

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

29th June 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°Cormack

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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

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Parish Safeguarding


Representatives

Ellen Galvin

Marie Rogerson

CHARITY TAX NO.

CHY 7355



Notices & Anniversaries to be left in the Parish Office by Wednesday'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 Billy Edghill, Raheny Dublin & late of Quinsboro, who died recently - R.I.P.

Saturday 28th June 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Margaret Havens (Months Mind), Arthur Lawlor (1st Anniversary), Thomas Barrett, Clogheen & Deceased members of the Barrett Family, Clonbrin, Mary & Denis Meredith, Clogheen & Deceased Members of the Meredith family, Clogheen, Anna Sexton, Kildangan, John O'Neill, Clonbrin, Joe McCabe, Cowpasture, Siobhan Kingston, Emo, Mai & Jack O'Connell, Rathangan, Sadie Hyland, Oghill & Deceased members of the Hyland family, Deceased members of the Mooney family, Treascon, Portarlington.

Sunday 29th June 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Eddie Cooke, Castletown, Mountrath, Dan Browne, late of Douglas, Co. Cork & Waterford City

Sunday 29th June 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Margaret Havens (Months Mind), Mary Geraghty, Palmerstown, Eithne Doyle, Dublin, Margaret Somers, Ballykelly, Benny McEvoy, Togher Rd., Elizabeth (McEvoy) Conroy & Denis Conroy, Coolatogher, Mai & Jack O'Connell, Rathangan, Aubrey Hope (Birthday Rem.), Annie O'Neill & her son John O'Neill, Michael, Annie & Peter Eustace, Kathleen O'Connor, Golden, Co. Tipperary, Larry O'Connor, Manchester, Joseph & Bridget Doyle, Clogheen, Larry Gavin, Suncroft, Deceased members of the Doyle & Gavin families.

Tuesday 1st July 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Alan Mahon, Richardstown, Kildangan, Aidan Lawless, Drogheda Street.

Wednesday 2nd July 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Juan S. Requillo (Birthday Rem.).

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 365.00

Baskets Collection: € 1050.00

CHOIR

Saturday 5th July 2025

6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 6th July 2025

11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

LOTTO

01/07/2025

TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 5th July 2025

6.30pm: Sr Phil

Sunday 6th July 2025

9.00am: Sr Angela

11.30am: James Forde

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 5th July 2025

6.30pm: Mary Ryan, Dan Clancy, Cathy Cullen, Jacqui Kennedy

Sunday 6th July 2025

9.00am: Davina Weldon, Lily Donoghue, Andrew Mahon

11.30am: James Forde, Fiona Behan, Carmel McAlinden, Rachel Farrell

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.

Wrapping up June with a sunshine glow.

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 24/06/2025

Numbers Drawn:

2, 3, 8, 14

Next Weeks Jackpot: €2,800

No Winner

Winners

€20 Brigid Kaye

€20 Gia Gorry

€20 Bridie Brady

€20 M. Bannon

€20 Peggie Kelly

Promoter

B. Keogh

R. McDonnell

M. Doyle

M. Doyle

P. Kelly

Next draw: 01/07/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 23/06/2025

Numbers Drawn:

11, 14, 20, 25

Next Weeks Jackpot: €1,000

Winner: Declan Donoghue

Winners

€20 A. & Roisin Fogarty

€20 Decky Brereton

€20 Christine Finglas

€20 Dinny Connolly

€20 Grace & Meadhbh

Promoter

R. Brennan

P. Donohar

D. Buckley

S. Whyte

M. Casey

Next draw: 30/06/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 20/06/2025

1st €100: Dan Quinn

2nd €50: Lawrence Fulham

3rd €25: Lily Daffy

4th €25: Tom Duffy

Catherine

Jenny

Earley's

John

Seller: Catherine Quinn

LACKAGH GRAVEYARD ANNUAL

MASS & REDEDICATION OF PLAQUE

On behalf of the organizing Committee and the Graveyard Committee, we wish to sincerely thank all involved in making the night a success and memorable occasion.

Thank You.

MONASTEREVIN HOPKINS

FESTIVAL JULY 25TH & 26TH

The Musical Evening this year is in the Company of Emer Dunne on Friday 26th July at 8pm.

Venue: St. John's Church of Ireland, Main Street.

Tickets: €20 and available in: Earley's Fashion Shop

Parish Office

Pascal - 087 2371361

Ann - 087 9089484

Ambrose - 087 9559478

SUMMER ENVELOPE

COLLECTION

A big thank you to all who contributed to the Priests Summer Collection, your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

For anyone who didn't receive an envelope and would like to contribute, please take an envelope from the back of the church.

WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

XXVI COLUMBANUS DAY

11-13 JULY 2025

Friday 11th July:

1.45pm Opening Address & Words by Bishop Denis Nulty, Carlow Co. Museum.

2.00pm Launch of Exhibition "Ireland and the Birth of Europe", Carlow Co. Museum.

