

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

5th 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.

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9.00am to 4.30pm

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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
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Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Tony Hyland, Dublin, formerly Ballykelly, Monasterevin and John Sharpe, Quinsboro who were interred this week - R.I.P.**

Saturday 4th April 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Marje Kingston (1st Anniversary), Annette Sheridan Plant, (1st Anniversary) & deceased members of the Sheridan family, Elizabeth Ryan, Cowpasture, Annie Eustace, Michael & Peter Eustace, Annie O'Neill & her son John, Aubrey Hope, Sean O'Neill, Rose Davis (B-day rem), Madeline Lusk, Jim Joe Lusk, Mrs Madeline Lusk, Bill & Mary King, Ballyfarsoon, Ann King, London, Elizabeth Kaye, Skirtean, deceased members of the Kaye Family, Owen Cullen, Old Grange, Jack & Mai O'Connell, Rathangan, Rose Keogh, Nurney, James, Mary, Michael, brother Tom & John Earley, Ned & Essie Dunne, Michael & Anne Hayden, Moatfield, Seamus Hayden, Ballymore Eustace, Hugh & Loy Bolger, Offaly St., Athy, Patrick & Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Inchacooley, Henry Fitzpatrick.

Sunday 5th April 2026 9.00 am Mass

Patrick Cronin, Mary Cronin, Christopher Nolan, James (Shay) Dunne, St. Evin's Pk, Phil Bannon, Nurney Rd, Annie O'Neill, John O'Neill, Stan Cosgrove, Francis Kelly Jnr, Michael Butler, Kildare, Baby Aaron Heavey, Lackagh, Christopher, Kathleen, Oliver & Peter Merlehan, Bernie Holligan, Barraderra, Patrick & Eileen Holligan & sons Dick & Lary, Laurence & Hannah Feddigan, Killenard, Pat & Kate Dunne, Lackagh & deceased members of the McCormack family, Balkinstown, Nurney, Bernard & Joan O'Farrell, Killinure

Sunday 5th April 2026 11.30 am Mass

Joe Delaney (Months Mind), Frances Fleming (1st Anniversary), Clonmoyle formerly St. Joseph's Moore Abbey, Bernard & Joan O'Farrell, Killinure, Bill King, Ballyfarsoon, Elizabeth & Joseph Miller, Barraderra, May & Tom Malone, Quinsboro, Bridie, Joe, & Brendon Reilly, Birmingham, England, Son & Paddy Miller, Barraderra, Pat Malone, Sis, Jim Lalor, Miss Greely, Main St., Diana Adams (née) Hacket, Peter & Angela Broughall, Passlands, John Carroll, Kathleen & Arthur Cullen & Deceased members of the Cullen family, Old Grange, Tony Hyland, Dublin & formerly Ballykelly, Monasterevin, Kathy & Paddy O'Loughlin, Dermot O'Loughlin all living & deceased members of the O'Loughlin family, Edward Hetherington, John & Peg Lalor & Living & deceased members of the Lalor & Delaney families, Jack & Mai O'Connell, Rathangan, Christy Lonergan, Togher Wood & deceased members of the Murphy & Lonergan Families, Eileen Kelly, Rathangan, Bridie Morrissey (B'day Rem), Elizabeth (Liz) Donohoe, Inchacooley, James Blake, Larchill, Brendan Connolly, Lughill, Ollie & Billy Leigh, Gurteenooona

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 380.00
Baskets Collection: € 1285.00

CHOIR

Saturday 11th April '26
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 12th April '26
11.30am: Alan Reigh

LOTTO 7/04/2026 TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 11th April '26
6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

Sunday 12th 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 11th April '26
6.30pm: Pat Molloy, Cathy Cullen, Dan Clancy, Mary Ryan

Sunday 12th April '26
9.00am: Sharon Hanley, Andrew Mahon, Lily Donoghue, Anne McLoughlin
11.30am: Mary O'Leary, Carmel McAlinden, Fiona Behan, Ann Fearon

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 31/03/2026
Numbers Drawn
10, 15, 16, 24
Next Weeks Jackpot € 10,400
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Ger Higgins	P Kelly
€20 Kitty Whelan	Skirtean
€20 Cathal Fallon	M. Doyle
€20 Kevin Mahon	A Mahon
€20 Pearl & Ruby	M Doyle

Next Draw 07/04/2026
Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto
Draw Results 30/03/2026
Numbers Drawn
5, 6, 7, 11
Next Weeks Jackpot € 1,400
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Emma Phelan	c/o: G. Harrison
€20 Claire Forde	c/o: M. Forde
€20 Paddy Forde	c/o: M. Forde
€20 R & G Stafford	c/o: R. Stafford
€20 Pauline O'Connell	c/o: R. McD.

