

27th 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:

Fr. Liam Merrigan P.P.

Parish Office

045 525346

Adrienne M^cCormack

Simona Grajauskaite

Fiona O'Hanlon

Claudia Tanase

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 :

Ailish Higgins

Director of Safeguarding & DLP

Bishops House

Old Dublin Road

Carlow

Ph: 085 802 1633

Parish Safeguarding

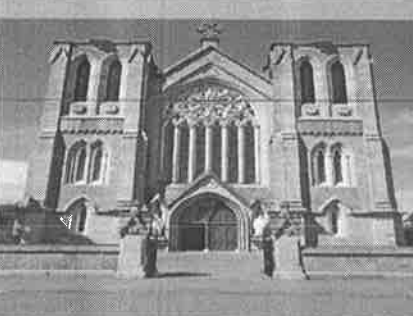
Representatives

Ellen Galvin

Marie Rogerson

CHARITY TAX NO.

CHY 7355



MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

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

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Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Eileen Walsh (née Kenna), St. Evin's Park, Monasterevin, Kildare & Thomas (Tommy) Purcell, Ballyfrunk, Ballycallan, Kilkenny who were interred during the week - R.I.P.

Saturday 26th April 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Chris White, Oghill (Months Mind), Denis & Mary Meredith, Clogheen, Jim Forde, Millstream Avenue, Peter Foster, Ballykelly, Edward Robinson, Rathangan Rd., Tom O'Hara, Fennor, Charles McEnerney, Lackagh, Wesley Garside Ball, Scotland, Patrick Harrison, No.1 Kill, Elizabeth Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Patrick Moran, Mary Moran, Martin McDonald, Christina (Patsy), Oakley.

Sunday 27th April 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Peter, Patrick & Etta Looby, Peter Foster, Ballykelly, Son Patterson.

Sunday 27th April 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Michael & Josephine Finlay, Mick & Philip Finlay, Ann Mackarel (née Finlay), John & Jane O'Connor (née Finlay), Jim (James) Corbally, Mountrice, Jack Dunne & the Dunne family, Mountrice, Peter Foster, Ballykelly, Martin Fennell, Old Grange.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €290.00

Baskets Collection: €

CHOIR

Saturday 3rd May 2025

6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 4th May 2025

11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

LOTTO

29/04/2025

TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy,

Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 3rd May 2025

6.30pm: Serge De La Rey


Sunday 4th May 2025

9.00am: Adam McAllister

11.30am: Liz Fitzpatrick

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 3rd May 2025

6.30pm: Colette Walsh, Hannah Duffy, Pauline Murphy, Cathy Cullen

Sunday 4th May 2025

9.00am: Sr Angela, Anne McLoughlin, Paddy Clarke, Nuala Flynn

11.30am: Ann Lonergan, Mary O' Leary, Marie Lawless

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 4th May 2025

TEAM: A

Sr Phil, Katie Walsh,

Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 22/ 04/2025

Numbers Drawn:

6, 9, 14, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot: €1,000

Winners John Dunne & Mick Dunne

Promoter c/o R. McDonnell

Winners

€20 Aoife Thompson

€20 Noreen Christie

€20 C. & D. Foster

€20 Kathleen Crabbe

€20 Rita McDonald

c/o G. H.

c/o M. D.

c/o M. H.

c/o B. K.

c/o Rita

Next draw: 29/04/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 21/04/2025

Numbers Drawn:

18, 20, 21, 27

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 5,000

No winner

Winners

€20 Stephanie Byrne

€20 Geraldine Mullen

€20 P. McDonnell

€20 Daniel Byrne

€20 Noah Broughall

G. Harrison

G. Harrison

R. McDonnell

J. Byrne

G. Broughall

Next draw: 28/04/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 18/04/2025

1st €100 Claire Flaherty

2nd €50 Ann Hanlon

3rd €25: Bridget Lawlor

4th €25: Hughie Smith

c/o Earley's Shop

c/o Bingo

c/o Bingo

c/o Bingo

Seller: Earley's Shop

ACCORD NEEDS YOU

Accord is currently recruiting volunteers to train as facilitators to support couples preparing for marriage. Successful applicants will receive free professional training. Closing date for receipt of application forms is Friday 30th May.

Contact Aisling on 01-5053112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie

www.accord.ie

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations will be held in Moore Abbey Chapel, Monasterevin, on Sunday, 27th April 2025.

All are invited and very welcome to attend. Celebrations begin with confession at 2.00 pm and Holy Mass at 3.00 pm.

MASS NOTICE

Please note there will be no MASS

29th April - 2nd May 2025

@ 10.00am

Communion service will be instead.

CEMETERY MASSES 2025

MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2025

@ 7.30 P.M. ST. EVIN'S

TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2025

@ 7.30 P.M. PASSLANDS

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025

@ 7.30 P.M. LACKAGH

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025

@ 7.30 P.M. YEW TREE

A Celebration of Bealtaine

Date : 30/04/2025

Time: 7:30 pm -8:30 pm

Place: Solas Bhride Kildare

Cost: € 15

Mark the season, the beginning of summer with a feast at Bealtaine dedicated to the month of May and Mary and giving thanks for the Earth that nourishes us .

ATHY FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTRE

Start a New Journey with Athy Further Education and Training Centre in September 2025!


Have you ever considered a career in Healthcare, Social Studies, or Business Administration? Perhaps you've been thinking about switching courses, changing your job, or even taking a bold step to transform your life. If so, our courses, starting in September 2025, are designed to help you take that next step and open doors to new opportunities.

