



# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

30th 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 M<sup>c</sup>Cormack  
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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  
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](mailto: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

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of George Donohoe, Cloncarlin,  
Monasterevin who died recently - R.I.P.

### Saturday 29th April 2023, 6.30pm Mass

Michael Mulhall (Jnr) (Birthday Rem), Michael Mulhall (Snr) & Nancy Mulhall, Joseph Malone,  
Shindella, Son Patterson.

### Sunday 30th April 2023, 9.00am Mass

Son Patterson, Thomas & Anne Lyng, Booterstown, Co. Dublin.

### Sunday 30th April 2023, 11.30am Mass

Liam Ryan, Clondown, Christy Lonergan, Togher Wood, Jack Dunne and Deceased members  
of the Dunne family, Mountrice, Mattie, Nancy McCormack (Birthday Rem), MJ, Jack & Billy  
McCormack, Nurney, Willie Whelan, Tommy, Lilly, Toby, Vincent & Helen Whelan, Drogheda St.,  
Mary Houlihan, Sr. Gerald Hayes, Sr. Carmel Walsh, Maud Hayes, Whelan family, Monasterevin,  
McCormack family, Nurney, Johnny Walsh (Birthday Rem), St. Evin's Park.

### Wednesday 3rd May 2023, 10.00am Mass

Francis Kelly, Rose Bergin, Mooretown, Kildare, Bridget Morgan, Kylebeg Terrace, Michael  
Butler, Kildare, Maire O'Connor, Tullylost, Rathangan, Stephen Molloy, Knavenstown.

### Thursday 4th May 2023, 10.00am Mass

Eddie Melia, 1033 Gurteenooa, Michael (Locky) Ryan, Kill Hill and Deceased members of the  
Ryan & Keegan Families, Jack, Margaret, Vincent & Fr. John Melia, Manchester.

LOTTO  
02/05/2023

TEAM B:

Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection:  
€ 445.00  
Baskets Collection:  
€ 1075.00

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 7th May 2023  
Team B:

Sheelagh Murphy,  
Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 6th May 2023.  
6.30pm - Pat Ryan, Hannah Duffy,  
Mary Doyle

Sunday 7th May 2023.  
9.00am - Teresa Martin, Lily  
Donoghue, Paddy Clarke

11.30am - Ann Fearon, Carmel  
McAlinden, Mary Lawlor

### CHOIR

Sat: 6th May 2023  
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sun: 7th May 2023  
11.30 am: Parish Choir

### READERS

Sat 6th May 2023.  
6.30pm: Deirdre Cotter

Sun 7th May 2023  
9.00am: Adam McAlister  
11.30am: Liz Fitzpatrick

Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results 25/04/2023

Numbers Drawn:

5, 9, 15, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot €1,400

No Winner

Winners	Pomoter
€20 Ger Harrison	C/O Ger.
€20 Marie Miller	C/O R.C.
€20 Bernie Keenan	C/O A.K.
€20 Kathleen Hughes	C/O M.D.
€20 P. McDonnell	C/O R. McD.

Next Draw 02/05/2023

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto  
Draw Results 24/04/2023

Numbers Drawn:

6, 19, 21, 25

Next Weeks Jackpot €10,000

No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 John Kilbride	M. Heavey
€20 Seamie Whyte	S. Whyte
€20 Tadhg & Aidan	M. Casey
€20 Jimmy Kevins	S. Hackett
€20 Sandra Brennan	P. Donohoe

Next draw: 01/05/2023

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MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.  
Weekly Draw Results:  
21/04/2023

1st: Aishling Stapleton	Dominic
2nd: Noeleen Foley	M. Foley
3rd: Jim Shaughnessy	Bingo
4th: Cormac & Ethan Kelly	G. Kelly

Seller: Dominic Stapleton

### NOTICE

San Aer Flight of the Swift is a new  
collaborative community project  
between Blueway Art Studio and  
Monasterevin Tidy Towns and an  
opportunity for the people of  
Monasterevin to get involved in a  
creative response to climate and  
biodiversity crises.