Next draw: 06 /04/2026.
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Results:
27/04/2026

1st Niall Morrissey	c/o: Stephen
2nd Maeve Holligan	c/o: Bingo
3rd Gilbert Farrell	c/o: Gary
4th David Keenan	c/o: Online

Seller: Stephen Morrissey

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations will be held in Moore Abbey Chapel, Monasterevin, on Sunday, 12th April 2026. All are invited and very welcome to attend. Celebrations begin with confession at 2 pm and Holy Mass at 3 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome into the Christian Community, Kai Cronnelly, Daniel Lawler & Alex Boughton who were baptised by Fr Liam on Sunday 29th March 2026.



EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

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



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

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 @ 01 241 0800



AN EASTER PRAYER

Lord God,
As we focus on the beauty of the Easter Season, we give you honor and praise. You are almighty God, and you loved us so much that you sent your son to die for our redemption, forgiveness and salvation. We praise you for your unending love for us!

Amen



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Gemma, Jamie, Evan & Anne Delaney would like to thank sincerely all those who supported, helped and sympathised with them on the sad passing of Joe.

A special word of thanks to Fr Liam, Bishop Denis, Deacon Declan for their support and all who contributed some way in Joe's funeral Mass.

A big thank you to our neighbours, friends and family, Gardai and Fire Fighters who helped in so many ways before, during the wake and after the funeral.

The floral wreaths, condolences, mass cards, and phonecalls from far and near were truly comforting during this sad & difficult time.

Ballykelly GAA played a huge part in organising parking, Guard of Honour. For that we are truly grateful. St Paul's & SETU who were also very supportive.

To John Maher, Undertaker for his dignity and professionalism throughout.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Will be offered for your Intentions.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.



GREETING

The Lord be with you.
 And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
 Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
 You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
 Christ have mercy. *Christ have mercy.*
 You bring light to those in darkness:
 Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
 May almighty God have mercy on us,
 forgive us our sins,
 and bring us to everlasting life. *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

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the

whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps.117:1-2.16-17.22-23

R. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

1. 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.' *(R)*
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. *(R)*
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
 This is the work of the Lord,
 a marvel in our eyes. *(R)*

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians
 Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:
 P. Do you renounce Satan? *C. I do.*
 P. And all his works? *C. I do.*
 P. And all his empty show? *C. I do.*
 P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? *C. I do.*
 P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? *C. I do.*
 P. Do you 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? *C. I do.*
 P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. *Amen.*
The priest may sprinkle the people with the blessed water, while all sing:

Antiphon
I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side, alleluia; and all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.



focus on sunday

A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light.
 A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad.
 A day which promises the victory of God's love over sin and death.



He is Risen

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

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
 Save us, Saviour of the world,
 for by your Cross and Resurrection
 you have set us free.

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

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unflinching love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. 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.



After the death of Jesus, the Apostles hid away in an upper room and locked the door out of fear that the Jewish authorities might be looking for them to arrest and execute them also. Then something happened, following which these simple, mostly uneducated men, went boldly out on to the street and publicly proclaimed that they were followers of this man who had been crucified. They got arrested, imprisoned, whipped but that did not stop them. Some of them were eventually executed, praising and thanking God for allowing them to follow Jesus even to death. What happened to transform them from frightened men, who fled when Jesus was arrested, (Peter even denied that he ever knew him) into fearless preachers, publicly affirming that they had given their allegiance to Jesus? That we call the Resurrection, their conviction that Jesus was still present amongst them, that he had given them a mission and would not abandon them. That too, is the basis of our faith, that Jesus is with us as we pursue the mission that he gives to his disciples in every age, and in every place. Believing in the Resurrection is meaningless if we do not believe in the mission that the living Jesus has entrusted us with, the mission of proclaiming that the Kingdom of God, that Kingdom where compassion and care and radical love for each other are the values by which we live. A community that lives by those values is a community where God resides. "I was hungry and you gave me to eat...welcome into the Kingdom." The risen Jesus is revealed to us today in those in need.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