



# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

17th March 2024

### 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  
Anna Pedrak  
Simona Grajauskaitė

### 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

### Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

#### Saturday 16th March 2024, 6.30 pm Mass

Kitty Kelly, Grangebeg (1st Anniversary), Michael Dowling (Jnr.), Gurteenona (1st Anniversary), Dan O'Connell, Peter Dunne, Kill & deceased members of the Hughes & Dunne Families, Séan Mullen, Lughill, Molly Mary McGuinness, Quinsboro, Joseph & Josephine Harrison, No.3 Kill, Jack Murray, Cowpasture, Lar Melia, Manchester

#### Sunday 17th March 2024, 9.00 am Mass

Patrick Kelly, Ballykelly (Birthday Rem.), Séan Mullen, Lughill, Larry Holligan, St. Evin's Park (Birthday Rem.), Molly Mary McGuinness, Quinsboro, Joe Dunne, Kill

#### Sunday 17th March 2024, 11.30 am Mass

Maura O'Connell, Woodview, (1st Anniversary), Bernard & Joan O'Farrell, Killenure, Margaret Cleary, Larch Hill, Aubrey Hope, Annie O'Neill, John O'Neill, Sean O'Neill, Annie, Michael & Peter Eustace, Patrick & Mary Murphy, Athy, Rose & Thomas McGlynn, Maggie Melia, Jack Murphy, Patrick (Paddy), Donohoe, Inchacoooley,

Jack Murray, Cowpasture, Joe Whelan, Main Street, Fr. Denis O' Sullivan, Johnny Dunne, 7913 Kylebeg Terrace, Maura O'Connell, Fr. James Doyle, Annie & James Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan, Eileen Roche, Sheila Mahony, Sr. Mary Rose Gleeson, Patrick Kelly, Ballykelly (Birthday Rem.), Molly Mary McGuinness, Quinsboro, Paddy, Rose & Christy Harrison, Old Grange, Pat Harrison, Lughill, Séan Harrison, St. Evin's Park, Joe & Eileen Harrison, Bray, Joe & Breda Sharpe, Rathangan Rd., Eddie, Moira & Joe Howard, Numey, Michael Behan, St. Patrick's Park, Rathangan

#### Tuesday 19th March 2024, 10.00 am Mass

Pat & Mary Flynn, Kilberry, Winifred Freeman, Loretto Kelly

#### Thursday 21st March 2024, 10.00 am Mass

Rachel Colgan (Birthday Rem.)



### CHOIR

**Saturday 23rd March 2024**  
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

**Sunday 24th March 2024**  
11.30am: Gospel Choir

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 14th April 2024

TEAM: B  
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

### LOTTO 19/03/2024 TEAM B:

Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 330.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1255.00

### READERS

**Saturday 23rd March 2024**  
6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

**Sunday 24th March 2024**  
9.00am: Lisa - Marie Duffy  
11.30am: Ann Fearon

### 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 PALM SUNDAY

**Saturday 23rd March 2024**

6.30pm: Mary Doyle, Dan Clancy, Jacqueline Kennedy, Collette Walsh

**Sunday 24th March 2024**

9.00am: Davina Weldon, Sharon Hanly, Andrew Mahon  
11.30am: Mary O'Leary, James Forde, Ann Lonergan, Fiona Behan

### NOVENA

**Wednesday 20th March 2024**  
7.30pm: Andrew Mahon, Mary Doyle, Lily Donoghue

**Thursday 21st March 2024**

7.30pm: Dan Clancy, Ann Whelan, Rita McDonnell

**Friday 22nd March 2024**

7.30pm: Cathy Cullen, Pat Ryan, Hannah Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results 12/03/2024  
Numbers Drawn  
9, 11, 12, 24  
Next Weeks Jackpot €7,200  
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Anita Cleary	P. Duffy
€20 Bernie Byrne	Rita C.
€20 Mary Harrison	A. Kelly
€20 Aoife White	A. Kelly
€20 Michael Callanan	R. Callanan