It is a series of FREE workshops  
exploring The UNESCO Earth Charter,  
biodiversity and how we can make small  
changes for ecological integrity. We  
explore themes of flight with all ages,  
encouraging intergenerational  
workshops, including building 14 swift  
nest boxes.

Swifts in Ireland are in decline, we have  
lost 40% of our swifts in the last ten  
years and we need your help as a  
community to change this.

1st workshop is Sunday 7th May,  
spaces are limited, bookings can be  
made through  
<https://bluewayartstudio.ie/san-aer-swift/>  
or by contacting  
Angelina Foster on 086 7329680

### PASSLANDS CEMETERY A.G.M.

The Passlands Cemetery AGM will  
take place on Wednesday May 3rd at  
7.30pm in Mercy Convent.  
All Welcome.

### DARKNESS INTO LIGHT MONASTEREVIN 2023.

Darkness into Light is the most important  
sunrise of the year, raising vital funds for  
Pieta's services & supporting people  
impacted by suicide & self-harm.  
It also brings valuable awareness to the  
issues of suicide, self-harm & mental  
health.

Everyone has the power to spread the  
message of hope, acceptance, & selfcare  
to be a light against the dark.

Join us on Saturday, 6th May 2023  
@4.15am at Monasterevin GFC



### FREE 'PRIME TIME OF LIFE' PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMME FOR ADULTS, 2023

Exercise classes every Monday &  
Thursday from 9.00am -10.00am in  
Portarlinton Community Centre

Exercise classes every Monday &  
Thursday from 10.00am-11.00am in St.  
Mary's Hall, Portlaoise.

Exercise classes every Tuesday  
8.00pm-9.00pm and Thursday  
6.00pm-7.00pm via Zoom

All courses start Thursday 4th May  
2023

### VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick &  
Housebound on Friday 5th May  
2023. Please call the office on 045-  
525346 if you wish him to call.

### 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

The Irish Catholic Newspaper is on  
sale at the altar rails.  
Price €2.50

### The Senior Citizens Committee

The Senior Citizens  
Committee wish to say a big  
Thank You to Sarah O'Neill &  
friends for their donation of  
€740.00, proceeds of The  
John O'Neill Memorial Darts  
Cup Tournament.

### CAKE SALE

The Gospel Choir are holding a  
Cake Sale on Saturday 29th and  
Sunday 30th April after all Masses.  
Lots of homemade treats.  
Your support would be  
greatly appreciated.



### VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Takes place this Sunday 30 April and  
marks the beginning of "The Year of  
Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood"  
with the theme "Take the risk for  
Christ".

### WHAT IS A VOCATION?

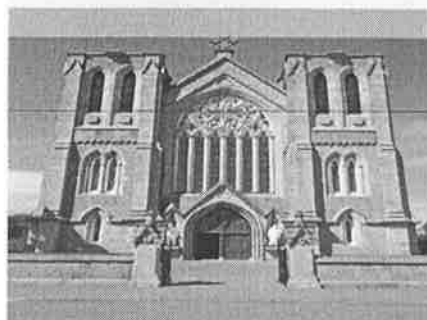
The word vocation comes from the  
Latin word 'vocare' which means to  
call. Through our baptism as Christians  
we are all called to be followers of  
Christ & to live the Christian Values  
that are found in the Gospels in our  
daily lives. Some people choose to live  
their baptismal call in a more radical  
way in the religious life. Every person is  
different, some people may experience  
the above but it may not mean that they  
should become a religious brother, sister  
or priest. It's always good to check this  
out through prayer & conversation with  
others, a good friend or perhaps a  
person you know who is already living  
his kind life or you can contact the  
Vocations Ireland Office or visit our  
website.

### HOW DO I KNOW WHAT MY VOCATION IN LIFE IS?

Looking at a vocation takes time. It can  
be exciting & nerve racking & even at  
times confusing! It's important to get  
guidance, to pray & to try to be open to  
whatever the Lod wants.

To help you with this we offer two  
different types of programmes. Every  
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For more information contact Fr. Liam  
Merrigan on 045 - 525346.





## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

## GREETING

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

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us....

Amen.

