

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

## 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

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Numbers 21:4-9**

**A reading from the book of Numbers.**

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For their is neither bread nor water here: we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against

you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps. 77: 1-2 34-38**

**R. Never forget the deeds of the Lord.**

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **[R]**
2. When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer **[R]**
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. **[R]**
4. Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. **[R]**

SECOND READING **Philippians 2:6-11**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.**

The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**We adore you, O Christ and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL **John 3:13-17**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

**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:*

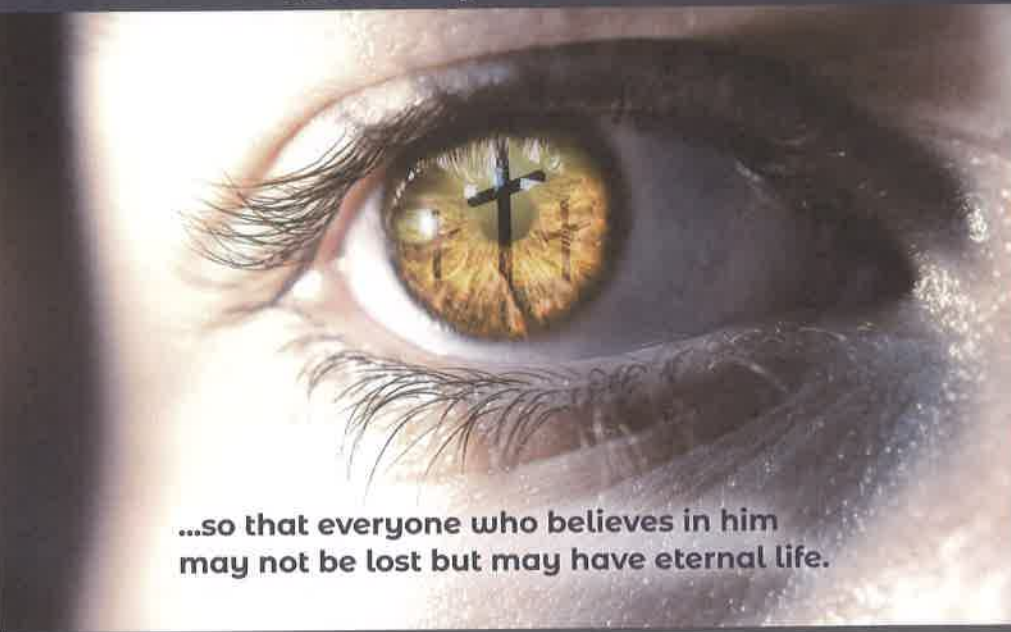
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will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



## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 14th September 2025

Where Life Was Lost, Life Has Been Restored.

The cross looked like a tragedy, with everything ended by death. But it was really a triumph, a victory over sin and death confirmed by the resurrection.



## 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 this oblation, O Lord, which on the altar of the Cross cancelled the offence of the whole world, cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins. 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

**When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having been nourished by your holy banquet, we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, to bring those you have redeemed by the wood of your life-giving Cross to the glory of the resurrection. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

## 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..**



## Come to our senses

In the parables of things lost and found we hear of God's celebration when the lost are returned to the community. In the third parable we hear that the younger brother eventually "came to himself" or came to his senses. He realised that he had made wrong choices, he entered into a greater awareness and had a change of heart. We might focus today on the aspects of our lives in which we too must come to our senses, especially during this Season of Creation.

We lament the destruction of God's creation, the loss of biodiversity due to human activity. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. In 2020 the Living Planet report stated that 68 per cent of wildlife had disappeared in the period from 1970-2016. We are living through the sixth mass extinction of life in our planet's history, driven by human over-consumption. For example, the destruction of our great rainforests destroys trees but also the habitats of insects, mammals, plants and creatures which will never be seen again. In Laudato Si', Pope Francis invited us to "feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement" (LS, 89). We are part of, and dependent on, complex and delicate ecosystems which make up the web of life. This web is now unravelling and we know that humans cannot be healthy on a planet that is not healthy.

