

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER **BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.**

1st February 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
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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

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**
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Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine O' Rourke (née Hogan), Creevelea,
 Drogheda Street, who was interred during the week R.I.P.

Saturday 31st January 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Sr Celienne, Moore Abbey, (Months Mind), Rose Melia, Gurteenona, Mary Maher, Newbridge,
 Tommy Delaney, Ballagh, Brida Sharpe (Birthday Rem.), Joe Sharpe, Cowpasture,
 Margaret Patterson, Bridie Mahon & Jack Mahon, Mary Donohoe, Umeras, Sr. Marian Rankins,
 Convent of Mercy, Seamus O' Brien, Nags Head., Sisters Juliana & Monica, Knockbeg, Carlow,
 Sister Clare Crocetto, Belfast, Paddy & Geraldine Harrison, Larchill, William & Margaret Doyle,
 Lughill, Ned & Mary Molloy, Nurney, Lyn Doyle, Kildangan, Joe Walsh, Ballykelly

Sunday 1st February 2026 (St. Brigid's Day) 9.00 am Mass

Fr. Denis O' Sullivan, Michael Kelly (Snr) formerly England and Passlands , Dick Somers,
 Monasterevin, Margaret Patterson, Roseann Kelly, Kilberry, Bridie Mahon & Jack Mahon, Anita
 Nelligan (Birthday Remembrance), Bernardo Leonardo.

Sunday 1st February 2026 (St. Brigid's Day) 11.30 am Mass

Mrs. Annie Whelan, St. Evins Park (Months Mind), Liam McGlynn, St. Evin's Park, Mick Murphy,
 Doncaster, Esther Ball, Athy, Maureen Robinson, Athy, Bridie Mahon, Grange, Seamus O' Brien,
 Nags Head, Sr Marian , Fr Welsh, Christopher (Christy) Walsh, Lackagh, Bernardo Leonardo.

Friday 6th February, 2026 10.00am Mass

Johannes Muller

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 410.00
 Baskets Collection: € 1530.00

CHOIR

Saturday 7th February 2026
 6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 8th February 2026
 11.30am: Alan Reigh

LOTTO
 10/02/2026

TEAM: B
 Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle.

READERS

Saturday 7th February 2026
 6.30pm: Deirde Cotter

Sunday 8th February 2026
 9.00am: Lisa-Marie Duffy
 11.30am: James Forde

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 7th February 2026
 6.30pm: Pat Ryan, Pauline Murphy,
 Jackie Kennedy, Colette Walsh
Sunday 8th February 2026
 9.00am: Anne McLoughlin, Davina
 Weldon, Fiona Farrell, Andrew
 Mahon
 11.30am: Ann Fearon, Fiona Behan,
 Mary O' Leary, Anne Whelan.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 8th February 2026

TEAM: B
 Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly,
 Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
 Draw Results 27/01/2026

Numbers Drawn

11, 17, 22, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot € 8,600

No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Declan Brereton	R. McDonell
€20 Mary & Justin	M. Heavey
€20 Mary Dowling	R. McDonell
€20 John McConnell	G. Harrison
€20 Ann Lonergan	M. Doyle

Next Draw 03/02/2026

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto
 Draw Results 26/01/2026

Numbers Drawn

5, 6, 24, 26

Next Weeks Jackpot € 7,000

No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Richie Holligan	A. Holligan
€20 Joe Muldowney	G. Harrison
€20 Pauline Donohoe	P. Donohoe
€20 James Pender & Geraldine Murray	P. Pender
€20 Phil Donohoe	M. Heavey

Next draw: 02/02/2026.

Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
 Results:

23/01/2026

1st Louise McDonnell	c/o Earley's
2nd Ann's Grandchildren	c/o Bingo
3rd Claire Dunne	c/o Online
4th Billy Ransome	c/o Deirdre

Seller: Earley's

NOTICE

Monasterevin Daycare
 Centre AGM on **Monday**
the 9th of February
@ 6.30 pm in the supper
 room in Monasterevin
 Community Centre.

