

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

21st 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:

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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 :

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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, 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 **Brendan Connolly, Lughill, Monasterevin**, whose funeral took place recently. R.I.P.

Saturday 20th September 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

John Cleary, Main Street & Togher Grove, Deceased Volunteers & Members of Monasterevin Credit Union, Doreen McEvoy, Togher Road, Kathleen McEvoy, Ullard, Oliver Heavey, Gurteenoon, Yvonne Hoey, Kerry, Stephen Mullen, Drogheda Street, Catherine Lalor, Clogheen, Mary Dunne, Coolier, Sheila Flood, Old Grange.

Sunday 21st September 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Tom Breen (1st Anniversary), John Cleary, Main Street & Togher Grove, John Boland, Drogheda Street, Michael & Elizabeth Freeman, Deirdre Brereton, Cowpasture, Joan Brereton, St. Evin's Park, Dolores Taylor, Dublin, Kathleen Taylor, Dublin, James (Shay) Dunne, St. Evin's Park (Birthday Rem.), John Patterson, Old Grange

Sunday 21st September 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Tom Breen (1st Anniversary), John Cleary, Main Street & Togher Grove, Frank Cruise, Lucan, Shirley Melia, Nursey Road, Louis Duffy, Main Street, Patrick Brady, 6 Togher Wood (Birthday Remembrance), Michael Sullivan, Clonsaugh, Dublin.

Thursday 25th September 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Jim & Maura Lawlor, Ballycarroll, Mary McDonald, Main Street

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 375.00
Baskets Collection: € 1030.00

CHOIR

Saturday 27th September 2025
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 28th September 2025
11.30am: Gospel Choir

LOTTO 23/09/2025

TEAM: A
Pauline Duffy, Lily
Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 27th September 2025
6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

Sunday 28th September 2025
9.00am: Jarlath Killeen
11.30am: Billy Cleary

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 27th September 2025
6.30pm: Cathy Cullen, Pat Ryan,
Dan Clancy, Mary Ryan

Sunday 28th September 2025
9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Lily
Donoghue, Nuala Flynn

11.30am: Anne Whelan, Carmel
McAlinden, Mary O' Leary, Mary
Lawler

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

5th October 2025
Team: A
Sr Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Jackie
Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results: 16/09/2025

Numbers Drawn:

3, 11, 21, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot: €5,200

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 D & S Brett M. Doyle
€20 Sinead Malone G. Harrison
€20 Dinny Connolly R. McDonnell
€20 Ruby Keatley G. Harrison
€20 Mick Donohoe R. McDonnell

Next draw: 23/09/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 15/09/2025

Numbers Drawn:

2, 11, 15, 28

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 3,400

No winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Patrick Hanlon J. Moore
€20 Colleen Brady R. McDonnell
€20 Ber Ryan P. Ryan
€20 Michael Murphy P. Ryan
€20 John Grennan A. Cullen

Next draw: 22/09/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Weekly Draw Results: 12/09/2025

1st €100: Aidan Murray c/o: Jenny
2nd €50: Conleth Heavy c/o: Belyard
3rd €25: Jordy Kevins c/o: Belyars
4th €25: Andrea Loneragan c/o: Online
Seller: Jenny



PRAY—HOPE DON'T WORRY

Words spoken by St. Pio
of Pietrelcina.

A Special Mass to
celebrate the Feast of St Pio takes
place in **St. Mary's Church,
Edenderry**, on **Tuesday evening
September 23rd at 7.30pm.**

After Mass, St. Pio's Glove will be
available for all who wish to be
blessed.

Everyone welcome



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 Livestreamed
on the Night.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS – FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Fr Liam will be blessing all
animals outside the Church after
Masses on the
weekend of **Saturday 4th &
Sunday 5th
October 2025.**



PADRE PIO HEALING PRAYER

Feast day 23rd September
2025.

Loving Father, touch me now
with your healing hands, for I
believe that your will is for me to
be well in mind, body, soul and
spirit. Cover me with the most
precious blood of your Son, our
Lord, Jesus Christ from the top
of my head to the soles of my
feet. AMEN

St. Evin's N.S.

Beginning of year Mass on
Wednesday 24th of September
2025 @ 10.00 am.

Parents & Parishioners
All welcome

AUTUMN ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Envelopes for the Autumn
Collection will be ready on
Monday 22nd September
from the Parish Office.

Envelopes will be taken up at
Masses on the
4th & 5th October 2025.

