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MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER  
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

3rd August 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

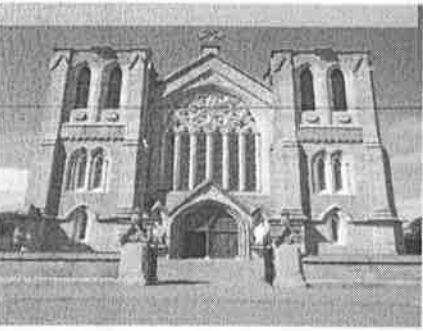
Safe Guarding of Children  
Diocesan Designated Liaison  
Person :

Ailish Higgins  
Director of Safeguarding & DLP  
Bishops House  
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Carlow

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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 2nd August 2025, 6.30 pm Mass  
Ann Hayes, Naas, Nan Lennon, James McDonald, Timothy McDonald, Martin McDonald, James, Mary, Michael, Brother Tom & John Earley, Kathleen & Patrick Kennedy, Rathangan

Sunday 3rd August 2025, 9.00 am Mass  
Anne & Paul Lynch

Sunday 3rd August 2025, 11.30 am Mass  
Maura Carroll, Lughill (1st Anniversary), Peter Behan, Ard Muire, his parents Maura & Peter Behan & brother Michael



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 300.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1410.00

CHOIR

Saturday 9th August 2025  
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 10th August 2025  
11.30am: Alan Reigh

LOTTO  
05/08/2025

TEAM: C  
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison


READERS

Saturday 9th August 2025  
6.30pm: Serge De La Rey

Sunday 10th August 2025  
9.00am: Adam McAllister  
11.30am: Sabrina Kelly

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 9th August 2025  
6.30pm: Pat Ryan, Teresa Flood, Pat Molloy, Pauline Murphy

Sunday 10th August 2025  
9.00am: Nuala Flynn, Andrew Mahon, Sharon Hanly  
11.30am: Mary Lawlor, Ann Fearon, Marie Lawless

Happy August!  
May this month be filled with sunny days, laughter, and lots of love.



Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results: 29/07/2025  
Numbers Drawn:  
7, 11, 12, 16  
Next Weeks Jackpot: €3,800  
No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Ciaran Sweeny M. Sweeney

€20 Ann Scully M. Doyle

€20 Betty Whyte R. McDonnell

€20 Thos. Nolan P. Duffy

€20 Michelle Burke M. Doyle

Next draw: 05 /08/2025  
Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto  
Draw Results: 28/07/2025  
Numbers Drawn:  
15, 23, 24, 28  
Next Weeks Jackpot: €2,000  
No winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Paddy Behan c/o B. Fitz

€20 Brian Hays c/o D. Buckley

€20 Samantha Ryan c/o S. Ryan

€20 S. Peter Siuchan c/o M. Casey

€20 Bill Mackey c/o M. Forde

Next draw: 04/08/2025  
Thank you for continued support!

THANK YOU

Kay O' Brien wishes to thank everybody who sent her Mass Bouquets, Cards and Flowers on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. All the good wishes were very much Appreciated.

THE YOUTH 2000 SUMMER  
FESTIVAL RETREAT

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival retreat for young people, takes place at Dominican College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> August 2025.


Donation only.

For more information, please see: [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

Come and see.  
Explore your faith.  
Meet other Young Catholics.

The Conference of SVP wish to express their deep gratitude to all who so generously supported their recent Supervalu & Church gate collections.

On their behalf Thank You.



YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH  
PATRICK


23<sup>RD</sup> 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 [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF  
THE LORD

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST



THE FEAST of the  
TRANSFIGURATION  
of the LORD

"The Lord is King,  
Most High over  
all the earth."  
= Psalm 97

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.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER  
ON SALE AT BACK OF CHURCH.  
COST €3

HELLO  
August



THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE TO  
LOUGH DERG 2025

Wed 13th - Fri 15th August 2025

Pick ups available from:

Monasterevin 6:25am  
Kildare Town 6:35am

For information & bookings contact:  
Joe - 087 3815887  
Deirdre - 087 2467594 (after 6pm)  
or email  
[deirdregleeson@medwise.ie](mailto:deirdregleeson@medwise.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.

BALYNA PARISH CAR BOOT SALE

Bank Holiday Monday 4th August

St Brigids Church Grounds,  
Clogherinkoe

Gates open 9am

Come along for a fun day of  
bargains !



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

You bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

May almighty God have mercy.....  
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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,  
and answer their prayers with unceasing  
kindness, that, for those who glory in you  
as their Creator and guide,  
you may restore what you have created  
and keep safe what you have restored.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21 - 23**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says.  
Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured  
wisely, skilfully and successfully must  
leave what is his own to someone who  
has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is  
vanity and great injustice; for what does  
he gain for all the toil and strain that he  
has undergone under the sun? What of all  
his laborious days, his cares of office, his  
restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S.94: 1-2, 6-9

**R. O that today you would listen to his  
voice! Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **[R]**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made  
us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **[R]**

3. O that today you would listen to his  
voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw  
my work.' **[R]**

## SECOND READING Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

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

Since you have been brought back to  
true life with Christ, you must look for the  
things that are in heaven, where Christ  
is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your  
thoughts be on heavenly things, not on  
the things that are on the earth, because  
you have died, and now the life you have  
is hidden with Christ in God. But when  
Christ is revealed - and he is your life -  
you too will be revealed in all your glory  
with him.