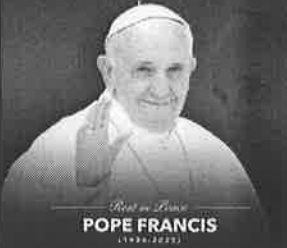
Whether you're passionate about helping others as a healthcare assistant, diving into the world of Business, or exploring the vital field of Social Studies, we've got you covered. Take the first step towards a rewarding career and a new chapter in life. Don't wait—enroll now and make your dreams a reality!

Get in Touch Today!

For more information about our courses and to apply, contact Ruth at 059 86 32044 or email vtosathy@kwetb.ie.


Let's start building your future together today.





Book of Condolences can be signed in Parish Church.

THE SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION



THE SVP ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH ON SATURDAY 3rd & SUNDAY 4th MAY 2025.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

People in your community need help. Become a Volunteer today and help make a difference!

If you would like to Volunteer for a couple of hours a week Please visit www.svp.ie and click: GET INVOLVED

Contact us: Enda Gleeson 01 8198405

Monasterevin 085-1209577

or volunteer@svp.ie

VISITING THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Fr Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on Friday 9th May 2025.

Please call the office on 045-525346 if you wish him to call.

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

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

GREETING

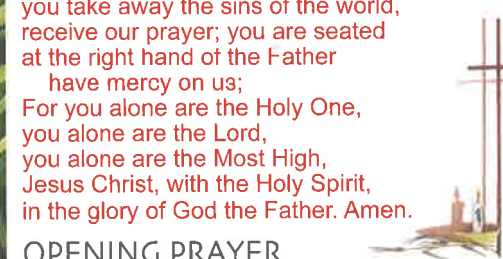
In the name of the Father Amen.
The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

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.....

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 5:12-16*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented

by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 117:2-4.22-27*

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. or Alleluia!

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.' *[R]*
2. 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. *[R]*
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. *[R]*

SECOND READING *Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19.*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

*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.

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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,

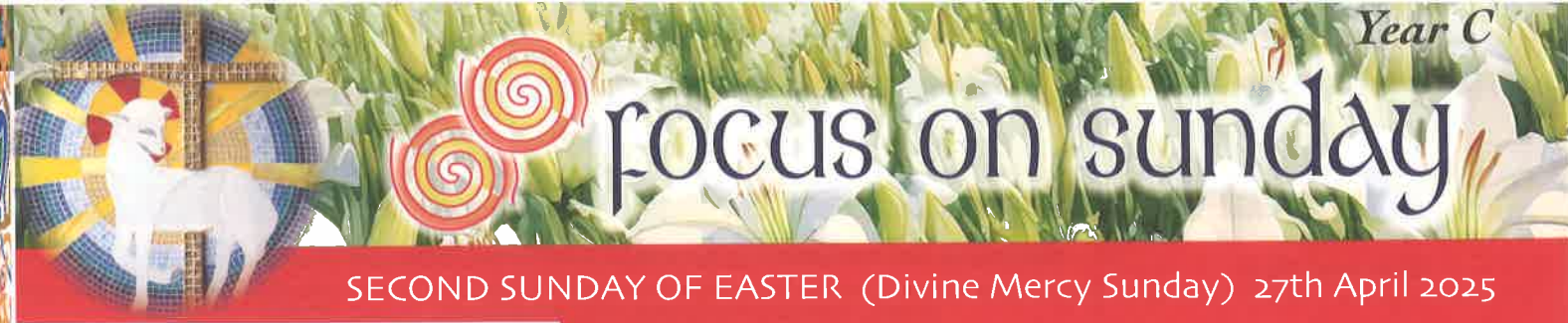
All bow for following three lines:

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,



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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

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.

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.

Jesus knows the sinfulness and doubt of his friends and gives to them after the resurrection his own forgiveness and certainty of his presence.

**Doubt no longer
but believe**



Reading the news can be upsetting these days. It often seems there is nothing but bad news. People are suffering across the world due to unjust economic systems and environmental degradation. Increasing numbers are homeless or living in poverty. Hateful rhetoric is becoming more widespread. We sometimes lose hope and go through shaky patches. We find ourselves asking: where is God in all this?

In today's Gospel we meet Thomas. As a disciples of Jesus, he has been through the mill. His friend has been brutally killed, the terrible suffering still fresh in his mind. The disciples' own lives are in danger, so they are lying low. Traumatized and grieving, he is not ready to hear the comforting words of his friends who say they have seen Jesus. Thomas' momentary 'wobble' earned him the nickname 'Doubting Thomas'. It certainly makes him easy to relate to. When he does finally encounter Jesus, an agonising week later, we can sense his relief when he exclaims "My Lord and my God!" The man labelled 'doubter' gives us one of the great expressions of faith.

We know life can be painful and messy, even unbearable at times. It is hard to hang onto our faith when we are grieving or anxious. Like Thomas, our trust can be shaken; like the disciples huddled in the room, we are afraid of what the future will bring. It can be difficult to accept assurances that God is with us. We might struggle to pray, become closed and isolate ourselves. Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness. In their despair, Jesus came among the disciples, calming their troubled hearts with his words "Peace be with you". In our darkest days, may we encounter the healing presence of the risen Christ.

"Life will always prevail, through all the layers of death in which we try to contain it."
(Margaret Silf)

An extract from The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke, Messenger Publications, 2021 (Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty).

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey

Jesus said to Thomas "Here are my hands. God's hand made the world and we are his special work of art. The Spirit of God in our hands makes a wonderful world, with all kinds of inventions. Our hands give hugs, play music, play games. We hold hands, clap hands, shake hands. We praise God, when we care and share with our hands.