

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

**20th July 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  
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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 Wednesday's @ 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  
CHARITY TAX NO. CHY 7355

**Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ethel Byrne (née Melia), The Oaks  
Newbridge/Monasterevin and Michelle Haughton (née Harrison), Cushina,  
Portarlinton/Monasterevin who were interred during the week. R.I.P.

**Saturday 19th July 2025, 6.30 pm Mass**

Lily Mannion (1st Anniversary), Jim, Michael & Bridie Kenna, Winnie Delaney, Ballagh,  
Shirley Foran (née) Keenan, Derrylea, (Birthday Remembrance), Paddy, Murt & Kitty  
Siney, Kill, Josephine (Josie) Behan, Ballykelly, John & Bridget Harrison,  
Gurteenooona, Anna Kavanagh, Skirteen, (Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance), Mary  
Dowling, Old Grange, Elizabeth Donoghue, Hybla, Kenneth Maher, Gate Lodge,  
Mooreabbey.

**Sunday 20th July 2025, 9.00 am Mass**

Lily Mannion (1st Anniversary), Jim, Michael & Bridie Kenna,

**Sunday 20th July 2025, 11.30 am Mass**

Lily Mannion (1st Anniversary), Jim, Michael & Bridie Kenna,  
Christy Lonergan, Togher Wood, Josephine (Josie) Behan, Ballykelly, Willie Whelan,  
Drogheda St., Tommy, Lily, Toby, Vincent, & Helen Whelan, Mattie, Nancy, M.J. & Joyce  
McCormack, also deceased members of the Whelan & McCormack families, Sr. Gerald  
Hayes, Sr. Carmel Walsh, Ollie Leigh, Maud Hayes, Sarah (Sally) Meredith, late of  
Ballyfermot, Liz Hart (Née Meredith) Birthday Remembrance, Margaret Farrell, Kill Hill,  
Bridget & James Grant.

**Thursday 24th July 2025, 10.00 am Mass**

Christy Lonergan, Togher Wood,



**Weekly Collection**

Envelope Collection: € 335.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1,310.00

**CHOIR**

**Saturday 26th July 2025**  
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

**Sunday 27th July 2025**  
11.30am: Eugene Nolan

**LOTTO  
22/07/2025**

**TEAM: A**  
Pauline Duffy &  
Lily Donoghue

**READERS**

**Saturday 26th July 2025**  
6.30pm: Deirdre Cotter

**Sunday 27th July 2025**  
9.00am: Lisa Marie Duffy  
11.30am: Gary 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.



**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

**Saturday 26th July 2025**  
6.30pm: Dan Clancy, Colette  
Walsh, Cathy Cullen, Mary Ryan

**Sunday 27th July 2025**  
9.00am: Fiona Farrell, Rachel  
Farrell, Sharon Hanly  
11.30am: Fiona Behan, Ann  
Lonergan, Carmel McAlinden,  
Anne Whelan

**IRISH CATHOLICS**

**ON SALE AT THE BACK  
OF CHURCH.**

**COST €3**

**Monasterevin Parish Lotto**

Draw Results: 15/07/2025

Numbers Drawn:

5, 8, 14, 19

Next Weeks Jackpot: €3,400

No Winner

**Winners**

€20	Keith Sharpe	G. Harrison
€20	Seamie Whyte	R. McDonnell
€20	Paul Coyle	G. Harrison
€20	Helen Dempsey	M. Doyle
€20	Louise McDonnell	R. McDonnell

**Promoter**

Next draw: 22/07/2025

Thank you for continued support!

**Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto**

Draw Results: 14/07/2025

Numbers Drawn:

11, 13, 15, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 1,600

No winner

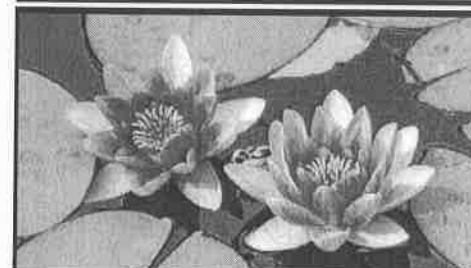
**Winners**

€20	Amanda Whelan	A. Holligan
€20	The Murray Boys	G. Harrison
€20	Margaret Hanlon	M. Hanlon
€20	Ellen Weldon	P. Donohoe
€20	Galen Broughall	G. Broughall

**Promoter**

Next draw: 21 /07/2025

Thank you for continued support!



