

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

22nd 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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Elaine Timmins

Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9.00am to 4.30pm

Friday:

9.00am to 1.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm- 1.30pm

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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, 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 Nadine Hamilton née McCormack, Starbridge,
West Midlands, UK and formerly Castlebar, Co. Mayo who died recently. R. I. P.

Saturday 21st March 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Jim & Phil Maloney, Old Grange, Beenev & Jackie Byrne, Deceased Members of the Byrne
Family, Maura Walsh, Ann Curran, Rosie Gallagher, Dolores Keogh, Brigid McCormack,
Clondown, Jim & Peter Tuohey, Christy Murray, Ballyfarsoon.

Sunday 22nd March 2026 9.00 am Mass

Joe Dunne, Kill. Fr John Foster, deceased members of the Foster Family,
Edward & Mary McGuinness, Quinsboro.

Sunday 22nd March 2026 11.30 am Mass

Maura Harrison (née McConn), Oldgrange (Months Mind), Christina (Cris) White,
Oghill, (1st Anniversary), Michael Ryan, Lackagh, Eamonn Melia, Gerard
Reddy, Ballykelly, Michael Dowling (Snr.), Athy Road, Marie Patterson &
Elizabeth Donoghue. Fr John Foster, deceased members of the Foster Family,
Edward & Mary McGuinness, Quinsboro.

Friday 27th March 2026 10.00am Mass

Mary Macken (Birthday Rem)

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 365.00
Baskets Collection: € 1900.00

CHOIR

Saturday 28th March '26
6.30pm: Gary Farrell

Sunday 29th March '26
11.30am: Eugene Nolan

LOTTO
24/03/2026
TEAM: B

Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

READERS

Saturday 28th March '26
6.30pm: Rachel Farrell

Sunday 29th March '26
9.00am: Rachel Beattie
11.30am: Eileen O'Riordan

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 28th March '26
6.30pm: Dan Clancy, Pat Ryan,
Pauline Murphy, Ger Harrison

Sunday 29th March '26
9.00am: Sharon Hanley, Andrew
Mahon, Lily Donoghue, Teresa Flood
11.30am: Carmel McAlinden, Mary
O'Leary, Ann Fearon, James Forde

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 19th April 2026
TEAM: B

Sheelagh Murphy, Corina
Kelly, Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 17 /03/2026

Numbers Drawn

7, 17, 19, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot € 10,000
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 John King Ballyfarsoon
€20 Albert Kelly P. Kelly
€20 Caroline Hickey
€20 Pat King
€20 Mary Doyle M. Doyle

Next Draw 24/03/2026
Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results 16/03/2026

Numbers Drawn

12, 13, 18, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot € 1,000
Winner John Joe O'Connell

Winners Promoter
€20 Teresa Fitzgerald B. Fitzgerald
€20 Rose Behan B. Fitzgerald
€20 Margaret Hanlon M. Hanlon
€20 Michael Mahon P. Behan
€20 Amanda Whelan A. Holligan

Next draw: 23 /03/2026.
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Results: 13/03/2026

1st Gilbert Farrell c/o Gary
2nd Spud Keogh c/o Jenny
3rd Christina & Pauline c/o Earleys
4th M & H Worrel c/o Bingo

Seller: Gary Farrell

CHRISM MASS 2026

Please join Bishop Denis
and the Clergy of the
Diocese for this special
gathering of the diocesan
family in Holy Week.

Music will be led by the
Diocesan Choir.
Refreshments afterwards in
Carlow College.

Cathedral of the
Assumption Carlow
Monday 30th March
7.30pm.

At this Mass Bishop Denis
will bless the Oil of the Sick
& the Oil of Catechumens
and consecrate the Oil of
Chrism used for the
Sacraments.

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



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.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION MARCH 25TH



EASTER EGG HUNT

Tirlán Monasterevin are
holding an EGG-citing
Easter Hunt!
Taking place on Saturday
4th April from 2-4pm in our
garden centre

Loads of sweet treats and
surprises in store on the day.
Why not join us with a
special guest appearance of
the Easter Bunny!

Looking forward to seeing
you all there!

ACCORD NEEDS YOU!

ACCORD Catholic Marriage
Care Service CLG is currently
recruiting volunteers to train as
marriage preparation
programme facilitators to
support couples for the
Sacrament of Marriage. The
marriage preparation
programmes are fun and
interactive and very popular with
couples.

Successful applicants will
receive free professional training
during seven in person
Workshops at venues around
the country and will be part of a
team delivering marriage
preparation programmes in your
local area.

Closing date for receipt of
application forms to be included
in Selections for this year is Fri-
day 29th May 2026.
Contact Aisling on 01 5053112
or by email to
marriagepreparation@accord.ie

Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community

Growth in the Holy Spirit
Monthly Retreat Saturday 28th
March 10am to 1.20pm.

