

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

7th 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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Parish Office
045 525346

Adrienne M^cCormack
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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
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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

Saturday 6th September 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Denis Meredith, Old Grange, Pat Doherty, Tipperary, Eileen Grattan,
Cowpasture, Adrian Grattan, Cowpasture, Ann Harrison, Oghill, Michael Collins,
Gurteenooona (Birthday Rem.), Joseph & Maura Harrison, Fulham and their daughter Mary
Jackson, Tuam, Bill Kaye & Willie Kaye, Tipperary

Sunday 7th September 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Peter McArdle, Cloneygath, Pat Heavey, Cowpasture (Birthday Rem.), Peter McDonnell,
Susan McDonnell.

Sunday 7th September 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Joe Reidy, Cowpasture, Johnny & Jimmy Reidy, Clogheen & all deceased
members of the Reidy & Doyle families, Ann & Joe Duffy, Mountrice, Lizzie & Jimmy Duffy,
Mountrice, Kate & Pat Byrne, Carlow, Michael (Meo) Byrne, Sligo & Ballykelly, Michael
Byrne, Sligo, George, Babs & Kathleen Byrne, Ballykelly, Sylvester & Bridget Dunne,
Kildangan, Carmel & Denis Lawlor, Fassaugh, Maureen McSweeney, Kildangan, Tom
Dunne, Kildangan, Peter, Mag & Cyril Dunne, No. 3 Kill, Josie Hughes, Nurney Road.

Tuesday 9th September 2025, 10.00 am Mass

John & Betty Hughes and deceased members of the Hughes Family.

Wednesday 10th September 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Angela Eustace (Birthday Rem.).



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €505.00
Baskets Collection: €790.00

CHOIR

Saturday 13th September 2025
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 14th September 2025
11.30am: Alan Reigh

LOTTO

09/09/2025

TEAM: B
Mary Sweeney, Mary
Doyle

READERS

Saturday 13th September '25
6.30pm: Rachel Farrell

Sunday 14th September 2025
9.00am: Rachel Beattie
11.30am: Ann Fearon

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 13th September 2025
6.30pm: Pauline Murphy, Hannah
Duffy, Patricia Molloy, Colette
Walsh.

Sunday 14th September 2025
9.00am: Nuala Flynn, Davina
Weldon, Paddy Clarke
11.30am: Anne Whelan, Rita
McDonnell, Ann Lonergan, Mary
Lawlor.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

21st September 2025
Team: B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly,
Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 02/09/2025

Numbers Drawn:

4, 8, 15, 21

Next Weeks Jackpot: €4,800

No Winner

Winners

€20 Kathleen Daly
€20 Geraldine Mullen
€20 Angela Willoughbys
€20 Sheila Byrne
€20 Adam Cullen

Promoter

L. Donoghue
G. Harrison
R. McDonnell
R. Callanan
P. Duffy

Next draw: 09/09/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 01/09/2025

Numbers Drawn:

9, 14, 16, 27

Next Weeks Jackpot: €3,000

No winner

Winners

€20 Tadhg & Aidan
€20 S. Craughwell
€20 Betty Whyte
€20 Jack Forde
€20 Jim McDonagh

Promoter

M. Casey
P. Donohoe
S. Whyte
M. Forde
S. Hackett

Next draw: 08/09/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 29/08/2025

1st €100: Marie Heavey c/o: Earley's
2nd €50: Rosemary Morrissey c/o: Steven
3rd €25: Suzie Hackett c/o: Steven
4th €25: Phil Brennan c/o: Bingo
Seller: Earley's Shop

PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Sunday 21st September 2025
(One Day Retreat)

Bus Departs:

Monasterevin Fitzpatrick's Garage
5.30am
Kildare Square 5.40am
Newbridge 5.50pm
Naas Post Office 6.00am
Sallins opposite Petrol Station 6.10am
Clane opposite Church 6.20am
Kilcock Church 6.35am
Maynooth Central Bus Stop 6.40am
Park & Ride Dunboyne 6.55am

Contact:

deirdregleeson@medwise.ie or
087 2467594

www.loughderg.org

DOUBLE BEDROOM
AVAILABLE TO RENT

085 8753074

RCCG FAITH ARENA MONASTEREVIN

Community Health and Wellness
Fair, 13th September, 2025
2pm-6pm

Venue: Father Prendergast Park,
Monasterevin GFC

Highlights: Expert Speakers,
Free Health Checks, Exhibition
Stands, Free Medical
Consultation, Physical Fitness
Sessions, Massage Therapy,
Nutritional Advice.

PRAISE NIGHT

September 12th 2025 7pm
Theme: Be Fruitful

For more info contact:
087 6814750, 089 9783282

NOTICE

A sincere thank you to the Bingo
Committee for their generous
donation to The Senior Citizen's.

We will endeavor to make good
use of it and it will go towards our
Social outing in January 2026.

