



MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

30th 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.

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Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9.00am to 4.30pm

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9.00am to 4.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm- 1.30pm

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Bishops House
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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 **Thomas Joseph (Tommy) Flanagan, Barraderra, Monasterevin, Kildare/ Ballinamore, Leitrim who was interred during the week and Eileen Doody, England who died recently - R. I. P.**

Saturday 29th March 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Liam Dowling, Cowpasture (1st Anniversary & Birthday Rem.), John Redmond (Birthday Rem.), Jim & Philomena Maloney, Old Grange, Michael Mulhall (Snr), Peg Byrne, Nan Weldon, Nancy Mulhall, Kathleen Molyneaux, Patrick Fleming, Naas, Eileen McGlynn (Mother's Day Rem.), May Malone, Quinsboro, Rose Keogh, Nurney, Sheila Melia, Athy Road, Sean Harrison, St. Evins Park, Rose Harrison, Old Grange, Mary Conlan, Togher Road, Jean Murphy (née Hackett), Robert Mullen, St. Evin's Pk, Maura Lawlor, Ballycarroll (Birthday Rem.), Margaret Murray, Ballyfarsoon, Mary Harrison, Kill, Kitty Clancy & Deceased members of the Clancy family, Bridie Morrissey, Birmingham (Birthday Rem.), Eileen Kelly, Mt. Prospect, Rathangan, Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, Christy Lonergan, Togher Grove, Mary Daffy, Maddenstown, Mary King, Ballyfarsoon.

Sunday 30th March 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Mary Cronin (Birthday Rem.), Annie O'Neill, Bridie Morrissey, Birmingham (Birthday Rem.), Eileen Kelly, Mt. Prospect, Rathangan, Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, Christy Lonergan, Togher Grove, Mary Daffy, Maddenstown, Mary King, Ballyfarsoon.

Sunday 30th March 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Annie O' Neill, Annie Eustace, John O' Neill & Sean O' Neill (Birthday Rem.), Michael & Peter Eustace, Aubrey Hope, Lilly Mannion (Birthday Rem.), Matie McCormack, Willie Whelan, Christy Lonergan, Togher Wood, Eileen Kelly, Rathangan, Bridie Morrissey, Waterford, Margaret Morrissey Waterford, James (Jim) Dowling, St. Evins Park & Deceased members of the Dowling family, Eileen McGlynn (Mother's Day Rem.), Helen Byrne, Rathangan (Mother's Day Rem.), Rose Heavey & Maeve Hall, late St. Evin's Park (Mother's Day Rem.), Francis Kelly Jr, Athy, Christopher Kelly, Wexford, Jim Morgan, England formerly Kylbeg Terrace, May Malone, Quinsboro, John Behan & Deceased members of the Behan family, River Row & Ard Mhuire, Christopher Cooper, Brooklawns, Jean Murphy (née Hackett), Mary Donoher, Umeras, Mary Dunne, St. Evin's Pk., Catherine Kavanagh, Harbour View, Ann McCarthy, Station Road, Nancy Brown (née Donoher), Umeras/ Liverpool, James & Julia Blake, Larchill (Birthday Rem.), Jack & Eileen Walsh, Skirteen, Michael & Catherine King, Ballyfarsoon, Bridie Morrissey, Birmingham (Birthday Rem.), Eileen Kelly, Mt. Prospect, Rathangan, Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, Christy Lonergan, Togher Grove, Mary Daffy, Maddenstown, Mary King, Ballyfarsoon, James O'Neill (Birthday Rem.), Angelia Dawson.

Wednesday 2nd April 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Bill King, Ballyfarsoon.

Thursday 3rd April 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Martin Enright (Birthday Rem.)

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €270.00
Baskets Collection: €1840.00

CHOIR

Saturday 5th April 2025
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 6th April 2025
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

LOTTO
01/04/2025

TEAM: C
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne,
Ger Harrison

READERS

Saturday 5th April 2025
6.30pm: Sr Phil

Sunday 6th April 2025
9.00am: Sr Angela
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.



MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 5th April 2025
6.30pm: Hannah Duffy, Fiona Farrell, Jackie Kennedy, Mikey Baker

Sunday 6th April 2025
9.00am: Lily ?Donoghue, Paddy Clarke, Sr Angela, Nuala Flynn

11.30am: Mary O' Leary, Fiona Behan, Mary Lawlor

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 6th April 2025

TEAM: B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 25/03/2025

Numbers Drawn:

1, 16, 19, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot: €5,400

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 K. Moore Garryhinch M. Doyle

€20 Dara & Brianne M. Doyle

€20 Sandra Moore M. Doyle

€20 Annie May White M. Doyle

€20 Michael Manley M. Doyle

Next draw: 01/04/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 24/03/2025

Numbers Drawn:

7, 13, 16, 19

Next Weeks Jackpot: €4,200

No winner

Winners Promoter

€20 D & S. Brett D. Brett

€20 Robert Sharpe G. Harrison

€20 Coleen Brady R. McDonnell

€20 Mervyn & Bridgie c/o Finlays

€20 Mary Moore M. Dowling

Next draw: 31/03/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 21/03/2025

1st €100: Dermot Fennell c/o: Mooney's
2nd €50: Pamela Caughlan c/o: Online
3rd €25: Mary Doyle c/o: Earley's
4th €25: Declan Gill c/o: Online

Seller: Steven & Jenny

EASTER HUNT

TIRLÁN MONASTEREVIN

EASTER SATURDAY 19TH APRIL
2025

2PM—4PM

ALL WELCOME.

MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL CHOIR

Are holding a cake sale after all masses on
Saturday 12th April 2025 and
Sunday 13th April 2025.

Your support would be appreciated.

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." St. Gianna Molla

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.

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.

"God could not be
everywhere, and
therefore he made
mothers."

RUDYARD KIPLING



CEMETERY MASSES 2025

MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2025
@ 7.30 P.M. ST. EVIN'S

TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2025
@ 7.30 P.M. PASSLANDS

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025
@ 7.30 P.M. LACKAGH

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025
@ 7.30 P.M. YEW TREE

EASTER PRIESTS COLLECTION

Can all those who distribute envelopes for the Easter Priests Collection, please call to the Parish Office this coming week Monday 31st March 2025 to collect the envelopes.

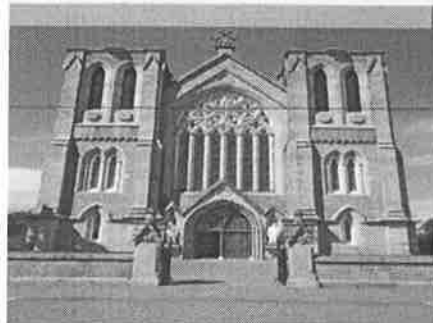
A big thank you to all our collectors for taking time to distribute the envelopes.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on Friday 4th April 2025.

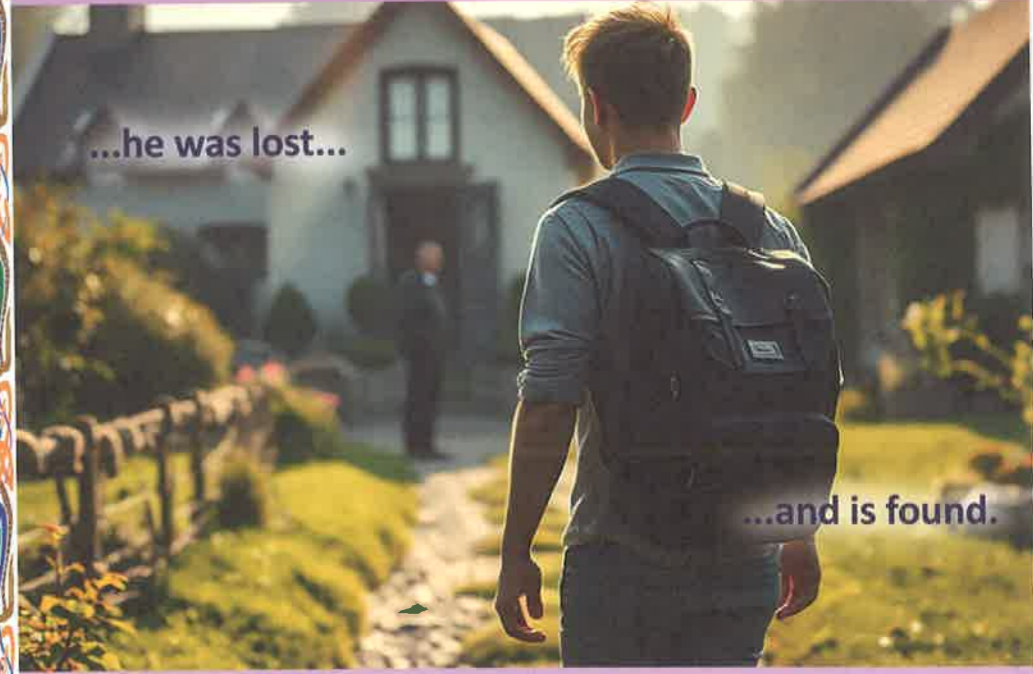
Please call the office on 045-525346 if you wish him to call.



focus on sunday

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday) 30th March 2025

Today's gospel has been called "the best short story in the world's literature." Allow the story of the prodigal son draw you into God's loving forgiveness.



God is unfair, so said the elder brother. And he was right. Our God is unfair, because forgiveness is unfair. It is difficult, perhaps, for us today to appreciate the actions of the younger brother. In Jewish society, the bonds that hold the family together were almost sacred. The law prohibiting work or travel on the Sabbath was intended to ensure the family stayed together that day so that the bonds between them were maintained. So the actions of the younger brother in leaving his father to grow old, while he went off to live the good life, was one of the greatest sins that any Jew could commit. Yet, before he could even ask his father for forgiveness, the father welcomed him back and prepared a home-coming feast. I think we can all identify with the elder brother's protest. Why try to live a good life, and do what is right, if those who do wrong are not going to be held accountable? But the father, who represents God, tells his older son that God is not a God who rewards the just and punishes the sinner, but rather a God who rewards the just and forgives the sinner. The Prodigal Son story challenges us to ask ourselves, "Why do I try to live a good life?" Is it for the reward, a place in Heaven, in which case I am merely a mercenary! Or is it out of faithfulness and love of God, without asking for, or expecting, anything in return? Let us rejoice then that our loving God is unfair.

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey

God's Love Story today was painted by a great artist. The artist shows a young boy, who ran away from home with his father's money, and he lived a wild life in the city. Now the boy is dressed in rags and says to himself ...I'll go back home, maybe my father will accept me. The Father has two big arms waiting to welcome his son home. The Father doesn't notice his rags or tattered shoes, He says "let's have a Party. God is that Father."



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.
Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

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

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has
come to life; he was lost and is found.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. 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.



and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the Father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer

deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

GREETING

In the name of the Father **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Joshua 5: 9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua
The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33: 2-7

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

- I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. [R]
- Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. [R]
- Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called;
the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. [R]

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone,