



MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

6th April 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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Parish Office
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Adrienne M^cCormack
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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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Bishops House
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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
CHARITY TAX NO. CHY 7355

Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 5th April 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Bridget (Bridie) Bailey, Harbour View (1st Anniversary), Louis Duffy, Main Street (Birthday Rem.), Doreen McEvoy, Togher Rd. (Birthday Rem.), William Noel Cleary, Larchill, Megan McGann, 9 Millstream Avenue, Mick Howard, 1380 St. Evin's Park, Annie Eustace, Michael & Peter Eustace, Annie O' Neill & her son John, Aubrey Hope, Sean O' Neill, Mrs. Bridget Forde, Old Grange, Owen Cullen, 662 Old Grange, Sean Harrison, 1249 St. Evin's Park, James & Elizabeth Behan & family, Naas, Des & Muriel Kinsella, Dublin, Rose Davis (Birthday Rem.), Lar Melia, Manchester, Jim Miller (Gunner), Whelan Street, Monasterevin.

Sunday 6th April 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Baby Aaron Heavey, Lackaghmore, Kathleen & Arthur Cullen, Old Grange & all deceased members of the Cullen family, Mary Colfer, Limerick, Elizabeth Healy (née Kelly), Passlands.



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 330.00
Baskets Collection: €1010.00

CHOIR

Saturday 12th April 2025
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 13th April 2025
11.30am: Alan Reigh

Holy Thursday 17th April 2025
7.30pm:

Good Friday 18th April 2025
7.30pm:

LOTTO
08/04/2025

TEAM: A
Pauline Duffy,
Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 12th April 2025
6.30pm: Sr. Phil

Sunday 13th April 2025
9.00am: Sr. Angela
11.30am: Gary Farrell

Holy Thursday 17th April 2025
7.30pm: Sr. Angela

Good Friday 18th April 2025
7.30pm: Tom Carroll.

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 12th April 2025
6.30pm: Pauline Murphy, Colette Walsh, Dan Clancy, Teresa Flood

Sunday 13th April 2025
9.00am: Sr. Angela, Andrew Mahon, Davina Weldon

11.30am: Anne Whelan, Carmel McAlinden, James Forde

Holy Thursday 17th April 2025
7.30pm: Rachel Farrell, Pat Molloy, Dan Clancy

Good Friday 18th April 2025
7.30pm: Ger Harrison, Colette Walsh, Pat Ryan.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 4th May 2025
TEAM: A
Sr. Phil, Katie Walsh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results: 01/04/2025

Numbers Drawn:

4, 12, 17, 21

Next Weeks Jackpot: €5,600

No Winner

Winners

€20 Marie Breen

€20 A & C Walsh

€20 Catriona Miller

€20 Pat & A. Donohoe

€20 Claire Flaherty

Promoter

M. Doyle

R. McDonnell

R. Callanan

M. Heavey

R. Callanan

Next draw: 08/04/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 31/03/2025

Numbers Drawn:

5, 11, 23, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot: €4,400

No winner

Winners

€20 Joe Treacy

€20 Tom Forde

€20 Breda Buckley

€20 Robert Sharpe

€20 Ben Guinan

Promoter

G. Harrison

M. Forde

P. Brereton

G. Harrison

M. Heavey

Next draw: 07/04/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 28/03/2025

1st €100: Aoife Dunne

2nd €50: Suzanne Molloy

3rd €25: Stephen Morrissey

4th €25: Bernice & Niall

c/o: Online

c/o: Earley's

c/o: Stephen

c/o: Stephen

Seller: Online

BR. BRIAN JOHNSON, OSF

Franciscan Brothers

Thanks the parishioners for their
kindness and generosity towards
their mission in Kenya and Uganda.

Your contribution of €1975.00 was
greatly appreciated.

Míle, míle buíochas.

PASSLANDS CEMETERY AGM

Thursday 10th April 7.30 pm
Convent of Mercy
All Welcome.



EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

Penitential Service
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th
April 2025
At all Masses.

Holy Thursday 17th April 2025

Mass 7.30pm
Adoration at Altar of Repose
after 7.30pm Mass in Our Lady's
Chapel until 10.00pm.

Good Friday 18th April 2025

Confessions

11.00am to 12.00 noon

2.00pm to 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross

3.00pm

**Solemn Celebration of the
Lords Passion 7.30pm**
(Drama of The Lords Passion
with a Modern Day Setting)

Holy Saturday 19th April 2025

Confessions

11.00am to 12.00noon

Easter Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Easter Sunday 20th April 2025

The Dawn Mass at 7.00am
(Outdoor Mass in Grounds of
Moore Abbey)

The Parish Church Mass
9.00am & 11.30am

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

This year the focus country is
Guatemala, LIma, Julio and their family
and the impact of Climate Change on
their lives. They can't escape the
increasingly unpredictable weather
which is Destroying their crops and
threatening their family's home and
safety. Their daughter Miriam is due to
start Secondary School and they can't
afford her education. Climate Change
is pushing them further into poverty.

Your generosity can help build a
better future for LIma, Julio and their
family.

Trócaire boxes are available at the
back of the Church.

trócaire
Working for a just world.

MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL CHOIR

Cake sale after all masses on
Saturday 12th April 2025 and
Sunday 13th April 2025.

All support appreciated.