We are very grateful,
On Behalf of Senior committee
members.

A DOVE

Written by Kathleen Doyle

I am a dove
Unable to fly
My wings are broken
And cannot be mended
Searching for new wings
For me to fly again
But they cannot be found
I can hear the killed drones
In the skies above me
That targets the hungry children
With empty bowls in their hands
Mothers and fathers cry without tears
I am a dove that wants to fly
Over the land of Gaza
But my wings are unable to fly
Though I will not give up
To find my wings to fly
And feed the hungry
Crying children of Gaza
So they can find their childhood
Once more
Without fear of war
That's inflicted upon them.



MACRA THROUGH THE YEARS

Location:
Monasterevin G.F.C.
@ 7.30 pm

13th September 2025.

Please feel welcome to join
us on the night.

THE SICK & THE HOUSEBOUND

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



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

NOTICE

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
takes place **October 1st - 31st.**

For further information,
please log on to
www.breastcancerireland.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Leo James
Black and Leon Theo Ward
who were baptised by Fr. Liam
Merrigan on **Saturday 30th**
August 2025.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us
and bring us strength:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us....
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, by whom we are redeemed
and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved
sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Wisdom 9:13-18*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

'What man can know the intentions of
God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the
soul,

and this tent of clay weighs down the
teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what
is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the

heavens?

As for your intention, who could have
learnt it, had you not granted
Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from
above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth
been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 89:3-6. 12-14.17

**R. O Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to the next.**

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **[R]**

2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the
morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **[R]**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **[R]**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Philemon 9-10.12-17*

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and,
what is more, still a prisoner of Christ
Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child
of mine, whose father I became while
wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus.
I am sending him back to you, and with
him - I could say - a part of my own
self. I should have liked to keep him with
me; he could have been a substitute for
you, to help me while I am in the chains
that the Good News has brought me.
However, I did not want to do anything
without your consent; it would have been
forcing your act of kindness, which should
be spontaneous. I know you have been
deprived of Onesimus for a time, but
it was only so that you could have him
back for ever, not as a slave any more,
but something much better than a slave,
a dear brother, especially dear to me, but
how much more to you, as a blood-brother
as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all
that we have in common means anything
to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends,
says the Lord, because I have made
known to you everything I have learnt
from my Father. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Luke 14:25-33*

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

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his
way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If
any man comes to me without hating his
father, mother, wife, children, brothers,
sisters, yes and his own life too, he
cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does
not carry his cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending
to build a tower, would not first sit down
and work out the cost to see if he had
enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he
laid the foundation and then found himself
unable to finish the work, the onlookers
would all start making fun of him and
saying, "Here is a man who started to
build and was unable to finish." Or again,
what king marching to war against another
king would not first sit down and consider
whether with ten thousand men he could
stand up to the other who advanced
against him with twenty thousand? If not,
then while the other king was still a long
way off, he would send envoys to sue for
peace. So in the same way, none of you
can be my disciple unless he gives up all
his possessions.'

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.



focus on sunday

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7th September 2025

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

O God, who give us the gift
of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that, through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine
majesty, and, by partaking of the sacred
mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind
and heart.
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.....

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

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
Whoever follows me will not walk in
darkness, but will have the light of life.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly
Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's
great gifts that we may merit an eternal
share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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. **Thanks be to God.**

The christian's life is centred on God and not on possessions
or wealth: these are to be used in the service of God.

*"Anyone who does not carry
his cross..."*



The cost of discipleship

Today's Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to
hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his
followers? Reflect back on a time when you gained a new insight.
When this happens, it often involves letting go of something we
were attached to - the call to "hate" our family is not to be taken literally but
perhaps we need to break free from a habit or relationship that is holding us back.
Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, this
entails moving on from the comfortable and that can be painful.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls each of us to become "painfully aware" of what
is happening to our world. We know that the past 200 years of 'development'
has caused widespread destruction of our world, altering the very fabric of our
ecosystems. We consider 'development' to be measured by infinite economic
growth. This is simply not possible on a planet with finite resources. Levels of
consumption by humans are out of control; we have not considered the full cost
of the "tower" (Lk 14:28).

The Season of Creation is a time to reconnect with the beauty of God's creation
so that we can set out on more sustainable paths. This involves breaking away
from certain systems which we once depended on and embracing a more gentle
way of walking on this earth. It requires a drastic change of heart so that we can
set out on new paths as a global community.

*"The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion...Living
our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it
is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."* (*Laudato
Si'*, 217).

*Perhaps this Season of Creation, you might read Pope Francis' Laudato Si' and
invite some people to join you.*

**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

Jesus is always telling us that God is Love. Love is trying to put others first, and to care.
Our parents put us first and cared for us when we were small. Often they had to stay
awake at night if they worried about us. Often they had to do without things to save
money for our care. Jesus says there is always a cross to carry, when we love and care.
God helps us to grow in love. We need to ask all the time.