St. Peter & Paul's Church
Portlaoise R32k023

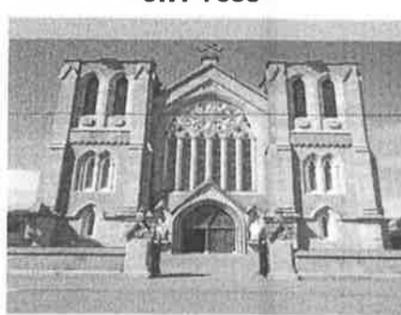
Holy Mass at 10.00 am
Confessions available after
Mass. Retreat continues in
Campa Room Parish Centre
after Mass at 10.45 am.

Adoration, Rosary, Holy Spirit
Novena, Praise & Worship,
Teaching, Prayer Ministry,
Contact Michael Nerney
086 8157305
All Welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome into the Christian
Community, babies
Alfie Joseph Finch, Luca
Daniel Dee, Noah Kelly,
Isabelle Kathleen
Donegan-White

Who were baptised by Fr.
Liam on Saturday 14th
March 2026.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37: 12 -14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 129

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R)

SECOND READING Romans 8: 8 - 11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, who ever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL John 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45 (Shorter Form Only)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Martha remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.'

Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you

are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart,

'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me. But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in 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:

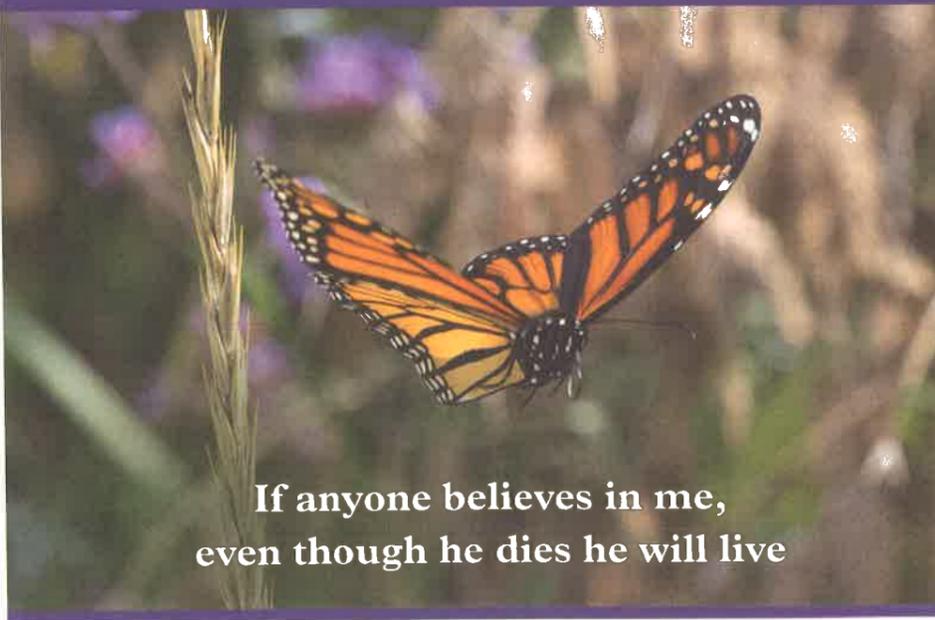
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will 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.



focus on sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 22nd March 2026 Year A

The gospel of Jesus is one of hope. In raising someone from death he promises companionship, hope and eternal presence to all his people. This is the message of Christian hope.



If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live



In today's dramatic narrative we read how Jesus is surrounded by a culture of death. The disciples are afraid to go back to Bethany because Jesus' opponents want to stone him to death, Mary and Martha are distraught over the death of their brother, and Lazarus himself lies bound in the darkness of the tomb.

It appears as if there is no hope as even Jesus weeps, sharing in this grief and distress as he stands before the tomb of Lazarus. If Lazarus represents anything, he represents all of humanity, and the tomb holds all the situations of death in our world: grief, poverty, heartache, war, injustice, despair, brokenness.

In our own lives, feelings of anxiety, resentment and worries can imprison us. But the good news is we do not have to live in despair. The story of Lazarus invites all of us to resurrection in the here and now! Jesus calls us out of the tomb and into the fullness of life, to experience the consolation of God's love and peace today, not somewhere far off in the future.

It is often easier to remain in the tomb, we tell ourselves, "this will do." But Jesus wants more for us and says, "Lazarus, come forth." To the people Jesus demands, "Unbind him, let him go" and then "They took away the stone". In this story of liberation, we are given a new insight into the power of faith and love. During Lent, this is a message for us all to turn away from a culture of death; to help unbind one another and to allow ourselves and others to emerge into the light. To be saved in this sense is to be made well, to restore wholeness and happiness. In the global sense it means acknowledging that "Injustice is not invincible" (Laudato Si' §74). What comes to mind when you think of a culture of death? Where do you see people trying to move the stone? Where do you see people liberated, free to live in the fullness of life?

At the heart of this story is the fact that love can conquer all, even death and despair. We can all share in this risen life, in love and peace, today. Jesus comes so that we may live life to the full (Jn 10:10).

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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

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. 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.**

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