As we come to this awareness, this crisis can seem so overwhelming. Yet, hope is found in action. We are capable of choosing again what is good, like the Lost Son, coming to our senses, and making a new start. As with all significant change, this begins at the grassroots. The Irish Bishops have invited parishes to return 30% of Church grounds back to nature. How might your parish get involved?

*"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another."* (Laudato Si', 44)

**Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty. Adapted from The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2021**

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

God cannot punish anyone, because we are God's loved children. But we can punish ourselves, and God wants to help us. There are false gods, who promise happiness from drugs, greed, and bullying, stealing, hurting others, and selfish ways that make us unhappy. Jesus' Spirit promises to help us. We light a candle, keep a pocket cross, and ask Mary our Mother to pray for us.





## MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

### BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

14th September 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:

Fr. Liam Merrigan P.P.

Parish Office  
045 525346

Adrienne M<sup>c</sup>Cormack  
Simona Grajauskaite  
Fiona O'Hanlon  
Claudia Tanase

#### Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
9.00am to 4.30pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm - 1.30pm

Friday:

9.00am to 1.00pm

#### Safe Guarding of Children Diocesan Designated Liaison Person :

Ailish Higgins

Director of Safeguarding & DLP

Bishops House

Old Dublin Road

Carlow

Ph: 085 802 1633

#### Parish Safeguarding

#### Representatives

Ellen Galvin

Marie Rogerson

**CHARITY TAX NO.  
CHY 7355**

Notices & Anniversaries to be left in the Parish Office by Thursday @ 1 p.m.

Email: [monasterevin.parish@gmail.com](mailto:monasterevin.parish@gmail.com), Parish Radio 99FM  
OUR MAIN CHURCH SERVICES ARE STREAMED LIVE ON LINE VIA OUR PARISH  
WEBCAM @ [MONASTEREVINPARISH.IE](http://MONASTEREVINPARISH.IE)  
CHARITY TAX NO. CHY 7355

### Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

#### Saturday 13th September 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Nancy Brown (Née Donohoe) formerly Umeras/ Rainhill Liverpool (1st Anniversary), Brendan Walsh, St. Evins Park, Dom Walsh, Nancy & Denis Dempsey ( Birthday Rem.), Mountrice, All deceased members of the Macra na Feirme, James & Elizabeth Behan & deceased members of the Behan family, Naas, Bernard Kelly, The Lough House, Rathangan, Valerie Earnshaw, Eamon McCormack, Lackaghmore, Sr. Teresa McCormack, Lackaghmore, Hubert & Julie Davis, Gurteenoon, Deceased Members of Kildangan Stud, Brigid Meredith, Margaret Murray ( Birthday Rem.), Ballyfarsoon, Jack Murray, Cowpasture.

#### Sunday 14th September 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Loreto McDonald, Nancy Donohoe, Umeras & England

#### Sunday 14th September 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Brendan Walsh, St. Evins Park, Dom Walsh, Sheila Nolan, St. Evins Park

#### Wednesday 17th September 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Michael Fearon ( Birthday Rem.), St. Evin's Park,



#### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 285.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1,125.00

#### CHOIR

Saturday 20th September 2025  
6.30pm: Family Choir

Sunday 21st September 2025  
11.30am: Parish Choir

#### LOTTO 16/09/2025

**TEAM: C**  
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

#### READERS

Saturday 20th September '25  
6.30pm: Rachel Farrell

Sunday 21st September 2025  
9.00am: Rachel Beattie  
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 20th September 2025  
6.30pm: Mikey Baker, Ger Harrison, Jackie Kennedy Teresa Flood

Sunday 21st September 2025  
9.00am: Andrew Mahon, Sharon Hanley, Sr Angela  
11.30am: Ann Fearon, Fiona Behan, Marie Lawless, James Forde

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

21st September 2025  
Team: B  
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results: 09 /09/2025

Numbers Drawn:

10, 12, 16, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot: €5,000

No Winner

#### Winners

€20	Rita Brennan	G. Harrison
€20	D & R Clancy	R. Clancy
€20	Lottie & Jack Worrell	G. Harrison
€20	Ger & Colleen	G. Harrison
€20	Frank Hannon	M. Doyle

Next draw: 16 /09/2025

Thank you for continued support!