A big Thank You to all our
collectors for taking the time to
distribute the envelopes.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND BOXES

The Church Development fund
boxes will be ready for collection at
all Masses on
27th & 28th September 2025.

We would like to thank you all for
your continued support to the
Church - it is very appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cadan
O' Keffe, Ellie McLoughlin and
Gracie-May Harrison
who were baptised by Fr. Liam
Merrigan on **Saturday 13th
September 2025.**



HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS

The Harvest Thanksgiving Mass
takes place on **Sunday 28th
September at 11.30am Mass.**

Fruits and vegetables can be
dropped into the Parish office
during the week, which will be
displayed on the altar and blessed at
the Harvest Mass.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us.....
Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Amos 8: 4 - 7**

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money and the needy for a

pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 112: 1 - 2. 4 - 8

R. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **[R]**
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down to look down upon heaven and earth? **[R]**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghill he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **[R]**

SECOND READING **1 Timothy 2:1-8**

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

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our Saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Luke 16.1-13**

(Shorter form in italics *16: 10 - 13*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward

any longer. " Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. *The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

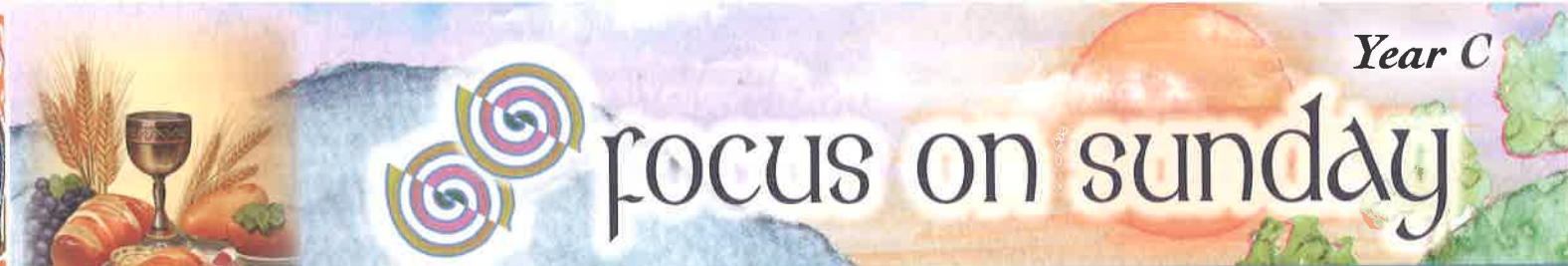
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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



TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st September 2025

The prophet Amos reminds us of our duty not to exploit the poor and needy while in today's Gospel St. Luke tells us that we cannot serve both God and money. If we serve God, then, we will not forget today's victims of poverty.

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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.....

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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.



we cannot serve both God and money



Kingdom economics

If you think that all the parables Jesus told were pleasant stories about people of integrity, then today's Gospel might make you think again. The manager has been given notice by his CEO and decides to even up the tables, while he still can, for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company. He is happy to let debt go and redistribute the finances. The only value the money really has is in the way it is used. The manager is free-spirited, a bit of a scoundrel yes, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use. The manager uses the power he still has now to change the future for himself and for others.

Change is urgently needed at political levels, when it comes to the reality of climate change. The science is clear; our world is warming due to human activity giving rise to drought, famine, devastating wildfires, extreme weather events, sea level rise and the displacement of millions of people. Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our world today and has grave implications for many aspects of our lives: environmental, social, economic and political. We know that just 100 fossil fuel companies are responsible for 70 per cent of the carbon emissions which drive this crisis. These corporations care little for future generations. Young people are standing up to such systems, calling them to account, engaging in political action and challenging all of us to raise our voices for our common home. They say, "Change is coming whether you like it or not!" Today's parable invites us, like the manager, to "holy mischief".

"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?... We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth." (Laudato Si' §160-161)

Eco-Congregation Ireland is an example of a faith-based organisation (in Ireland and the UK) encouraging Christian communities to become eco-parishes, shining as examples of what is possible in order to address this crisis. Can you consider getting involved?

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

Money is important for family and country, and a blessing. Jesus tells us that it is the wrong use of money that makes us selfish and unhappy, and can bring pain, hurt and sadness to the world. Young people who do charity walks and collect money to help others, make money a servant, not a master, and so taste happiness. May our hearts enliven our hands to be generous in giving and sharing.