinnie Connolly R. McD.

€20 K. Quinn M. Heavey

€20 Mary Uí Mhurucú A. Mahon

Next draw: 09/04/2024

Thank you for continued support!

### Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 01/04/2024

Numbers Drawn

10, 15, 19, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot € 6,800

No Winner:

Winners Promoter

€20 Margaret Hanlon M. Hanlon

€20 Rita McDonnell R. McD.

€20 A. K. & C. Foster M. Case

€20 The Pender Family P. Pender

€20 John Coughlan J. Coughlan

Next draw: 08/04/2024

Thank you for continued support!

### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results:

29/03/2024

1st €100: D. Harrison c/o Nags

2nd €50: Elaine Timmins c/o Online

3rd €25: Suzanne Molloy c/o Earleys

4th €25: Sadie Maher c/o D. Maher

Seller: Nags Head

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

### 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.

### VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on Friday 12th April 2024.

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

### PRAYER AFTER EASTER SUNDAY

O Lord our God, you have commanded the light to shine out of darkness.

You have brought us again into this time of prayer to illuminate our hearts and minds so that we might be brought closer to you and to each other.

Accept now the gift of our hearts and our desire to walk in your light.

Amen.

### THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter Ceremonies which helped to make our Easter a joyful occasion.

Fr. Liam

### MONASTEREVIN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP MOORE ABBEY CHAPEL

On Sunday, 7th April, the wonderful feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated worldwide. Following the death of Pope, Saint John Paul II, devotion to the Divine Mercy has become the fastest - growing devotion worldwide.

Divine Mercy celebrations will be held in Moore Abbey Chapel, Monasterevin, starting with confessions at 2.00pm and then Mass at 3.00pm.

We welcome everyone who wishes to embrace this feast day of Mercy to join us in Moore Abbey Chapel.

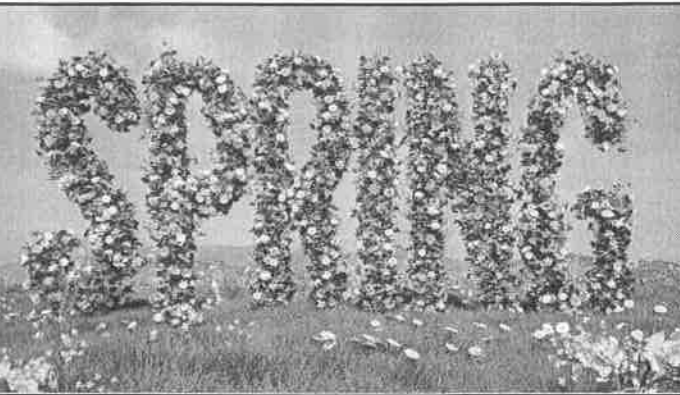
### CEMETARY MASSES 2024

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



### DATES FOR CONFIRMATION 2024



ST. EVIN'S N.S.  
Saturday 13th April 2024  
11.00am

ST. PETER'S N.S.  
Saturday 13th April 2024  
2.00pm

LACKAGH  
Sunday 14th April 2024  
11.30am

### DATES FOR 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

### NOTICE

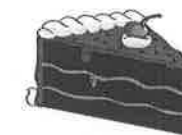
Are you unemployed or looking to upskill, would you like to gain a recognised QQI Level 5 Qualification Business Administration and Digital Media, Healthcare Support, Applied Social Studies or Early Learning and Care. Athy VTOS have places available for our September and January enrolments.

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 after all Masses.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.



### 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

### KILDARE, MONASTEREVIN & RATHANGAN

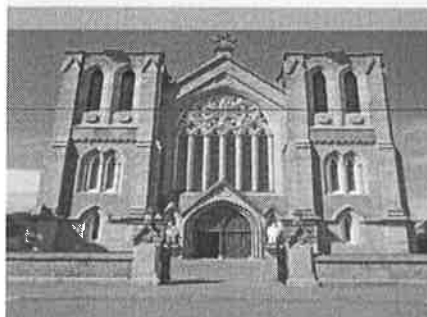
Pilgrimage to Lourdes 27th May - 1st June 2024

€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



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

**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.....

**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**

God of everlasting mercy, who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
 The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24**

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'  
 Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'  
 Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R)

**SECOND READING 1 John 5:1 - 6**

**A reading from the first letter of St. John.**  
 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 20: 19 - 31**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**  
 In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit, For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'  
 Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**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.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending 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.....