3.00pm Symposium - "If you want to know the Creator, Understand Creation", by Cynthia Ni Mhurchú MEP, Carlow College.

5.00pm Ceremony of Welcome & Reception, Carlow College, St. Patrick's.

8.00pm Ecumenical Evening with Columbanus Relics, Adelaide Memorial Church Myshall followed by procession to the Church of Exaltation, Holy Cross Myshall.

Saturday 12th July:

10.00am Assemble for walk from Nine Stones to Myshall on the Columban Way (2.5 hrs.).

1.00pm Buffet Lunch in Myshall Hall.

2.30pm Talk: "Columbanus the Man from Myshall" by Mary McAleese.

5.00pm Reception for Pilgrims and Guests hosted by Carlow County Council in Carlow College.

8.00pm Concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow followed by Irish Music Night in Carlow Town.

Sunday 13th July:

8.00am Breakfast in Carlow College.

9.45am Welcome for Religious Leaders & Civic Authorities in Carlow College.

10.30am XXVI Columbanus Day Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow.

12.30pm Pilgrims' Lunch in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow.

For more information contact:

info@carlowtourism.com

Phone: 059 9130411 or www.kandle.ie

CARMELITE KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 14th September 2025

Fare €20.00

Bus leaves Kildare Town at 8am

Contact Martin on 087 2553582.

PRAYER THROUGH


Sts. Peter and Paul

June 29

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul, give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DOMINUS EST

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THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and the Housebound on Friday 4th July 2025.

If you would like him to call, please contact the Parish Office on 045 - 525346.

FISHERSTOWN

TRACTOR & TRUCK RUN

In aid of Medical Equipment for Oncology Clinics St. James's Hospital

All Lorries, Tractors & Vintage Cars welcome

Commencing Sunday, 6th July, 2025 @ 11a.m.

Run Leaving @ 2.00 p.m.

The Final Furlong, Ballybrittas

Food & Music all day

Bouncing Castle & Kids Fun Area

Midlands 103 Roadcaster Live

Music on the night by BIG GENERATOR

Contact:

Peter 086 2853243 (Lorries)

Dave 087 2729446 (Tractors)

MONASTEREVIN COMMUNITY

EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

Monasterevin CE Scheme have the following vacancies:

Care Assistant Monasterevin Daycare Centre

Cleaner Monasterevin G.F.C.

If you are 12 months unemployed, in receipt of a social welfare payment and wish to apply for any of the above positions please contact Monasterevin Parish CE Scheme 045-525143.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God **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 the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Acts 12:1 - 11**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals'. After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me'. Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true', he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me'.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (P.S. 33:2-9)

R. From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad **[R]**
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **[R]**
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **[R]**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **[R]**

SECOND READING **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will

rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 16: 13-19**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets'. 'But you', he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed 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.

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.



focus on sunday

SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

29th June 2025

The Lord has set us firm within his Church, which he built upon the rock of Saint Peter's faith. The Lord has given us knowledge of the faith through the labours and preaching of Saint Paul. May their example inspire us to lead others to Christ by the way we live our lives.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice. 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.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this Sacrament, so to live in the Church, that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made steadfast in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
May the Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

May he let his face shine upon you and show you his mercy. **Amen.**
May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace. **Amen.**
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.**



At certain stages in life, we can lose our way. A businessperson who starts out with a great idea can become focused only on profit and lose sight of their passion. A politician who was once idealistic becomes disillusioned. A teacher, under pressure to deliver results, loses their enthusiasm for the subject. We all have times when we get jaded, or bogged down with trivial concerns, and we forget why we do what we do. Our Christian community, too, can lose its way. The church has not always lived up to its momentous responsibility to communicate God's love to the world.

Today's Gospel encourages us to reflect on our church and its mission. This is one of the reasons is it the chosen text for today's feast of SS Peter & Paul. But notice what Jesus asks Peter before he hands over the metaphorical keys: "But who do you say that I am?" This burning question gets to the heart of the Gospel. The word "but" is crucial: Jesus is not asking the disciples what they have heard about him from others or what they understand intellectually from their time with him. He is asking them: do you really know me? Simon Peter immediately and confidently answers "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus responds with affirmation and renames him Peter, a play on the Greek word *petra*, meaning rock. This brings to mind an earlier parable in Matthew about those who build their houses on rock (Mt 7:24-27) representing those who not only *hear* Jesus' words but *act* on them. A thread running through Matthew's Gospel is that knowing and believing is not enough. Good intentions are not enough. Everything we do, both as individual disciples but in particular as church, should stem from the burning question of today's Gospel: "But who do you say that I am?" Stay with this question in the coming days. What words flow in response?

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

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

What I like about St. Peter and St. Paul is that they were always making mistakes, and doing some wrong things, but still God loved them. Peter ran away when Jesus was arrested, and he wounded a man with a sword. Still Jesus was his special friend. St. Paul did not like the old rules about God not liking people. Paul said that the only Law is God's love, and we cannot earn God's Love. It is given to us freely, all the time, without conditions.