**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS  
AND THE ELDERLY 2025**

World Day for Grandparents and  
the Elderly takes place on  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage  
2025 in Knock.**

- Chief Celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy
- Choirs & Music by director Una Nolan
- Special Guest Dana Rosemay Scallan
- Anointing of the Sick in the
  - Basilica - 2.30pm
- Holy Sacrament of Mass - 3.00pm
  - Rosary Procession (weather permitting)
  - Children's Prayer appeal inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents, send it or bring to the CGA Knock Shrine.

**All are welcome.**

**THE SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION**



THE SVP ANNUAL CHURCH GATE  
COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT  
STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH ON  
**SATURDAY 26th & SUNDAY 27th JULY  
2025.**

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.**  
People in your community need help.  
Become a Volunteer today and help make a  
difference!

If you would like to Volunteer for a  
couple of hours a week  
Please visit [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)  
and click: GET INVOLVED  
Contact us: Enda Gleeson 01 8198405  
Monasterevin 085-1209577  
or [volunteer@svp.ie](mailto:volunteer@svp.ie)

**MONASTEREVIN COMMUNITY  
EMPLOYMENT SCHEME -  
2 Vacancies**

\*Admin Assistant Monasterevin Parish  
Office

\*Environmental Worker Monasterevin  
Tidy Towns.

Eligibility to participate on CE  
generally linked to those who are 21 years  
or over and in receipt of a  
qualifying social welfare payment for 1  
year or more. To apply please call into the  
**CE office, Parish Centre,  
Monasterevin or phone 045 525143**

**MONASTEREVIN HOPKINS  
FESTIVAL JULY 25TH & 26TH**

**Official Opening** - Friday 4.00pm  
Community Centre

**Music** - The Fireside Singers

**Dancer**—Beth Anne

**Poetry** - Kathleen Doyle & Anni  
Wilton—Jones

**The Dreaming—Art & the Cosmos**  
3 Irene Kyffin

**Art Exhibition** - Friday 25th  
12 o'clock to 6pm  
Saturday 26th 11am to 5pm—Entrance  
Free—Community Centre.

**Concert** - Friday 8pm— Emer Dunne St.  
John's Church, Main Street. Tickets €20

**Hopkins Talks** - Saturday 10.00am to  
12.30pm—Community Centre

**Poetry Reading** - Saturday 2pm  
Monasterevin House  
(Presentation Sisters), Main Street

**Closure of Festival** - Saturday 3.30pm  
Community Centre.

**Music**—Leon & Ciaran;  
**Dancing**—Morrissey School of Dancing

**Raffle** for 3 beautiful pictures.

**A SUMMER PRAYER**

*Father, Creator of all, thank you for  
summer!*

*Thank you for the warmth of the sun and  
the increased daylight.*

*Thank you for the beauty I see all around  
me and for the opportunity to be outside  
and enjoy your creation.*

*Thank you for the increased time I have to  
be with my friends and family, and for the  
more casual pace of the summer season.*

*Draw me closer to you this summer.  
Teach me how I can pray no matter where  
I am or what I am doing.*

*Warm my soul with the awareness of your  
presence and light my path with your  
Word and Counsel.*

*As I enjoy your creation, create in me a  
pure heart and a hunger and a  
thirst for you.*

**Amen.**



**PASSLANDS CEMETERY  
COMMITTEE**

The Passlands Cemetery Committee  
are meeting on Thursday the 24th of  
July in the Convent of Mercy at  
**7.30pm.**

All Welcome.

Also, the Committee would like to take  
this opportunity to thank all those who  
kindly donated at the Cemetery Mass.

**YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH  
PATRICK  
23RD AUGUST 2025**

For young adults (16-35) in the  
Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. Join  
us for a day of faith, challenge and  
community as we undertake the  
ancient pilgrimage to the  
summit of Croagh Patrick..