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.

Spare envelopes are available at
the back of the Church. Anyone
wishing to pay by cheque, please
make cheque payable to
Monasterevin Parish.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

EASTER HUNT

TIRLÁN MONASTEREVIN

**EASTER SATURDAY 19TH APRIL
2025**

2PM-4PM

ALL WELCOME.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kevin Oluwafemi
Ajimokun who was baptised by
Fr. Liam Merrigan on Sunday 30th
March 2025.



LOUGH DERG 2025 PILGRIMAGE SEASON

SANCTUARY OF SAINT PATRICK

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese

Jubilee of Hope 2025

One Day Retreat to Lough Derg

Saturday 17th May 2025

Led by Bishop Denis Nulty

To book & for further information
contact:

087 1302587 from Carlow
087 2467594 from Kildare



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation
that is faithless. From the deceitful
and cunning rescue me, for you, O
God are my strength.

GREETING

In the name of the Father..... Amen.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us
to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin
and division:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your
Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us....
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our
God, may we walk eagerly in that same
charity with which, out of love for the
world, your Son handed himself over to
death.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to
think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it
comes to light; can you not see it? Yes,
I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals
and ostriches, because I am putting
water in the wilderness (rivers in the
wild) to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125

**R. What marvels the Lord worked
for us! Indeed we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then
was our mouth filled with laughter, on
our lips there were songs. [R]
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels the Lord worked for them!' What
marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. [R]
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our
bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing
when they reap. [R]
4. They go out, they go out, full of
tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back,
full of song, carrying their sheaves. [R]

SECOND READING Philippians 3:8-14

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to
the Philippians.**

I believe nothing can happen that will out-
weigh the supreme advantage of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have
accepted the loss of everything, and I look
on everything as so much rubbish if only
I can have Christ and be given a place in
him. I am no longer trying for perfection by
my own efforts, the perfection that comes
from the Law, but I want only the perfection
that comes through faith in Christ, and is
from God and based on faith. All I want
is to know Christ and the power of his
resurrection and to share his sufferings by
reproducing the pattern of his death. That
is the way I can hope to take my place in
the resurrection of the dead.

Not that I have become perfect yet: I
have not yet won, but I am still running
trying to capture the prize for which Christ
Jesus captured me. I can assure you my
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have
already won. All I can say is that I forget
the past and I strain ahead for what is still
to come; I am racing for the finish, for the
prize to which God calls us upwards to
receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory! Seek good and not evil so that
you may live, and that the Lord God of
hosts may really be with you. Praise
to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

GOSPEL John 8: 1-11

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

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At
daybreak he appeared in the Temple
again; and as all the people came to him,
he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought
a woman along who had been caught
committing adultery; and making her

stand there; in full view of everybody,
they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman
was caught in the very act of committing
adultery, and Moses has ordered us in
the Law to condemn women like this
to death by stoning. What have you to
say?.' They asked him this as a test,
looking for something to use against him.
But Jesus bent down and started writing
on the ground with his finger. As they
persisted with their question, he looked
up and said, 'If there is one of you who
has not sinned, let him be the first to
throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down
and wrote on the ground again. When
they heard this they went away one
by one, beginning with the eldest, until
Jesus was left alone with the woman,
who remained standing there. He looked
up and said 'Woman where are they?
Has no one condemned you?' 'No one,
sir', she replied. 'Neither do I condemn
you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin
any more.'

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

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in
your servants the teachings of the Christian
faith, graciously purify them by the working of
this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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

**Has no one condemned you, woman?
No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn
you. From now on, sin no more.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always
be counted among the members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have
communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your prompting, they
desire they may receive by your generous
gift. 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.



focus on sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 6th April 2025

The gift of God's love and the following of Jesus is offered to all of us
by God. It is a gift we struggle with, as evil in the world tempts us to live
in Selfishness. Lent, and today's gospel, reminds us of the glory of our
calling to follow in Jesus' ways.



Religions, like all organisations, have laws and rules that they
expect their members to obey. When I was growing up, the
Catholic Church had a multiplicity of laws and rules and our
relationship with God was defined in terms of obedience to those
laws and rules. The God whom I came to believe in was a God whose passion
was the observance of laws. This was also the God that the Jewish religious
leaders preached at the time of Jesus. They (all male) believed that the law of
God required them to stone to death this woman who had committed adultery. No
such law applied to the men! We have a great capacity for fooling ourselves and
can end up identifying what God wants with what we want, blinded by our own
prejudices and self-interests. Believing in a God whose passion is the observance
of laws can make us very judgemental. We already live in a culture which is very
judgemental and religion can make us even more judgemental. Because we
try to observe the laws that we believe God requires us to obey, we can come
to believe that we are better than others, like the story of the Pharisee and the
Publican (Luke 18 v 9-14) and look down on those who do not observe those
laws. But the God that Jesus revealed is a God whose passion is compassion. At
the beginning of Mass, we ask forgiveness for "what we have done and what we
have failed to do." That opens a whole can of worms for most of us!

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey



Jesus meets a lonely woman, who is blamed for not keeping rules. All the
people want Jesus to "give out" to her. But Jesus sees inside her heart of love.
Jesus wants to teach all the people that God Our Father is a God of Love, and
the only sin is when we don't love. He said to her "My daughter go home."