

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

14th December 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:

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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 :

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Bishops House
Old Dublin Road
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Representatives**
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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

Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 13th December 2025 6.30pm Mass

Michael Kelly, Passlands, Michael Kelly, St. Evin's Park, Margaret (Mag) Dunne, & Deceased members of Dunne & Hughes families, William Donoghue, Hybla, Fintan Walsh, Nurney Rd, Deceased Members of the Walsh & Dunne Families, Phil Bannon, Nurney Rd, Charley Dowling, Old Grange, John Dowling, Old Grange & Manchester, Molly Rowan, Athy Road, Betty Malone, Shindella.

Sunday 14th December 2025 9.00 am Mass

May, Patty, Kevin Dowling, Fintan Walsh, Nurney Rd., Phil Bannon, Nurney Rd, Deceased members of the Walsh & Dunne families, Kathleen O'Sullivan (née) White & deceased members of the White family, Old Grange, Son & Marie Patterson, John & Margaret Patterson, William & Elizabeth Donoghue, William Donoghue Jr., Molly Rowan, Athy Road, James & Nora Kennedy, deceased members of the Kennedy family,

Sunday 14th December 2025 11.30am Mass

Mary B. Kelly (Months Mind), Joseph & Margaret Carmody, Dublin St. & their children, Noel, Tom & Gretta, Willie Whelan, Mattie, Nancy, M.J, Joyce & Jack McCormack, deceased members of the McCormack family, Nurney, Tommy, Lily, Vincent, Toby, Helen Whelan, deceased members of the Whelan family, Drogheda Street, Maud Hayes, Ollie Leigh, Sr Carmel Walsh, Sr Gerald Hayes, Ellen Kelly, Mary Houlihan, deceased members Peamount I.D, Berry Walsh, Carlow, Charlie O' Connor, Ballybrittas, Stephen Buckley, Clogheen & deceased members of the Buckley family, Molly Rowan, Athy Road, Sean McLoughlin, Cowpasture,

Wednesday 17th December 2025 10.00am Mass

Peter Dempsey, Ballagh.

Thursday 18th December 2025 10.00am Mass

James Hassett, Dublin Street, Joe Hassett, Matt Hassett

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €380.00
Baskets Collection: €1030.00

READERS

Saturday 20th December 2025

6.30pm: Rachel Farrell
Sunday 21st December 2025
9.00am: Rachel Beattie
11.30am: Eileen O' Riordan

24th December 2025

Christmas Eve:
5.00pm:
9.00pm: Ger Harrison

25th December 2025

Christmas Day:
9.00am: Lisa Marie Duffy
11.30am: Eileen O'Riordan

LOTTO

16/12/2025

TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 20th December 2025

6.30pm: Pauline Murphy, Sr. Angela, Jackie Kennedy, Rachel Farrell.

Sunday 21st December 2025

9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Andrew Mahon, Lily Donoghue
11.30am: Marie Lawless, Ann Fearon, Mary Lawlor, Rita McDonnell.

24th December 2025

Christmas Eve
5.00pm: Cathy Cullen, Sharon Hanley, Fiona Behan, Patricia Molloy, Colette Walsh.
9.00pm: Fiona Farrell, Ann Fearon, Teresa Flood, Rachel Farrell, Ger Harrison, Pat Ryan.

25th December 2025

Christmas Day
9.00am: Davina Weldon, Andrew Mahon, Pauline Murphy, Anne McLoughlin
11.30am: Mary O' Leary, Mary Lawlor, Rita McDonnell, James Forde

CHOIR

Saturday 20th December 2025

6.30pm: Family Choir

Sunday 21st December 2025

11.30am: Parish Choir

24th December 2025

Christmas Eve:
5.00pm: Family Choir
9.00pm: Gospel Choir

25th December 2025

Christmas Day:
9.00am: Tommy McGlynn
11.30am: Parish Choir

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Sunday 11th January 2026

TEAM: B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 09/12/2025

Numbers Drawn:

2, 5, 7, 14

Next Weeks Jackpot: €7,600

No Winner

Winners

€30	Michael Lovern	Promoter	M. Heavey
€30	Paddy Rowan		
€30	Kathleen Hughes		M. Doyle
€30	Ursula Sheils		R. McDonnell
€30	Bernie Kelly		M. Heavey
€20	James Forde		
€20	Pat Behan		M. Doyle
€20	Aoife Whyte		M. Doyle
€20	Aish Coleman		R. McDonnell
€20	Ciara & Mary		M. Sweeney

Next draw: 16/12/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results: 08/12/2025

Numbers Drawn:

5, 9, 25, 26

Next Weeks Jackpot: 5,800

No Winner

Winners

€20	Lorraine O'Donnell	Promoter	G. Harrison
€20	Aoife & Ger		G. Harrison
€20	Aidan Fionn & Tadhg		M. Casey
€20	Danielle Dunn		P. Brereton
€20	Sarah O'Neill		D. Buckley
€20	Jonah Lawler		J. Lawler
€20	Margaret Hanlon		M. Hanlon
€20	Elaine, Fiona & Marie		M. Heavey
€20	Sarah, Peter & Siobhan		M. Casey
€20	Geraldine Murray		P. Pender

Next draw: 15/12/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 5/12/2025

1st €100:	Evie O' Reilly	c/o Earleys Shop
2nd €50:	Catriona Daly	c/o Online
3rd €25:	Sean Duffy	c/o John Duffy
4th €25:	Billy Ransome	c/o Deidre

Seller: Earleys

The Parish Office will close on Tuesday
23rd December 2025 at 12 noon and
re-open on Monday the 5th January 2026 at
9am.

We still have a beautiful selection of
Christmas Mass Bouquets and other items

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.



MONASTEREVIN PARISH CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2025

CAROL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
7.30 PM (GOSPEL CHOIR)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER
6.30 PM MASS
SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER
9.00 AM & 11.30 AM MASS

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & THE HOUSEBOUND MONDAY 22ND & TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE
WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER
2.00 PM - 4.00 PM (IN CONFESSION BOX)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE
Wednesday 24TH DECEMBER
NO MASS - 10.00 AM
5.00 PM - CHILDREN'S MASS
9.00 PM - VIGIL MASS
(IN CANDLELIGHT WITH THE GOSPEL CHOIR)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 25TH DECEMBER
9.00 AM & 11.30 AM - MASS
(WITH PARISH CHOIR)

Wednesday 31st December 2025

10.00 AM Mass

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd January 2026

10.00 AM Mass

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 6TH January 2026

POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH

In order to decorate the Church for
Christmas we would be very grateful for
the donation of Poinsettias for the
Church. The flowers can be left on the
altar rails from this
week on.



POLISH PASTORAL MINISTRY WITHIN MONASTEREVIN PARISH

Mr Damian Gorski has undertaken the
service of representing the Polish
Community in the Parish. He is deeply
faithful, trustworthy, kind and always ready to
offer selfless help.
His involvement will become a valuable
opportunity for building bonds and fostering
dialogue with the Parish Community.

The responsibilities entrusted to Damian will be
as follows:

- Helping to build good relations in the Parish.
- Communicating to the Secretariat of the Polish Pastoral Ministry information about ill compatriots and deceased persons.
- initiating or supporting occasional religious events—according to the needs and capacities of the community and in consultation with the Parish Priest.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

By Candlelight
With Monasterevin Gospel Choir
and a Special Guest - Aaron Doyle

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
at 7.30 pm

In Sts. Peter and Paul Church Monasterevin
All are Welcome.

LIVE CRIB

The live crib is back this year.
The Nativity Garden will include a live
crib on **Christmas Eve 24th** of
December from 2 to 7 pm with live
animals.



Kildare, Monastervin & Rathangan Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage

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

BAMBELLINI SUNDAY

Bambellini is the Italian word that means,
"Little Baby Jesus".
Children are asked to bring their Baby
Jesus (from the family nativity scene) to
the Church on **Saturday 13th & Sunday
14th** December to be blessed.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Saturday 21st December 6.30pm Mass &
Sunday 22nd December 11.30am Mass

In preparation for our Penance Service we are asking
those who wish to partake of the Sacrament to
reflect on the following topics on each day this
week.

Monday - How is my relationship with others.
Tuesday - How is my relationship with the Community.
Wednesday - Am I at peace with myself.
Thursday - Am I at Peace with God.
Friday - Am I at Peace with the world around me.

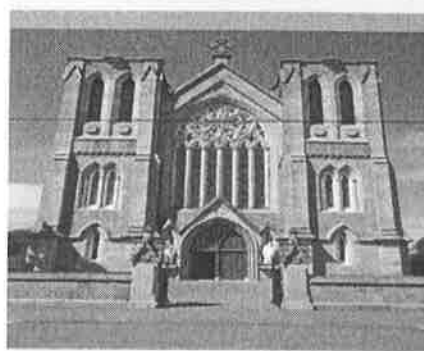
Knit & Natter Group

Thanks for your support at the Community
Market for Knit & Natter Raffle.

The results of the draw is 1st Audrey Holligan,
2nd Conor Robinson, 3rd Pearl Miller, 4th
Maire McArdle, 5th Mary Fallon and 6th

Kathleen Ryan .

Happy Christmas every one !