## 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

Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone  
before. Who lives and reigns with you....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING Acts 2:14.36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' 'Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.'

He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.'

They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 22:1-6

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

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. [R]

2. 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]

3. 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]

4. 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 1 Peter 2: 20 - 25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd,  
says the Lord; I know my own sheep  
and my own know me. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL John 10: 1 - 10.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate. Anyone who enters through

me will be safe: he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and

destroy. I have come so that they may

have life and have it to the full.'

**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

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. 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.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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

**The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,  
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures

the sheep you have redeemed

by the Precious Blood of your Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## 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,

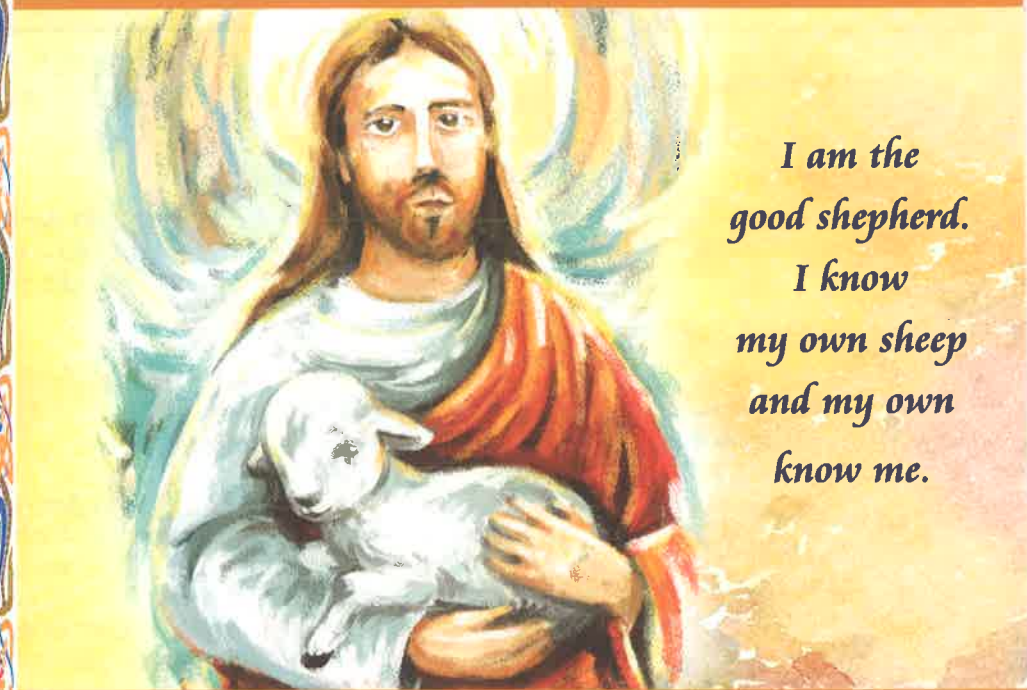
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## focus on sunday

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Day of Prayer for Vocations) 30th April 2023

We are all called into God's service, some as priests and religious. Today we pray for all people who have given their life to serving God and living his Gospel. We pray that many others may follow the Lord in this way.



*I am the  
good shepherd.  
I know  
my own sheep  
and my own  
know me.*



God works from the goodness inside each of us -

The goodness that reaches out to others to help them and to him in prayer.

He plants this goodness from the first moment:

Small beginnings from the bodies of father and mother  
To grow, develop right through until eternity.

Nourish that goodness – by working for good,  
and in mindfulness, meditation, prayer, and community,  
and care and concern the poor near and far,  
by service in the local community.

Your goodness will bring good to the world and to others.  
But first and even more so

Believe in the eternal goodness inside yourself!  
This is the beginning of vocation.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus tells us that God Our Father is like A GOOD SHEPHERD. The Good Shepherd minds his sheep. He knows the name of every sheep. He does not drive the sheep. He leads them to find good food. He coaxes them, does not frighten them, and He cares specially for the hurt one. So God Our Father invites us all the time with His Love. We have special food from Heaven in Holy Communion, and Jesus says "Come to me when you feel weak and lonely. Take and eat I am your Forever Friend".