Buses will depart from:  
**Naas, Carlow and  
Portlaoise.**

Registration is essential and a short  
meeting for parents will take place on  
**Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm in  
Portlaoise, Naas and Carlow.**

Full details: [Visit kandle.ie](http://Visit kandle.ie)

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Ada Bernadette Whyte,  
Davina Kamaliza & Oskar Zuberek who  
were baptised by Fr. Liam Merrigan on  
**Saturday 12th July 2025.**





## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

## 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.....

## 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

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Genesis 18:1-10****A reading from the book of Genesis**

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find

Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps. 14:2-5****R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING **Colossians 1: 24 - 28****A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.**

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL **Luke 10:38 - 42****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

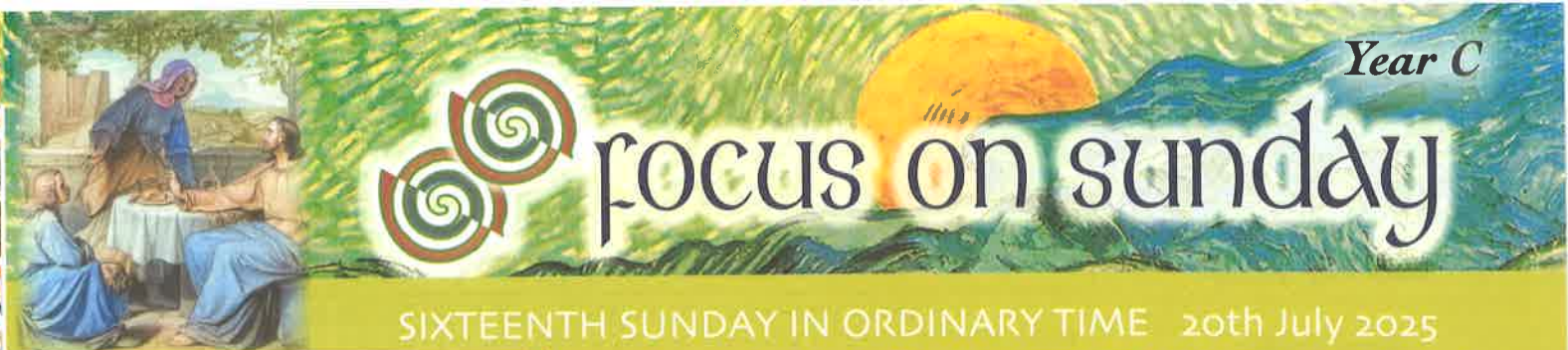
## NICENE CREED

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.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20th July 2025

To pray, to listen to Christ, to have time for friendship and for love,  
to care for justice - all these are "the better part" which our busy world  
sometimes puts into very secondary places. Not so the gospel.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. 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.**  
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

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people,  
we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have  
imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass  
from former ways to newness of life.  
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.**



When a rabbi was instructing student rabbis, (all male of course), they would meet in someone's house. There would not be enough chairs for everyone, so the students would sit on the floor and the rabbi instructing them would sit on a chair up front. So the students were "sitting at the rabbi's feet." The women's role was to make the tea for everyone, after the instruction was over. But Mary "sat down at the Lord's feet," to listen to Jesus' instruction. Martha was incensed. Who did Mary think she was – a budding rabbi? That was no place for Mary. No, Mary should be helping Martha make the tea. Mary was not fitting into the role that society expected of her. But Jesus praised Mary, He was no respecter of the boxes that society puts people into, the labels imposed on them. Today, just as at the time of Jesus, society labels people – gay, immigrant, black, traveller, criminal - and the attitudes and behaviour of some towards them are influenced by these labels. But Jesus always looked beyond the label and saw the uniqueness of a person loved by God. He "ate with tax collectors and sinners;" he refused to condemn the woman taken in adultery; he allowed the prostitute to wash his feet. And his refusal to accept the labels that society put on people got him into a lot of trouble with a lot of people, just as it may today.

**Fr. Peter McVerry**

**Jesus' Story**

Liam Hickey

Jesus had two friends, Martha and Mary. They invited Jesus to dinner. Martha liked shopping, and getting everything ready. Mary liked chatting and listening to Jesus. One day, a Teacher in school, asked the children, "Why did God give us two ears and only one mouth? One little girl said "I know". God gave us two ears so that we would listen two more times than we talk. To listen to other person's stories is a sign of love, and getting meals ready, is also a sign of love.