

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

16th April 2023

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 McCormack Mary Kilbride 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

CHARITY TAX NO. CHY 7355

Mary Moore



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 15th April 2023, 6.30pm Mass

Kitty Kelly (Months Mind), Michael Dowling, Gurteenoona (Months Mind), Betty Hurley, Graiguecullen (1st Anniversary), Mandy Jones, Carlow (1st Anniversary), Michael, Brigid & Mary Dowling, Pat & Lil Storan, Charles McEnerney, Lackagh, Annette Cullen, Hybla, Jim & Philomena Malone, Annie O'Neill (Birthday Rem), Annie, Michael, Peter & Michael (Jnr) Eustace. John O'Neill, Sean O'Neill, Aubrey Hope, Paddy Whelan, St. Evin's Park, Christina Casey, Eileen Buckley, Angela Eustace, St. Evin's Park and all Deceased Members of the Eustace & Brereton Families, Patrick Keegan, Cowpasture, Rosanna Keegan, Cowpasture, Rita, Bobby & Rena Flood & Klaus, all Deceased Members of the O'Callaghan & Flood Families, The Donnelly Sisters, The

Sunday 16th April 2023, 9.00 am Mass

Eileen & Patrick Holligan, Dick, Larry & Bernie Holligan, Pat & Kate Dunne, Lackagh, Laurence & Hannah Feddigan, Killenard, Patrick Keegan, Cowpasture, Jack Fullam, Rathangan.

> Wednesday 19th April 2023, 10.00 am Mass Peter O'Loughlin, Rathangan.

LOTTO

18/04/2023

TEAM C:

Rita McDonnell. Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 555.00

Baskets Collection:

READERS

Sat 22nd April 2023.

6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

Sun 23rd April 2023

9.00pm: Lisa Marie Duffy 11.30pm: Betty Cleary

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 22nd April 2023.

6.30pm - Mary Ryan, Pauline Murphy. Ger Harrison

Sunday 23rd April 2023. 9.00am - Anne McLoughlin, Mary Lawlor, Davina Weldon

1.30am - Ann Lonergan, Fiona Behan, Rita McDonnell

CHOIR

Sat: 22nd April 2023 6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sun: 23rd April 2023 11.30 am: Gospel Choir CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 23rd April 2023 Team A:

Sr. Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Katie Walsh, Jackie Quinn Monasterevin Parish Lotto Draw Results 11/04/2023 Numbers Drawn: 6, 22, 23, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot €1,000 Winner: Betty Whyte c/o R. McD.

Promoter

R. Callanan

A. Kelly

R. Mc D.

Ger H.

€20 Catriona Miller €20 Michael McLoughlin R. Mc D. €20 Gráinne Davey

€20 Kathleen Murphy €20 Denis Harrison

> Next Draw 18/04//2023 Thanks for your continued support

> > Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto Draw Results 10/04/2023 **Numbers Drawn:** 3, 4, 9, 28

Next Weeks Jackpot €10,000 No Winner

Winners Promoter €20 Miriam Kellv A. Kellv €20 Mary Murphy S. Hackett €20 Ella Fitzpatrick B. Fitzgerald

€20 Michael Carroll R. Brennan €20 Margaret Donoher S. Ryan

Next draw: 17/04/2023 Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Weekly Draw Results:

1st: Ann Finn c/o Bingo 2nd: John Fullam c/o Paddy Havens 3rd: Claire Flaherty c/o David Murphy 4th: Mick Holligan c/o Bingo

Seller: Bingo

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Mick Dowling would like to thank all those who sympathised with us on the sad passing of Mick, those who sent mass cards, floral tributes. messages of condolences and those who travelled long distances to be with us. We are very grateful. A special thank you to Fr. Liam, Dr. Boland, nurses, carers, Paul Hyland. Eugene, Pat, Supervalu,

Fitzpatrick's and all our friends and neighbours who provided food and refreshments. We would also like to thank both Monasterevin G.F.C. and Mountrath Golf Club for providing a quard of Honour.