That is why you must kill everything  
in you that belongs only to earthly life:  
fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil  
desires and especially greed, which is  
the same thing as worshipping a false  
god; and never tell each other lies. You  
have stripped off your old behaviour with  
your old self, and you have put on a new  
self which will progress towards true  
knowledge the more it is renewed in the  
image of its creator; and in that image  
there is no room for distinction between  
Greek and Jew, between the circumcised  
or the uncircumcised, or between  
barbarian and Scythian, slave and free  
man. There is only Christ: he is everything  
and he is in everything.

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



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Luke 12: 13 - 21

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master,  
tell my brother to give me a share of our  
inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who  
appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator  
of your claims?' Then he said to them,  
'Watch, and be on your guard against  
avarice of any kind, for a man's life is  
not made secure by what he owns, even  
when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There  
was once a rich man who, having had a  
good harvest from his land, thought to  
himself, "What am I to do? I have not  
enough room to store my crops." Then he  
said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down  
my barns and build bigger ones, and store  
all my grain and my goods in them, and  
I will say to my soul: My soul, you have  
plenty of good things laid by for many  
years to come; take things easy, eat,  
drink, have a good time." But God said  
to him, "Fool! This very night the demand  
will be made for your soul; and this hoard  
of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is  
when a man stores up treasure for himself  
in place of making himself rich in the sight  
of God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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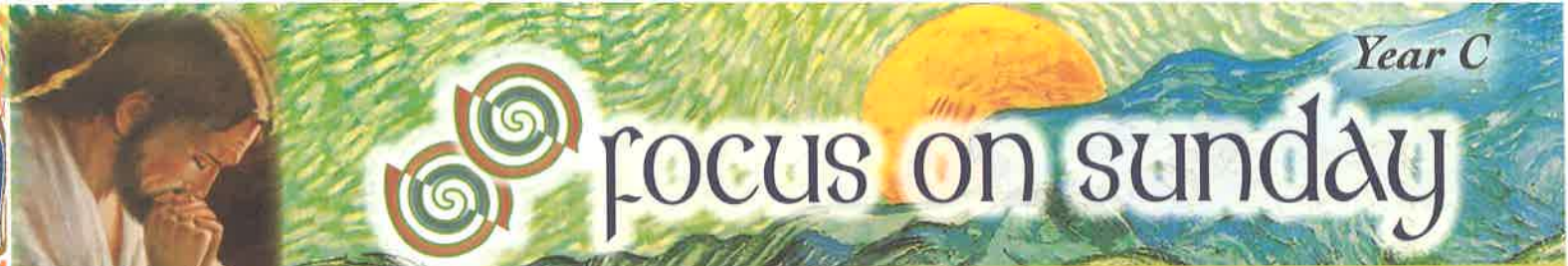
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, 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.



## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3rd August 2025

**We are warned today against falling into the trap of greed.  
We are urged to become rich, not in the goods of this  
world but in the sight of God.**

## 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

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we  
pray, and, accepting the oblation of this  
spiritual sacrifice,  
make of us an eternal offering to you.  
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.*

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

## 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

**You have given us, O Lord,  
bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights  
and sweetness in every taste.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection,  
O Lord, those you renew with these  
heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing  
care for them, make them worthy of eternal  
redemption. 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.*



*Become rich  
in what  
matters to God*

## Profit and loss



There is an phrase which goes, 'You never see a trailer being  
pulled after a hearse.' This would be a good way to sum up  
today's parable. Jesus tells us about a rich fool with a storage  
problem. He places his sense of security in storing up more and  
more wealth, so much so that he needs to build bigger barns to store his grain.  
For all his wealth, he does not realise his life is about to end. Nothing is more  
destructive to the human spirit than a preoccupation with accumulating more and  
more 'wealth'. Driven most likely by a lack of peace, we try to constantly fill a gap  
which can only be filled by God. A preoccupation with "storing up" stuff also affects  
our relationships with the world, especially with the poor. For example, globally,  
one-third of all food, is wasted. It is a lie to say that we do not have enough for  
everyone. Mahatma Gandhi famously said, "The world has enough for everyone's  
need, but not enough for everyone's greed."

Humanity is at a crossroads where over-consumption is concerned in our world.  
We now know that the Earth and her ecosystems are at breaking point due to  
the continued exploitation of minerals and resources that are needed to feed our  
consumption habits. According to scientists, we would need three planet Earths to  
maintain our current rates of production. The parable today is urging us to focus  
on what is truly important. We start with ourselves.

*"When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious  
consequences for society. This...has engendered immense inequality, injustice  
and acts of violence against the majority of humanity... Completely at odds with  
this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by  
Jesus." (Laudato Si', 82).*

**Jane Melleit & 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

A poor man begged on the street. He said to people passing, "Give me some  
help, and God bless you." A man in bad humour said to him, "God didn't bless you  
much did He?" "Oh, He did sir," the beggar said. "God gave the money to others  
for me, but they forgot to share." God is Love, and always shares. Sharing makes  
us happy. God likes us to share our blessings and be happy.