**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**

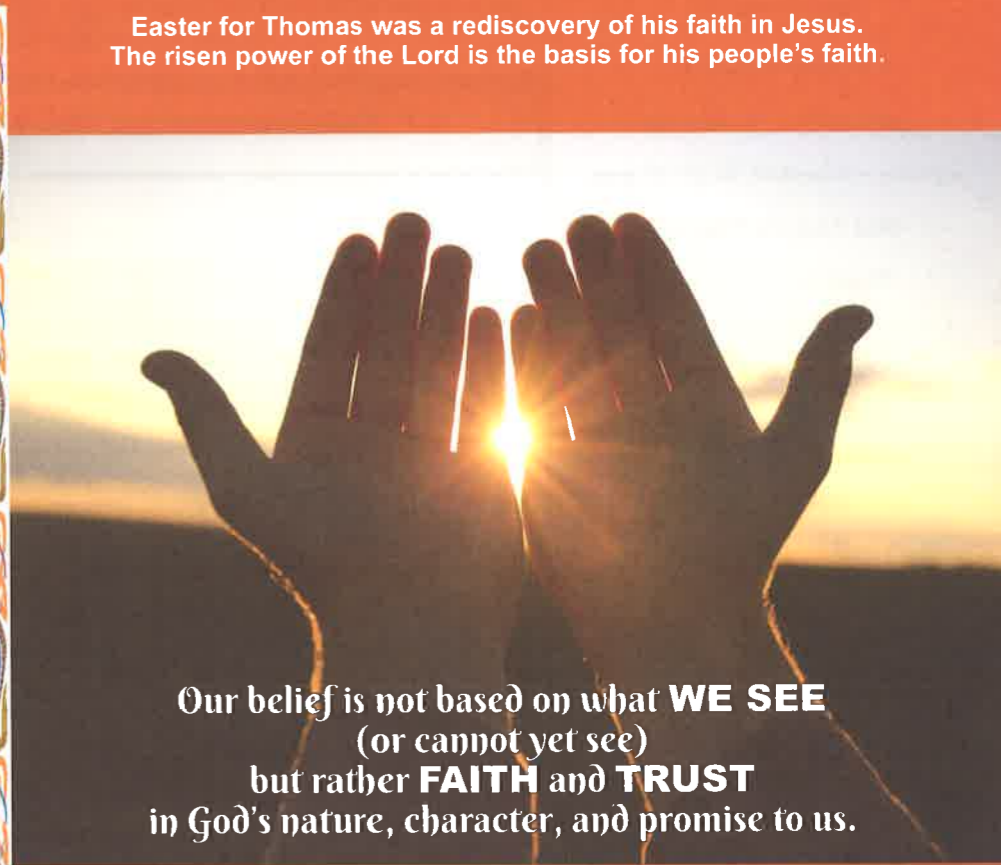
**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. 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, alleluia, alleluia.  
 Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



*"This is my commandment, love one another as I have loved you." (John 15 v 12.)* Few of us will have to give our lives, as Jesus did, for our brothers and sisters, though some do in other parts of the world. But always loving others, excluding no-one, even when it is inconvenient, difficult or awkward, or makes us unpopular, is truly saintly. But there is yet a higher form of love: to forgive someone who has offended us and may not even have asked for our forgiveness. If Jesus asks us to "Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5 v 44) he is only asking us to imitate Jesus, who, while we were still enemies (Romans 5 v 10), reconciled us to God by dying on the cross.

We have traditionally been taught that God will forgive us our sins, after we have expressed our sorrow and asked for forgiveness. But through the death of Jesus, we have been forgiven before we even ask. True sorrow for our sinfulness arises from our experience of the extraordinary love and compassion of God, a love "that surpasses all knowledge" (Ephesians 3 v 18), which leads us to ask ourselves "How could I possibly have offended such a loving God?" On Divine Mercy Sunday we celebrate the good news that we have been loved and forgiven by God. The bad news is that we are called to do the same to others!

*Fr. Peter McVerry*

**Jesus' Story** *Fr. Liam Hickey*

Jesus said to Thomas "Here are my hands. God's hand made the world and we are his special work of art. The Spirit of God in our hands makes a wonderful world, with all kinds of inventions. Our hands give hugs, play music, play games. We hold hands, clap hands, shake hands. We praise God, when we care and share with our hands.

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