The Holy Sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.

"Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things and the greatest of these is love."

THANK YOU

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

Fr. Liam

ST. BRIGID

Conference: Brigid: Woman of Mystery. Woman of Inspiration

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 10:30am - 4:00pm.

Cost: €25.00 (inclusive of light lunch)

Venue: Solas Bhride Centre, Tully Road Kildare Town R51 Y281

> **Keynote Speakers:** Dr. Niamh Wycherle and Dr. Niamh Brennan.

CEMETERY MASSES 2023

St. Evin's Monday 12th June at 7.30pm

Passlands Tuesday 13th June at 7.30pm

Lackagh Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm

Yewtree

Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm

AUCTION

The 16th annual Charity Auction in aid of the Patients' Comfort Fund will take place in the Athy G.A.A. Centre on Sunday April 23rd at 2.15 pm with viewing from11am.

Your support and presence at the Auction would be greatly appreciated. Further information is available from St. Vincent's Hospital at 059 864300.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

Divine Mercy Sunday is back! Celebrations will be held in Moore Abbey Chapel, Monasterevin on Sunday 16th April 2023. Commencing with confessions at 2pm, Mass at 3pm.

The public are invited and are very welcome to attend. Inquiries to: 086 3797454



The Irish Catholic is on sale at the altar rails.

Price €2.50

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us" -Augustine

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE

7 Night Package 7 Night Package July 5th-12th

Costs 745\PPS

Flight Dublin to Split

Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Hyland C.C.

Booking Contact: Michael Nerney on 086 8157305

A few seats are available.

CAKE SALE

The Gospel Choir are holding a Cake Sale on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th April after all Masses.

> Your support would be greatly appreciated.







COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT **VACANCIES:**

Grounds Person Ellistown GFC, Ref CES-2246748 Cleaner Ellistown GFC Ref CES-2266790 3 Care Assistants Monasterevin Day

Centre Ref CES-2253280. To apply please call into Community **Employment Office in Parish Centre** Drogheda Street or

telephone 045-525143

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) 16th April 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

In the name of the FatherAmen. The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

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..... 2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling

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 2:42 - 47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple everyday but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God

and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps117: 2-4.13-15.22-24

- R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
- 1. 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.'
- but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.
- 3. 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.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you. even though you may for a short time have to bear being plaqued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body.

and life everlasting. Amen

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,



focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) 16th April 2023

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

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.

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.

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.

Easter for Thomas was a rediscovery of his faith in Jesus. The risen power of the Lord is the basis for his people's faith.



Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe





We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often, they bring some sort of growth into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant experience. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and in today's Gospel invites Thomas to get in touch with this reality. The great

mystery of this narrative is that the cross and new life are deeply intertwined. We can be healed, fully transformed, even experience resurrection yet the scars of what has happened remain, almost like a reminder of how far we have come. When we recall times of our own 'wounded-ness' do we also hear Jesus's "peace be with you"? This peace, this Shalom, is more than a wish for a peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving.

In difficult times, becoming aware of Christ's presence amongst us can open our hearts, we keep going in confidence that any suffering we are experiencing is not the end of the story. For the disciples this experience moves them from being closed off to the world, to rejoicing, and this in turn opens up the mission for them to be unending witnesses to God's love, to be for others what Jesus has been for them. The Risen Christ is active in all our lives and in the world around us. May we be open to transformation, to growth and to share this life-giving Spirit with others.

"For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until we began to practice it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead until someone breathes new life into them." - Shane Claiborne

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Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus Risen from the dead is present in a new way through His Spirit. Jesus shows Thomas his wounded hands and side. Jesus says "Thomas, here are my Hands, give me your hands." Jesus has the whole world in His Hands. He asks us to bless others with our hands, in our work, in our hugs and friendship, in our music, art and sport, and prayer to heal others.

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