

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

15th March 2026

### 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 1.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm- 1.30pm

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

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Representatives  
Ellen Galvin  
Marie Rogerson

CHARITY TAX NO.  
CHY 7355

### Notices & Anniversaries to be left in the Parish Office by Thursday'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  
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### Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joe Delaney, Ballagh** who was interred during the week  
also **Thomas Ryan, London/Limerick**, brother of Kathleen Murphy, who died recently. R.I.P.

#### Saturday 14th March 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Kitty Kelly, Grangebeg, Kildare, May Ball, Scotland, Sean Mullen, Lughill, John Joseph Mullen (Birthday Rem.), Lughill, James Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan, Sheila Mahoney, Sr. Mary Rose Gleeson, Anne Melia (Dempsey), Quinsboro, Marie Patterson, Ena Sweney, Paddy Miller, Barraderra, Cis Lalor, May Malone, Eileen Walsh, Orla Wilson, Mary & Denis Conlan, Knavinstown, Rose Harrison, Old Grange, Sean Harrison, St. Evins Pk, Eileen McGlynn.

#### Sunday 15th March 2026 9.00 am Mass

Patrick (Paddy) Donoher, Inchacooley, Sarah Harrison, Kill, Beth Damer, Scotland, Joe Whelan, Main St., Mary Cronin, (Birthday Rem.)

#### Sunday 15th March 2026 11.30 am Mass

Sadie (Sarah) Duffy, Main Street (Months Mind), Jean Gardner, Morecambe UK (1st Anniversary), Breda Roche, Moore Abbey formerly Enniscorthy/Woodlands Rathangan, (1st anniversary), Annie O'Neill, Annie Eustace, John O'Neill, Michael Eustace, Peter Eustace, Aubrey Hope, Sean O'Neill, Mary King, Ballyfarsoon, Fr. James Doyle PP, Monasterevin, Sean Mullen, Lughill, John Joseph Mullen ( Birthday Rem.), Lughill, Rose Heavey, Maeve Hall late St. Evin's Pk, Eileen Walsh, St. Evin's Pk, Joe Whelan, Main St., Kathleen Kaye, Urney, Cloneygowan, Mary Donoher, Umeras, Mary Dunne, St. Evins Pk, Catherine Kavanagh, The Harbour, Anne McCarthy, Station Rd., Elizabeth Whelan, Drogheda St., Manie Harrison, St. Evins Pk, Eileen McGlynn, Annie Kelly, Lough House

#### Tuesday 17th March 2026 9.00 am Mass

Maura O'Connell, Patrick Kelly, Ballykelly, (Birthday Rem.), Patrick (Paddy) Donoher, Inchacooley, Jack Murray, Margaret Melia, Peter Murphy, Bro. Maurice, Closelands, Jack Murphy, Doneany, Mary King, Ballyfarsoon, Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, Eileen Kelly Mt. Prospect, Rathangan, Christy Lonergan, Togher Grove

#### Tuesday 17th March 2026 11.30 am Mass

Aubrey Hope, Annie O'Neill her son John O'Neill, Annie, Michael & Peter Eustace, Sean O'Neill, Margaret Cleary, Larch Hill, Joe Whelan, Main St., Jack Murray, Mary King, Ballyfarsoon, Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, Eileen Kelly Mt. Prospect, Rathangan, Christy Lonergan, Togher Grove, Patrick & Mary Murphy, Athy, Rose, Thomas & Tommy McGlynn.

#### Wednesday 18th March, 2026 10.00am Mass

Elizabeth Mahon, Grange, Mooreabbey.

#### Thursday 19th March, 2026 10.00am Mass

Paddy Flynn, Judy Mahon.

#### Friday 20th March 2026 10.00am Mass

Joe Dunne, Kill, Winifred Freeman & Loretto Kelly.

#### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 480.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1420.00

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 22nd March 2026  
TEAM: A  
Sr. Phil, Elaine Kavanagh,  
Jackie Quinn

#### MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

##### Saturday 21st March '26

6.30pm: Pat Ryan, Patricia Molloy,  
Mikey Baker, Cathy Cullen

##### Sunday 22nd March '26

9.00am: Sr Angela, Anne McLoughlin,  
Paddy Clarke, Fiona Farrell  
11.30am: Ann Lonergan, Mary O'Leary,  
Marie Lawless, Fiona Behan

#### LOTTO 17/03/2026

TEAM: A  
Pauline Duffy, Lily  
Donoghue



#### Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 10/03/2026

Numbers Drawn

8, 9, 14, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot €9,800

No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 The 2'ms	R. Callanan
€20 Dave Keily	R. McDonnell
€20 Pat Donogher	R. Callanan
€20 The Girls K/berry	M. Heavey
€20 Sean Ryan	M. Doyle

Next Draw 17/03/2026

Thanks for your continued support

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

Draw Results 09/03/2026

Numbers Drawn 7, 8, 15, 20.

Next Weeks Jackpot €8,200

No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Margaret Donoher	S. Ryan
€20 Aoife Thompson	G. Harrison
€20 Sophie O'Rourke	P. Donoher
€20 P. & E. O'Reilly	R. McDonnell
€20 Marie Heavey	M. Heavey

Next draw: 16/03/2026.

Thanks for your continued support

#### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Results:  
06/03/2026

1st Pat Brook c/o: Senior Players  
2nd Valerie Lynch c/o: Online  
3rd Mathew Keogh c/o: Willoughbys  
4th Thomas Dunne Jr. c/o: Claire D.

Seller: Senior Players

#### KILDARE BEREAVEMENT NETWORK

If you have been bereaved recently, or many years ago, or supporting someone who is grieving, you are invited to attend a Free Information Evening.

Tuesday March 24th,  
7pm -9pm, The Keadeen  
Hotel, Newbridge

Guest Speaker:  
Mary Kenneally  
[www.eventbrite.ie/living](http://www.eventbrite.ie/living)  
with grief for tickets



### Mother's Day Blessing

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

Penitential Service  
Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th  
March 2026  
At all Masses.

Holy Thursday 2nd April 2026  
Mass 7.30pm

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

Good Friday 3rd April 2026  
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

Holy Saturday 4th April 2026  
Confessions

11.00am to 12.00noon

EASTER VIGIL MASS 6.30pm

Easter Sunday 5th April 2026

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

The Parish Church Mass  
9.00am & 11.30am

### Prayer of St. Patrick

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone  
who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone  
who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

### Trócaire Lenten Campaign

The theme of the 2026 Trócaire Lenten campaign centres on the story of multi generational, Female led household in rural Rwanda. At just 28 years old, Uwamahoro is carrying the weight of three generations on her

shoulders. Earning just 60 cent per day working on the land, she is doing the best she can to feed her family and keep the children in school. The next storm could destroy everything Uwamahoro has built. Their house is crumbling, the roof is leaking, they live in darkness with no electricity.

We are asking the people of Ireland to help Uwamahoro rebuild her family's lives

**Trócaire**  
Working for a just world.

#### EASTER PRIESTS COLLECTION

Can all those who distribute envelopes for the Easter Priests Collection, please call to the Parish Office the week commencing **Monday 16th March 2026** to collect the envelopes.

The collection will take place at the Easter Masses on **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April.**

A big thank you to all our Collectors for taking time to distribute the envelopes. Your help is greatly Appreciated.



#### MUIRÍOSA FOUNDATION

JOIN OUR RECRUITMENT OPEN DAY KILDARE SERVICES

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH  
2PM-8PM  
THE KEADEN HOTEL,  
NEWBRIDGE CO. KILDARE

WE'RE HIRING: Support Workers, Social Care Workers, Staff Nurses  
Full-time & Part-time Roles  
Interviews on the day,  
WALK-IN EVENT-BRING YOUR CV!