All welcome

CAMINO WALK PARKING

PLEASE USE ST.
 PAUL'S OLD SCHOOL
 FOR CAR PARKING
 FOR CAMINO WALK ON
MONDAY 2ND
FEBRUARY.

CAMINO WALK IN HONOUR OF ST. BRIGID

To commemorate Brigid,
 Monasterevin Parish have
 organised a Camino Walk in
 her honour. Starting at St. Brig-
 id's Shrine at Monasterevin -
 Rathangan Road (R414),
 Eircode: W34 X529, @ 11am
on Monday 2nd February
 (walk is approx. 6km).

The walk will be led by Bishop
 Denis Nulty & will journey via
 Umeras then along the New
 Canal Blue Way, finishing in
 St. Peter & Pauls Church, Mon-
 asterevin with a service of light
 at 12.30pm.



VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick
 and Housebound on
6th February 2026.

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



COMMUNITY EVENT

Lace up your runners as
 couch to 5k is on every
Monday & Wednesday at
7.00 pm for 30 minutes from
SUPERVALU.

Suitable for people on all
 Levels of fitness, everybody
 welcome!

No cover charge! It's a
 community event brought by
 local volunteers from Run
 Monasterevin.

Program is designed for non
 runners.

This runs for 7-8 weeks.



FEAST DAYS

St. Brigid's Day
SUNDAY, 1st February
 St. Brigid's crosses will be
 blessed at **ALL MASSES**



Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas Day)

MONDAY, 2nd February

Please bring candles if you wish to
 have them blessed for your home.
 If you wish to donate candles for church use
 please leave them on the altar rails before mass.



Feast of St. Blaise
TUESDAY, 3rd February
 Blessing of the throats will
 take place at **10.00AM** mass
 (IN THE BIG CHURCH)



PRAYER TO SAINT BRIGID

You were a woman of peace.
 You brought harmony where there was conflict.
 You brought light to the darkness.
 You brought hope to the downcast.
 May the mantle of your peace
 cover those who are troubled and anxious,
 and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in Our
 world.
 Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
 Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
 Strengthen what is weak within us.
 Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
 May we grow each day into greater
 wholeness in mind, body and spirit.
 Amen

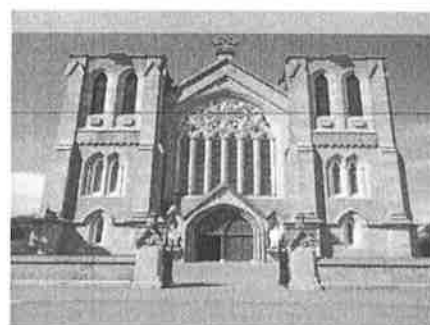
Wishing you all blessings for
 Saint Brigid's Day.

FUNDRAISER FOR LOURDES TRIP— JOHN PAUL 2 STUDENTS

****BAKE SALE**** at all Masses

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th
of February 2026

Please Support.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Did I not feel for those whose day was hard?
Was not my soul grieved for the poor?**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us....

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

Merciful God, origin and reward of all charity, you called Saint Brigid to teach the new commandment of love through her life of hospitality and her care of the needy; give to your people, by her intercession, a generous spirit, so that, with hearts made pure, we may show your love to all.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies;

and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 145:7 - 10

**R. How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven or Alleluia!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26 - 31

A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 5: 1 - 12**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined

by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst

for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the

cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

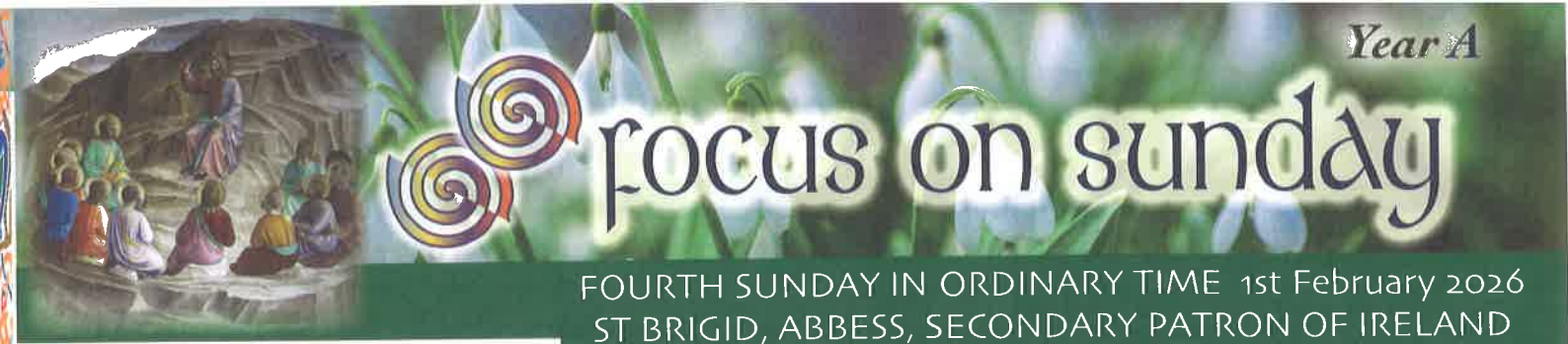
APOSTLES' CREED

**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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st February 2026
ST BRIGID, ABBESS, SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND

The gospel today is the charter of a Christian (The Beatitudes):
Jesus' sermon on the mount. It is an invitation to live like him, and a challenge to serve him in our neighbour.



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

As we present these gifts, O Lord, on the feast of Saint Brigid, may we come to know you as the source of all true love.

Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord.

I was sick and you visited me.

In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these, you did it to me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

You give us food from heaven, Lord,

to strengthen us in love; grant, we pray, through the intercession of Saint Brigid, that works of charity continue to flourish and the light of true faith not fail.

Through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING

May God, who in Saint Brigid has provided an outstanding example of generosity: make your ears be ever open to the cry of the poor.

Amen.

May you who greet Saint Brigid as Mary of the Gael receive from Jesus, Son of Mary, the reward promised to the pure of heart.

Amen.

May God fill you with his love, as you honour Saint Brigid, whose heart and mind became a throne of rest for the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain for ever.

Amen.

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.



An alternate wisdom. Today we read and hear from the opening verses of Matthew's most famous passage, *The Sermon on the Mount*. The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' teachings and are far from a tick box exercise in order to receive God's love, on the contrary, they speak a language of grace. They do not condemn,

rather they give us a glimpse of a life that is lived out of the call to love God and neighbour, spoken in a way that motivates rather than criticises. While the first part of each beatitude speaks about the present and is rooted in human experience, the second part invites us to contemplate what is to come. The Beatitudes are not idealising some future utopia either but are lived and experienced in the here and now. It sounds like a paradox or a riddle but here we are lovingly invited to grow into what the beatitudes praise. This is what a real metanoia (a turning around) looks like. As the Sermon on the Mount unfolds, we are invited into whole relationships, with God, with our loved ones, even with our enemies! The Beatitudes are a predisposition for what follows, like a compass, they orient us towards restoration. And the first Beatitude sets the scene for everything that follows: *"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"*.

This Beatitude, ironically, praises spiritual poverty or emptiness and invites us to gently examine our inner attitude and attachments. For when we are free, we are open to receive God's grace in our hearts. The reward is not necessarily referring to the afterlife. The kingdom of heaven is a state of being that can be experienced in the here and now. The Beatitudes promise comfort, greater awareness and intimacy with God. Through the Beatitudes, Jesus blesses those that this world crushes: the meek, the peacemakers, those who are persecuted. They turn the world upside down with their dramatic reversals and are the essence of the in-breaking kingdom of heaven. This week perhaps you can spend time ruminating on one of the Beatitudes each day. See what arises. Living the Beatitudes in today's world involves living an alternative reality to the status quo. We are invited to dream and to take risks. What might this look like for you?

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty. Adapted from *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2022.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells the people of new ways to be happy. Because God is Love, we are called to love God with our mind and heart. Our mind helps us to know about things, our heart helps to love and to give. It is not enough to see people who are hungry, who are lonely, who are different, who are at war. We have to try to help. We help with our heart, by talking, and listening. Peacemaking is trying to put oneself in the other person's shoes, to feel how they feel.