

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

31st 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  
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  
CHARITY TAX NO. CHY 7355

### Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Phil Bannon (née Walsh),  
Gurteenoonna who was interred during the week. R.I. P.

#### Saturday 30th August 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

George Porter (1st Anniversary), Tom Barrett, 19 The Glebe, Eileen Fleming,  
Rathconnell, Rosanna Keegan, Cowpasture, Agnes McGlynn, Killenure

#### Sunday 31st August 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Tommy Donohar, Umeras, Deceased members of the Donohar family, Mountrice  
& Rice family, Umeras, Mrs. Melia, Umeras, Rosie Gallagher, Maura Walsh, Ann  
Curran, Maura O' Connell, Breda Roche.

#### Sunday 31st August 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Eileen Fleming, Rathconnell, Esther & Peter Scully



#### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 320.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1385.00

#### CHOIR

Saturday 6th September 2025  
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 7th September 2025  
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

**LOTTO**  
**02/09/2025**

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

#### READERS

Saturday 6th September 2025  
6.30pm: Ruth Dempsey

Sunday 7th September 2025  
9.00am: John Dooley  
11.30am: Eileen O'Riordan

#### 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 6th September 2025  
6.30pm: Cathy Cullen, Dan  
Clancy, Rachel Farrell, Fiona  
Farrell.

Sunday 7th September 2025  
9.00am: Sharon Hanley, Lily  
Donoghue, Andrw Mahon.  
11.30am: Mary O'Leary, James  
Forde, Carmel McAlinden, Ann  
Fearon.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

7th September 2025  
Team: A  
Sr. Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Jackie  
Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results: 26/08/2025

Numbers Drawn:

6, 14, 20, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot: €4,600

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Bridie Byrne R. McDonnell

€20 Seamie Whyte G. Harrison

€20 Anne Fearon R. Callanan

€20 Denis Mahon D. Mahon

€20 Sarah & Patrick M. Doyle

Next draw: 02/09/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 25/08/2025

Numbers Drawn:

5, 6, 14, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot: €2,800

No winner

Winners Promoter

€20 John Miller S. Whyte

€20 Paddy Behan B. Fitzgerald

€20 Vincent Meredith S. Hackett

€20 Dave & Lee Moore P. Moore

€20 Mossey Dowling M. Dowling

Next draw: 01/09/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.  
Weekly Draw Results: 21/08/2025

1st €100: Barry Mahon c/o: Online  
2nd €50: Michael Keogh c/o: Bingo  
3rd €25: Grainne Stapleton c/o: Dominic  
4th €25: Tom Harrison c/o: Steven. M  
Seller: Online.

MONASTEREVIN DAYCARE CENTRE  
Drogheda St. (W34Y564)

Our new premises are open and  
welcoming new service users.

Our service operates Monday,  
Wednesday & Thursday.

We provide a day service from 10.30 to  
3pm. We provide a 3 course meal,  
snacks, tea/ coffee/ juice throughout the  
day for a rate of 5 euro per day.

We provide a bus to collect and drop off  
service users for each day our service is  
on.

Meals on wheels is also available at a rate  
of 4euro daily. Please do not hesitate to  
contact us regarding any more information  
that you may require.

We can be contacted by email or  
phone:

Email: [monasterevindaycarecentre@gmail.com](mailto:monasterevindaycarecentre@gmail.com)  
Phone: 045 920148

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**AVAILABLE TO RENT**

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"Heavenly Father,  
Thank You for the month of  
August. Thank You for the blessings and  
the lessons, for Your presence with us  
through every day and every challenge.

As we stand at this threshold between  
August and September, we pray for  
strength to finish this month with purpose  
and joy. Bless our work, our families, our  
health, and our dreams, and guide our steps  
as we prepare for what lies ahead.

We ask for Your divine grace to bring  
about a spiritual and physical settlement in  
our lives. Open doors that have been  
closed, bring forth new connections, and  
provide for every need. Let every obstacle  
be removed, and fill our hearts with hope  
and gratitude as we look toward the new  
season.

We declare that this August will not end  
without us having a reason to praise You,  
and that we will end it peacefully, with an  
abundance of testimonies.  
In Jesus' name, we pray". Amen.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The children's liturgy resumes  
7th September 2025 at 11.30am  
Mass.

### OCTOBER 7TH

Written by Kathleen Doyle

Can any one hear my cry?  
I am the child born October 7th 2023  
Evils voice is heard aloud  
I am the hunger in each Childs eyes  
I am fear that wants no more  
I am the child born October 7th 2023  
The outside world is chained  
To Evils command who is in control  
2 Enemies that want to inflict conflict  
On their own innocent civilians  
Who are frighten of uncertainty  
Of their own future  
I feel scared, alone and abandoned  
I am the child born October 7th 2023  
Can any one hear my cry?

### CLEANER AVAILABLE

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### PARISH OFFICE

We have a Beautiful New Arrangement  
of various Gifts and Cards in stock for  
Special Occasions or just for that  
Special person.

Call in and our friendly staff will be  
delighted to look after you.

### 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.**

### K & L LITURGY CONFERENCE

**Date: Saturday September 20th 2025**

The Diocesan Commission for Liturgical  
Formation has organized a one day  
Conference with Morning Prayer, keynote  
talks and workshops.

