

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

23rd 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.

Contact Details:

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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

**Safe Guarding of Children
Diocesan Designated Liaison
Person :**

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Director of Safeguarding & DLP
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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, 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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Christina (Chris) White, late of Old Rose Cottage, Oghill, Kildare Town, and Breda Roche, late of Mooreabbey/Rathangan / Enniscorthy who were interred during the week. R.I.P.

Saturday 22nd March 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Michael Ryan, Lackagh (1st Anniversary), Eamonn Melia (1st Anniversary), Sheila Underwood, Sr. Mary Rose Gleeson, Gary Coogan, Grangeclare, Kilmeague, Elizabeth Donoghue, Hybla, Elizabeth Mahon, Grange, Mooreabbey, Mary Collins, Gurteenooona & deceased members of the Collins & Kenna families, Margaret Collins, Gurteenooona & deceased members of the Collins & Patterson families, Brigid McCormack, Clondown, Christy Murray, Ballyfarsoon.

Sunday 23rd March 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Eamonn Melia (1st Anniversary), James Clinton, Willsgrove, Athy, Christy Murray, Ballyfarsoon, Jack Murray, Cowpasture.

Sunday 23rd March 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Gerard Reddy, Ballykelly, Michael Dowling (Snr), Athy Rd & his parents Pat & Lizzie Dowling, Ballyfarsoon and his deceased brothers and sisters, Vincent Murphy, Moate, Old Grange, Maurice & Brigid Murphy, Old Grange, Michael Murphy, Old Grange, The Flaherty family, Loughrea, Galway, Elizabeth Donoghue, Hybla, P. Foran, Coolnaferagh.

Thursday 27th March, 2025, 10.00am Mass

Esther & Peter Scully, Mullaghroe (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday 28th March, 2025, 10.00am Mass

Jack Mahon, Grange

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 205.00
Baskets Collection: € 1605.00

CHOIR

Saturday 29th March 2025
6.30pm: Gary Farrell

Sunday 30th March 2025
11.30am: Eugene Nolan

LOTTO
25 /03/2025

TEAM: B
Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

READERS

Saturday 29th March 2025
6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

Sunday 30th March 2025
9.00am: Jarleth Killeen
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.



MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 29th March 2025
6.30pm: Rachel Farrell, Pat Ryan, Patricia Molloy, Pauline Murphy

Sunday 30th March 2025
9.00am: Andrew Mahon, Sharon Hanley, Anne McLoughlin

11.30am: Ann Lonergan, Rita McDonnell, Ann Fearon

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 30th March 2025

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

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 18 /03 /2025

Numbers Drawn:

1, 6, 12, 16

Next Weeks Jackpot: €5,200

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Michael McCabe R. Callanan

€20 Fionn Carney G. Harrison

€20 Charlie O' Connor R. Callanan

€20 K. Sheridan M. Heavey

€20 Charlie Whelan G. Harrison

Next draw: 25/3/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 18/03/2025

Numbers Drawn:

13, 15, 25, 28

Next Weeks Jackpot: €4,000

No winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Joe Treacy G. Harrison

€20 Denis Connolly Jnr S. Whyte

€20 Anne Donoghue E. Donoghue

€20 Sabrina Burke A. Halligan

€20 Lorraine O' Donnell G. Harrison

Next draw: 24/03/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 14/03/2025

1st €100: Richie Franey c/o Mick Foley
 2nd €50: Veronica Moran c/o Peter Earley
 3rd €25: Rita McDonnell c/o Earleys
 4th €25: Tom Duffy c/o John Duffy

Seller: Mick Foley

CONCERT

In aid of
Monasterevin & Portarlinton
Parishes in the Church of Ascension,
Rathdaire, Ballybrittas

Featuring; Castlecomer Male Voice
Choir and In Cantorum
Also some local talent
On **Friday 28th March 2025**
Commencing at 8pm.

Admission €15 . All welcome

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.**

**RELICS OF ST. THERESE 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 2025 with **Bishop
Denis Nulty** celebrating 11.30 am Mass
and Veneration
afterwards.

**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 was 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.

PETITIONS FOR NOVENA

Blank Novena Petitions will be
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.

A Lenten Reflection...



Give up complaining; focus on gratitude
Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts
Give up worry; trust divine Providence
Give up discouragement; be full of hope
Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness
Give up hatred; return good for evil
Give up negativism; be positive
Give up pettiness; become mature
Give up jealousy; pray for trust

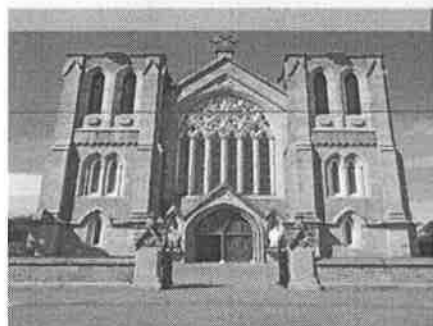
**SCOIL BHRIDE LACKAGH -
ENROLMENTS**

2025/2026: Scoil Bhríde Lackagh have places
available for Junior Infants Sept 2025.
Application forms are available from our web-
site
www.scoilbhridelackagh.ie

BAKE SALE

St. Paul's Parents Council are
holding a Bake Sale on **Saturday
22nd March** after 6.30pm Mass
and **Sunday 23rd March** after
11.30am Mass.

Please support. Cake donations
can be dropped into the Parish
Centre beside the Church before
the masses.



focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 23rd March 2025

The call of God is always to become more like Jesus in how we treat his people. We know our failings: the call to repent in today's gospel is also the promise of God's forgiveness for our failings and sins.



It is an age-old question, 'Why do bad things happen to people?' We hear of two tragedies in the Gospel today; the first is where a number of Galileans were killed by the Romans as they made sacrifices to God in the Temple. Some Jewish leaders at the time viewed the Galileans as second-class Jews and so they are raising more than a question about suffering here. They want to know if the Galileans suffered because they were not really 'Jewish enough'. Jesus responds with a sharp question about a recent tragedy involving those killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. Were these people worse offenders than others in Jerusalem? Is this really how God works in our world?

Jesus then invites the hearer into the parable of the fig tree to focus attention on living a full life, rather than spending time wondering whether others deserve for their lives to be cut short or not. When we hear of tragedies it is often a time to reflect on the big questions, but it is also an invitation to ask ourselves 'how am I doing?' because death can come at any moment. Am I bearing the fruit in my life that I am capable of? The intent is not to beat ourselves over the head with a branch of the fig tree; rather it is to help us live our best lives and make the most of the time that has been given to us. If we are not bearing fruit then we might look more closely at things and see what needs attention: maybe extra pruning or nourishment is needed. The parable concerns the unfruitfulness of the tree but also offers the opportunity for change. Jesus invites us to the fullness of life. Perhaps this Sunday, we might reflect on what areas of our lives need attention. What do we really need in terms of nourishment, rest, company, time in nature? What does fullness of life mean for you?

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." (J.R.R. Tolkien)

An extract from *The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke*, Messenger Publications, 2021 (Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty).

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey

People hurt themselves sometimes, taking wrong food or drink, and forgetting rules of the road. Also we hurt others at times, with our words and actions. God does not want us to hurt. He tells us that even when a tree does not do good in giving fruit, God always gives a second chance, and hundreds of chances to His children.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

GREETING

In the name of the Father
Amen.
The Lord be with you.
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.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus
Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out

of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 102:1-4,6-8,11

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. [R]
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. [R]
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. [R]
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. [R]

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL Luke 13. 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

**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

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour.
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.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands. 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.