

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

12th April 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:

Fr. Liam Merrigan P.P.

Parish Office
045 525346

Adrienne M^cCormack
Fiona O'Hanlon
Claudia Tanase
Elaine Timmins

Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9.00am to 4.30pm

Friday:

9.00am to 1.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm- 1.30pm

Safe Guarding of Children Diocesan Designated Liaison

Person :

Michele Hughes
Director of Safeguarding & DLP
Bishops House
Old Dublin Road
Carlow

Ph: 086 1710643

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Ellen Galvin
Marie Rogerson

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 Babs Harding, Laurel Grove, Monasterevin/Offaly/ Tipperary who was interred during the week. R. I. P.

Saturday 11th April 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Doreen McEvoy (Birthday Rem.) Togher Rd, Jimmy, Anna & Christy Gorry, Ellistown, Ollie & Billy Leigh, Gurteenoonna, Michael Howard, St. Evin's Pk. Megan McGann, Millstream Avenue, Thomas Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan, Elizabeth Kelly, Passlands, Sean Harrison, St. Evins Park., Patrick & Rosanna Keegan, Cowpasture, Anne & James Wright, Old Grange, Paddy Porter, Cowpasture.

Sunday 12th April 2026 9.00 am Mass

Mary (Polly) McLoughlin, Clogheen,

Sunday 12th April 2026 11.30 am Mass

Masie Fitzpatrick, Annie Dunne,

Tuesday 14th April 2026 10.00 am Mass

Annie O'Neill (Birthday Rem.), John O'Neill, Annie, Michael & Peter Eustace, Aubrey Hope, Sean O'Neill, Pat O'Brien, Nags Head (B-day rem)

Wednesday 15th April 2026 10.00 am Mass

Annette Cullen, Hybla

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 280.00
Baskets Collection: €

CHOIR

Saturday 18th April '26
6.30pm: Family Choir

Sunday 19th April '26
11.30am: Parish Choir

LOTTO
14/04/2026
TEAM: B

Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

READERS

Saturday 18th April '26
6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

Sunday 19th April '26
9.00am: Jarleth Kileen
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

Saturday 18th April '26
6.30pm: Ger Harrison, Colette Walsh, Pat Ryan, Mikey Baker
Sunday 19th April '26
9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Sr Angela, Fiona Farrell, Teresa Flood
11.30am: James Forde, Rita McDonnell, Anne Whelan, Marie Lawless

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 19th April 2026
TEAM: B
Shelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 07/04/2026
Numbers Drawn
7, 17, 23, 24
Next Weeks Jackpot € 10,600
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Ann Duffy G. Harrison
€20 Louise & Caoimhe R. McDonnell
€20 Dan Miller R. Callanan
€20 Jamie Donovan R. Callanan
€20 Adam Cullen P. Duffy
Next Draw 14/04/2026

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results 06/04/2026
Numbers Drawn
2, 3, 6, 21
Next Weeks Jackpot € 1,600
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Brendan McNair P. Whyte
€20 Naoise & Cormac M. Casey
€20 Edel Broughall G. Broughall
€20 Robert & Mary Walsh G. B.
€20 Pauline McGlynn M. Heavey

Next draw: 13/04/2026.
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Results:
03/04/2026

1st Conor Havens c/o: Lottie
2nd Gary Farrell c/o: Gary
3rd Cormac & Ethan c/o: Gary Kelly
4th Bill Holligan c/o: Senior Players

Seller: Lottie O' Keeffe

Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN WOMEN'S SHED PRESENTS

Indoor Thrift Sale
Monasterevin Community
Centre

Saturday 18th April

Doors open 12noon.
Early 11am Entrance €2

Bookings for tables €20

Available at Monasterevin
Community Centre Office

Cash Sales Preferred

Please Support
Monasterevin Women's
Shed

Kildare, Monasterevin & Rathangan Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage

FINAL CALL

8th June – 12th June 2026
4 Nights from Cork Airport
€825 pp Sharing

For further information, please
contact :

Monasterevin Parish Office @
045 525 346

For bookings, please contact Joe
Walsh Tours @ 01 241 0800

CEMETERY MASSES 2026

ST. EVIN'S
MONDAY 15TH JUNE @
7.30PM

PASSLANDS
TUESDAY 16TH JUNE @
7.30PM

LACKAGH
THURSDAY 18TH JUNE @
7.30PM

YEW TREE
MONDAY 22ND JUNE @
7.30PM

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations

Divine Mercy Sunday
celebrations will be held in
Moore Abbey Chapel,
Monasterevin, on Sunday, 27th
April 2026.

All are invited and very
welcome to attend.
Celebrations begin with
confession at 2 pm and Holy
Mass at 3 pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

John Paul Students who are
travelling to Lourdes, would like to
thank everyone for their support at
the raffle held in Supervalu on the
3rd of April 2026. They have now
finished the fundraising for their trip
and would like to thank all who
supported them throughout the year

Winner Arlene Woods and
2nd place Phil Leigh

THANK YOU

A big thank you for your generous
contributions to the Easter
Envelope Collection for the support of the
Priest of the Parish.

Also to all our collectors for taking the
time to distribute the Envelopes in their
local area.

Also a big thank you to all who helped
over the Easter ceremonies and to all who
played a big part in making the Easter
period a most memorable one!

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome into the Christian Community,
Tarryn Corcoran, South Africa and
Yosvani Avila, Cuba who received the
Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and
Eucharist on Easter
Saturday at the Vigil Mass by Fr Liam.



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 Friday 29th
May 2026.

Contact Aisling on 01
5053112 or by email to
[marriageprepara-
tion@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK

Takes place on the
18th – 25th May.
For further
information, please
visit

www.epilepsy.ie

Kildare Older Persons Council Info Morning.

Open to all
Residents in Kildare
over 55.

Date: Tuesday April
14th.
Venue: Rathangan
Community Centre
Time: 10.00am

Light Lunch
provided and
various Guest
Speakers.

For information:
ccashin
@kildarecoco.ie or
on 087/7212966 or
kildareopc22
@gmail.com

Scoil Bhríde Tractor Run

Sunday 19th April

Join us for our tractor run
Beginning and ending at
Scoil Bhríde, Lackagh.
Registration €20 for
qualified drivers at Scoil
Bhríde Lackagh.
Mountrice, Monasterevin,
W34VW50

Family fun including a
junior 'pedal power' course
€2 entry per child. Kids'
wheels welcome e.g.
mini-tractors, bikes, scooters
or go-carts. No
e-scooters or e-bikes.

There will be light
Refreshments, games, kids'
crafts sales and great prizes
to be won in our Annual
school raffle.

Contact Lackagh
Parents Association for
further
information or to
register
089 4438018



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 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.....

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.

- 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]**
- I was thrust, thrust down and falling 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. **[R]**
- 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]**

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 spoiled 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 plagued 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

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, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen



focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) 12th April 2026 Year A

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



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.

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.



Shalom

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. Would it not have made more sense for John to write the wounds out of this story? No, because here we tap into the great mystery of this narrative: we can experience resurrection and still bear the signs of 'wounded-ness'. The cross and new life are deeply intertwined. We can be healed, fully transformed, 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 sharing 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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