Music Ministers will have an opportunity  
to do two workshops and are welcome to  
remain for the 6.15pm Mass to be part of  
the Choir.

**Open to anybody in the Diocese.**

**Bookings can be made at [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)**  
**By 17th September.**



### CYSTIC FIBROSIS IRELAND CHURCHGATE COLLECTION

The Annual Churchgate Collection for  
Cystic Fibrosis will take place at all Masses  
on the weekend of  
**Saturday 6th**  
**September and Sunday 7th**  
**September.**

**Please give generously.**

### VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and  
Housebound on **Friday**  
**12th September 2025.**

Please phone the office on 045-525346 if  
you wish him to call.





## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.**

## GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

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

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

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

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

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

God of might, giver of every good gift,  
put into our hearts the love of your  
name, so that, by deepening our sense  
of reverence, you may nurture in us what  
is good and, by your watchful care, keep  
safe what you have nurtured.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

**Ecclesiasticus 3.17-20.28-29**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your  
business,  
and you will be better loved than a lavish  
giver.

The greater you are, the more you should  
behave humbly,

and then you will find favour with the Lord;  
for great though the power of the Lord is,  
he accepts the homage of the humble.  
There is no cure for the proud man's  
malady,

since an evil growth has taken root in him.  
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on  
parables,  
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 67:4-7.10-11

**R. In your goodness, O God,  
you prepared a home for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of  
God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his  
name;  
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **[R]**

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the  
widow,  
such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into  
freedom. **[R]**

3. You poured down, O God, a generous  
rain:  
when your people were starved you  
gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a  
home,  
prepared in your goodness, O God,  
for the poor. **[R]**

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24.**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.**

What you have come to is nothing  
known to the senses: not a blazing fire,  
or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a  
storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great  
voice speaking which made everyone  
that heard it beg that no more should be  
said to them. But what you have come  
to is Mount Zion and the city of the living  
God, the heavenly Jerusalem where  
the millions of angels have gathered for  
the festival, with the whole Church in  
which everyone is a 'firstborn son' and a  
citizen of heaven. You have come to God  
himself, the supreme Judge, and been  
placed with spirits of the saints who have  
been made perfect; and to Jesus, the  
mediator who brings a new covenant.

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



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Shoulder my yoke and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and humble in heart.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Luke 14:1.7-14

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

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a  
meal to the house of one of the leading  
Pharisees; and they watched him closely.  
He then told the guests a parable,  
because he had noticed how they picked  
the places of honour. He said this, 'When

someone invites you to a wedding feast,  
do not take your seat in the place of  
honour. A more distinguished person  
than you may have been invited, and the  
person who invited you both may come  
and say, "Give up your place to this man."  
And then, to your embarrassment, you  
would have to go and take the lowest  
place. No; when you are a guest make  
your way to the lowest place and sit  
there, so that, when your host comes, he  
may say, "My friend, move up higher." In  
that way, everyone with you at the table  
will see you honoured. For everyone who  
exalts himself will be humbled, and the  
man who humbles himself will be exalted.'  
Then he said to his host, 'When you give a  
lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends,  
brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for  
fear they repay your courtesy by inviting  
you in return. No; when you have a party,  
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame,  
the blind; that they cannot pay you back  
means that you are fortunate, because  
repayment will be made to you when the  
virtuous rise again.'

**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.**



## TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31st August 2025

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacred offering, O Lord,  
confer on us always the blessing  
of salvation,  
that what it celebrates in mystery  
it may accomplish in power.  
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

**How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread  
from the heavenly table,  
we beseech you, Lord,  
that, being the food of charity,  
it may confirm our hearts  
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father,  
and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord  
by your life. **Thanks be to God.**



The love of the gospel is for everyone; Christ's call is that his followers  
be open hearted to as many as possible, especially the poor.



*Love for everyone*



"Ask and you shall receive." The problem is that most of  
the time when we ask for something, we don't receive it.  
We may ask for healing for a close friend or relative, and  
the person may die. Or we may ask for success in a job

interview and we get rejected. Or like the person who came to me and said  
that they had a lot of financial problems and would I pray that they would  
win the lotto! I suspect that their prayer went unanswered. Sometimes  
we try to make a deal with God: "if you grant me this, I'll go to Mass every  
Sunday without fail!" But God is not a politician, God doesn't do deals!  
When we ask God for something, we are expressing our total dependence  
on a loving and caring God who has only our best interests in mind. And  
so our requests must always be conditional and accompanied by the  
Ignatian phrase, "if it is to the glory of God and the good of my soul." The  
prayer of petition is our way of throwing ourselves into the hands of God,  
trusting that God is always close to us, even if it doesn't seem like it at the  
time. We may not receive what we ask for, but God will always respond to  
our petition in the most loving and caring way. When we knock, God will  
always open the door, and when we seek, God will always be found.

**Fr. Peter McVerry**

## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

The King asked an artist to paint a picture of Jesus and his friends, at the party meal  
called 'The Last Supper.' The artist painted a big table, with Jesus sitting in the middle,  
and a whole lot of people around Him, poor people, beggars, lonely men and women. The  
King did not like the picture. The painter explained. That is my idea of Holy Communion  
and The Last Supper. God Our Father welcoming all his children, who are weak, weary  
and worn out.