Next Draw: 19/03/2024  
Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto  
Draw Results 11/03/2024  
Numbers Drawn  
6, 12, 15, 16  
Next Weeks Jackpot € 6,200  
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Shannon Moore	J. Moore
€20 Tina Cooke	G. Harrison
€20 Sheena Foy	A. Holligan
€20 Robert & Mary	G. Broughall
€20 Christine Finglas	D. Buckley

Next draw: 18/03/2024  
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.  
Weekly Draw Results:  
08/03/2024

1st €100: Suzanne Molloy Earleys  
2nd €50: Mat Worrell c/o Bingo  
3rd €25: A. Morrissey c/o Steven  
4th €25: John Coughlan c/o Bingo  
Seller: Earleys Shop

### NOTICE

Kildare and Leighlin Diocese is inviting applications for the full time position of **Director of Parish Development.**

A job description and information on how to apply can be found on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie).

Closing date for applications is **25th March 2024.**  
This is a very important appointment for our diocese, and we ask your prayers that our search to fill this position will be successful.

### LENTEN PRAYER

Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.  
Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness.  
Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.



### TIMETABLE EASTER MASS

Saturday, 23rd March 2024  
Vigil Mass 6.30p.m.

Palm Sunday, 24th March 2024  
Mass 9.00a.m. & 11.30a.m.

Tuesday, 26th March 2024  
Penitential Service 7.30p.m.  
(Open Confession - 5 Priests available)

Holy Thursday, 28th March 2024  
Mass 7.30 p.m.  
Adoration at Altar of Repose after 7.30p.m. Mass Our Lady's Chapel Until 10.00p.m.

Good Friday, 29th March 2024  
Confessions  
11.00a.m. to 12.00noon  
2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.

Stations of the Cross  
3.00p.m.

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7.30p.m.

Holy Saturday, 30th March 2024  
Confessions 11.00a.m to 12.00 noon

Easter Vigil Mass 6.30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024  
Mass 9.00a.m. & 11.30a.m.

THE SUNRISE DAWN MASS  
EASTER SUNDAY 31st March '24  
7.00 am  
(In Grounds of MOORE ABBEY)



### NOTICE

Sadie Duffy would like to thank everyone who sent mass cards, get well cards, lit candles and remembered her in their prayers during her recent illness.

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

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to baby: Tomas Gearóid Leonard and Reagan Declan Walsh who were baptised by Fr. Liam Merrigan on **Saturday 9th March 2024.**



**A MONASTEREVIN Parish Evening**  
with Novena Mass  
followed by  
**JAMES KILBANE**  
presentation  
at  
**St. Peter & Paul's Church**  
Drogheda St., Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.  
Friday 22nd March 2024.  
Mass: 7.30 pm, followed by James Kilbane's presentation.  
Details: 087 970 9881. A cash offering will be collected for expenses.

### SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



St. Peter & Paul's Church,  
Monasterevin

This year our Novena is  
confined to 3 nights

Theme: Peace

3 Nights commencing on  
Wednesday, 20th March to  
Friday, 22nd March, 2024  
Time: 7.30pm

**Wednesday, 20th March 2024**  
Guest Speaker: Sr. Helen Cullanane, Mercy Sister, who started a grief Counseling Centre for children in Imerick.

**Thursday, 21st March 2024**  
Guest Speaker: people from Cuin Mhuire. Speaking about addictions.

**Friday, 22nd March 2024**  
Guest Speaker: James Kilbane - well known faith musician.

### KILDARE, MONASTEREVIN & RATHANGAN

Pilgrimage to Lourdes  
27th May - 1st June 2024

€825 pps  
4\* Hotel Eliséo

Accompanied by  
Fr. Liam Merrigan &  
Fr. Bill Kemmy

For Further  
Details & Booking Form  
Contact :

Monasterevin - 045 525 346  
Kildare - 045 521352  
Rathangan - 045 524064



### NOTICE

Sunday 17th March 2024  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
PARADE MONASTEREVIN

From 12.30pm until 3.00pm

Traffic control in place for  
the duration of the parade.

Thanks.