#### TABLE QUIZ

IN AID OF ST. PAUL'S  
FUNDRAISER TRIP TO  
LOURDES

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH  
@7.30PM

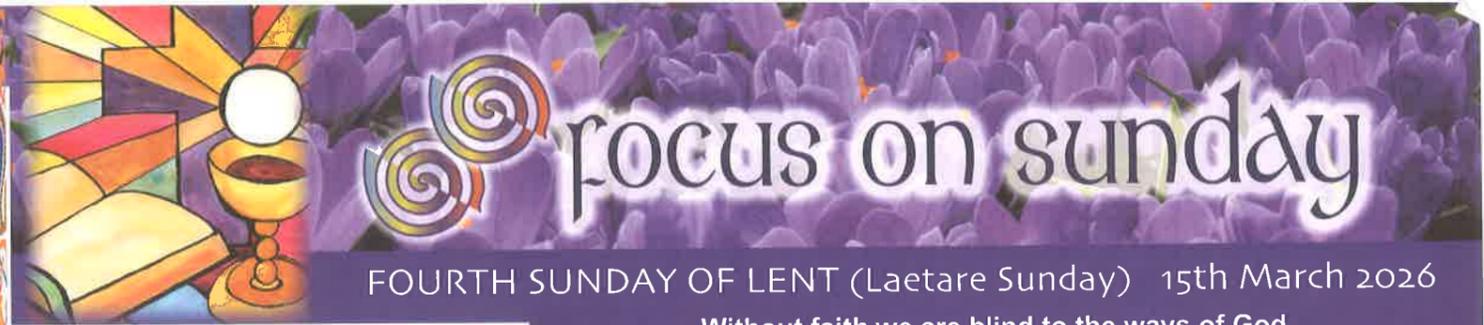
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TABLE OF 4 €40

RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT

SUPPORT WOULD BE  
APPRECIATED





Without faith we are blind to the ways of God.  
With the light of faith we can see the path Jesus laid down for us so that we may follow him and enjoy the glory of the resurrection when our time comes.



The story of the gospel today deals with the two types of sight. A man who was blind from birth was cured and then his spiritual blindness was also cured. He began to see with the eye of faith.

The eye of faith lets us see beyond the externals to the goodness inside. It lets us see past our preconceptions. We can sometimes see further with new sight.

Jesus offers this. Most of his cures point to the spiritual. The eye of faith. When I look at a homeless person, what do I see? Do I see into the soul of the person who wants shelter and a home just like me? At the refugee who wants to be safe just like we want our loved ones to be? Can we see death as the door to new life, as Jesus sees it – dying, we will rise again!

How does God see you? First – immensely loved and loveable; able to love others; able to share his mission of love and compassion in the world. The blind man saw Jesus as the son of God; can we see others as Jesus sees them?

Jesus will say later – blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. We pray for a strong spiritual sight. This is good news. We are happier when our spiritual sight is strong as well. Seeing people and the world with the eyes of Jesus brings joy and freedom. It sees the goodness in everyone, the possibility of a better world, and faith in the living God.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey

People thought that a blind man was a sinner that God did not like. Jesus meets the blind man, touches his eyes, and tells him to wash in the holy well. He sees immediately. All people and all sorts are God's Friends. Jesus said that He is The Light of the world, come to bless us. When we light a candle we ask to see what God is like.

**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.

**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**

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.**

**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, .....  
**Amen.**  
Go in peace. *Thanks be to God.*

blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, He said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to touch us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born! And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

**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.**

- where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. *[R]*
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. *[R]*
  - You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *[R]*
  - Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *[R]*

**SECOND READING Ephesians 5: 8-14**

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

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.**

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

**GOSPEL John 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38**

**(Shorter Form Only)**

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

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been



**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....  
**Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*  
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*  
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

**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**

**1 Samuel 16: 1.6-7.10-13**

**A reading from the first book of Samuel**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him, 'but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22**

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures

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