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

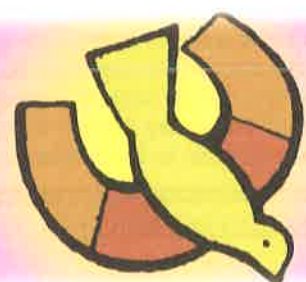
May almighty God have mercy on us.....
Amen.

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

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 35: 1 - 6.10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.'

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps.145:6-10*

R. Come, Lord, and save us.

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 *James 5: 7 - 10*

A reading from the letter of St. James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 11: 2 - 11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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.**



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

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. 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. 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.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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

Say to the faint of heart:

Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. 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.

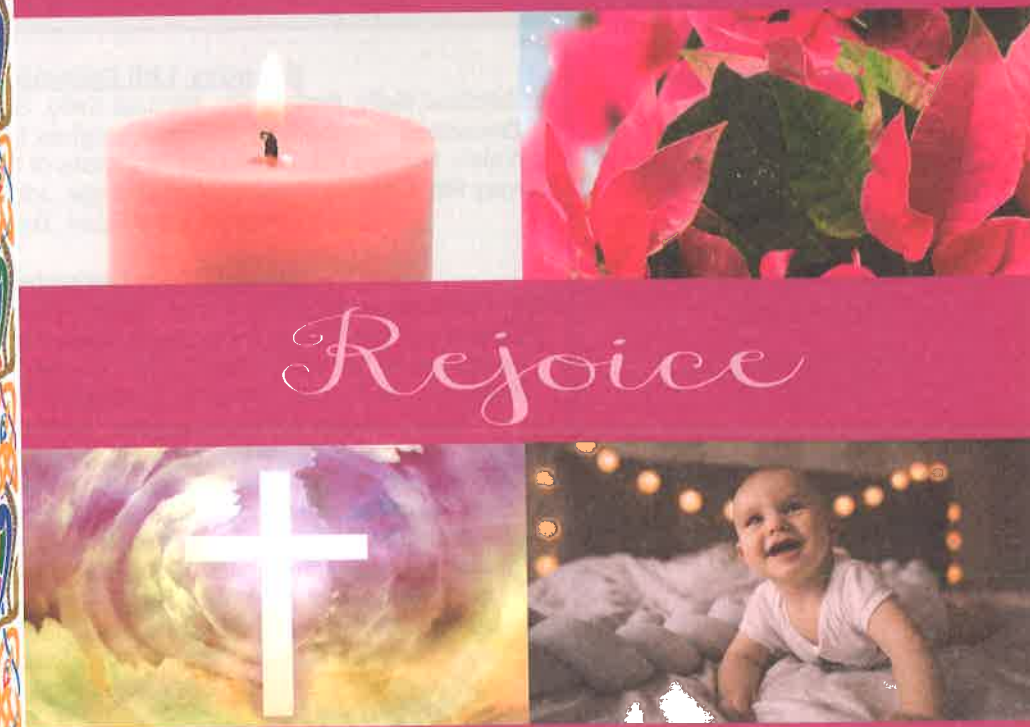
Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) 14th December 2025

The coming of Christ is a message of joy: a joy founded and rooted in God's love and care for his people, and his promise of an eternal companionship.



Rejoice



Rejoice in the Lord always...

Wednesdays are supposed to represent the worst of the week giving way to the still faint prospect of a barnstorming weekend; somewhere between, 'dammit, it's only Tuesday!' and 'thank

God it's Friday!'

There are two very well placed 'Wednesdays' in the middle of Advent and Lent as well. Both fall on a Sunday but, bear with me, they too look forward and the anticipation is palpable.

On the third Sunday in Advent we celebrate 'Gaudete' Sunday. We are told, 'rejoice!'. It's the 'Wednesday' we all want to get past because the 'weekend' of Christmas is getting near; just a few more sleeps and the big day will have dawned.

In a way I am doing an awful disservice to one of the richest seasons in the Church's year. Advent does indeed anticipate the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. There is a buzzing sense of anticipation. From another point of view, though, Advent is also a penitential season, a moment for deeper reflection and, yes, soul searching. In behind the cranberries, there needs to be repentance, contrition and reconciliation. The Christ who is coming asks us to come to him. No one stays the same. Read the story.

On this third, joyful Sunday in Advent, though, with your lists almost finished, have a moment and remember there is joy in your faith in Christ that illuminates your life every day, even when you feel it's Tuesday.

Paschal Scallion CM

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Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

John the Baptist was very surprised when he heard that Jesus was friends with sinners, and even had meals with them. Jesus said "Where there is love, and new life, and people are healed and loved and cared for, there God Our Father is present. We pray "Lord,help us to see you in everyone we meet."