### PETITIONS FOR NOVENA

Blank Novena Petitions are 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.**

### COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME VACANCIES:

Admin Assistant Parish Office

Grounds Person Monasterevin AFC

2 Caretakers Monasterevin Community Centre

Cleaner Ellistown GFC

Care Assistants Monasterevin Day Centre

Environmental Worker Monasterevin Tidy Towns

Please call into CE Office in Parish Centre to register your interest in the above vacancies or telephone 045 525 143

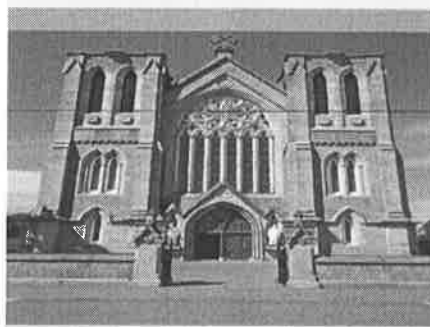
### PARISH OFFICE

We have a Beautiful New Arrangement of various Gifts and Cards in stock for Special Occasions: such as Confirmation, Holy Communion, Birth of a Child, or just for that special person.

Call in and our friendly staff will be delighted to look after you.

### NOTICE

Electrical work: Paddy  
087-2557342



# focus on sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 17th March 2024  
ST. PATRICK, BISHOP, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF IRELAND

**Jesus was destined to die so that we would have life.  
We must die to sin, die to our selfish ways,  
if we are to be alive to Christ and alive for his kingdom.**



We can think maybe that Patrick has been presented very often as rather illiterate, an unintelligent but holy man. Much connected with holy wells. And mixed up with legends. His confessions show us a man who knew well his theology, and the fathers of the church. There was darkness and doubt in his spiritual life like any person

of prayer. He was ejected by fellow bishops for some sin of his youth. His legacy is that he brought Christ to Ireland. And despite all the lovely messages from the President and politicians, his main motive in coming to Ireland was to bring Christ to Ireland. He was trafficked, he was migrant and with him, but we miss the point if we don't see him as bringing Christ to Ireland, the Gospel of Christ. His memory is marked by churches and street names, and townlands, everywhere – only Mary and James of Compostella beat him on churches! He leaves also a legacy with his wellknown prayer:

**Prayer for the Faithful by Saint Patrick**

May the Strength of God guide us.	May Christ be with us!
May the Power of God preserve us.	May Christ be before us!
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.	May Christ be in us,
May the Hand of God protect us.	Christ be over all!
May the Way of God direct us.	May Thy Grace, Lord,
May the Shield of God defend us.	Always be ours,
May the Angels of God guard us.	This day, O Lord, and forevermore.
- Against the snares of the evil one.	Amen.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

## Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus talks about little seeds in the dark earth. The little seeds will be lonely and feel cold but the sunshine will come and warm them. They will grow into sheaves of golden corn and bring food and joy to the world. Jesus said 'that He too would be lonely and in the dark and that God Our Father would be with Him and raise Him up to a wonderful new life. Sometimes, we are in the dark and lonely too. Jesus promises that His Spirit will always be with us.'

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.**

**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**

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.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, through the work of Saint Patrick in Ireland we have come to acknowledge the mystery of the one true God and give thanks for our salvation in Christ; grant by his prayers that we who celebrate this festival may keep alive the fire of faith he kindled.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**  
See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!'  
No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 50:3-4,12-15**

**R. A pure heart create for me, O God.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **(R)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **(R)**

**SECOND READING Hebrews 5: 7-9**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**  
During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

**GOSPEL John 12:20 - 30**

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'  
A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered,

'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

**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**

Lord, accept this pure sacrifice which, through the labours of Saint Patrick, your grateful people make to the glory of your name. We ask you this 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.*  
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**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**

**Many will come from east and west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob at the feast in the kingdom of heaven, says the Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Strengthen us, O Lord, by this sacrament so that we may profess the faith taught by Saint Patrick, and to proclaim it in our way of living. We ask this 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SOLEMN BLESSING**

May God the Father, who called us together to celebrate this feast of Saint Patrick, bless you, protect you and keep you faithful. Amen.  
May Christ the Lord, the High King of Heaven, be near you at all times and shield you from evil. Amen.  
May the Holy Spirit, who is the source of all holiness, make you rich in the love of God's people. Amen.  
And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, X and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain for ever. Amen.  
Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

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