#### Promoter

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 08/09/2025

Numbers Drawn:

3, 15, 17, 19.

Next Weeks Jackpot: €3,200

No winner

#### Winners

€20	Julie Luttrell	B. Fitzgerald
€20	Bobby Whyte	P. Whyte
€20	Lorraine O'Donnell	G. Harrison
€20	Ashling & Mary	M. Forde
€20	Geraldine Murray	P. Pender

Next draw: 15/09 /2025

Thank you for continued support!

#### Promoter

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 05 /09 /2025

1st €100:	Goll Geoghagan	c/o: Belyard
2nd €50:	David Maher	c/o: David
3rd €25:	Sean+Grace Morrissey	c/o: Jenny
4th €25:	Breda Lawlor	c/o: Online

Seller: Belyard

#### PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

#### Sunday 21st September 2025 (One Day Retreat)

Bus Departs: Monasterevin (Fitzpatricks Garage) 5.30am  
Kildare Square 5.40am  
Newbridge 5.50pm  
Naas Post Office 6.00am  
Sallins Opposite Petrol Station 6.10am  
Clane opposite Church 6.20am  
Kilcock Church 6.35am  
Maynooth Central Bus Stop 6.40am  
Park & Ride Dunboyne 6.55am

**Contact:**  
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087 2467594

[www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)



#### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**MICHAEL ENGLISH  
IN CONCERT  
WITH  
MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL CHOIR**  
Friday 31st October 2025 at 8pm.

St. Peter's & Paul's Church  
Monasterevin

Tickets €30.00 (non-refundable)

In aid of St. Peter's & Paul's Church  
& Monasterevin Senior Citizens

#### Booking at:

Parish Office 045 525346  
Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395

**Concert will NOT be Live  
Streamed on the Night.**

#### LITURGY CONFERENCE

**'It is Good for Us to be Here'  
(Mark 9.5)**

Come and join us for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass and liturgy in our parishes.

**Date:** 20th September 2025.

**Time:** 9.30am - 1pm

**Venue:** Cathedral of the Assumption  
& Carlow College.

**Hosted by:** Kildare & Leighlin  
Commission for Liturgical Formation.

"I warmly invite every parishioner in our diocese - congregation member & liturgical minister - & our clergy to come along to this day.

I know it will be personally enriching informative & practical, as well as being a time to meet old friends & make new ones! I look forward to welcoming you in Carlow on the 20th September."

+ Bishop Denis Nulty.

#### MONASTEREVIN CREDIT UNION LTD.

On the 20th of September 2025  
**Monasterevin Credit Union Ltd** will be celebrating 50 years of service to the community.

Celebrations will take place in the **Community Centre** from 3pm to 6pm

All members are Welcome.

14 SEPTEMBER - FEAST  
The Evaluation of the Holy Cross



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17

#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS

Sunday 28th September at  
11.30am

In order to prepare for this Mass please bring, Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes, Apples, Pears, Plums, Pumpkins etc. to Mass on Saturday 20th September and Sunday 21st September to be displayed on the altar.



#### MONASTEREVIN DRAMA GROUP

On Friday 19th September, Theatre by Candlelight will be hosted in Monasterevin Council Hall as part of Culture Night at 8pm. This is a free event.



All are Welcome.

#### MNÁ BEOGA A.G.M.

Mná Beoga will hold their A.G.M. on

Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Time: 11am—1pm at  
Ballykelly GFC.

All are welcome

#### CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND BOXES

The Church Development fund boxes will be ready for collection at all Masses on

27th & 28th September 2025

