

21st December 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.

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Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9.00am to 4.30pm

Friday:

9.00am to 1.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm -1.30pm

Safe Guarding of Children

Diocesan Designated Liaison

Person :

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Director of Safeguarding & DLP

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Parish Safeguarding

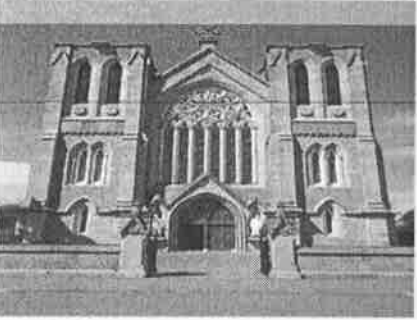
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Ellen Galvin

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MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

Notices & Anniversaries to be left in the Parish Office by Thursday's @ 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

Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 20th December 2025, 6.30 pm Mass

Michael & Margaret Hall, their son Michael Jnr & daughter Bridget Bailey (née Hall), William & Margaret Collins, Gurteenoon, Michael & Mary Collins, Michael & Marykate Collins, Ballyfarsoon, John Collins, Patrick Dempsey, Mountrice, Deceased Members of the Kenna, Nolan, Delaney, Kavanagh families Monasterevin & Suncroft, Vasile Poncos & John Kenna, Morgan Drea, Seamus, Rose & Patrick Heavey, Tommy & Maeve Hall, Sheila & Broughan Donegan, Ballyshane, Pat & Jane Comerford Ballyowlart, Maureen Hackett, New St. Rathangan, Rose Ann Donoghue St Brocan Pk. , Michael Kenny, Dunkerrin, Dan O' Connor, London & Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry. Stephen O' Connor, England & Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry (Birthday Rem). Joe Fennell, Old Grange, Dick Lonergan, St Evins Pk., Kathleen & Mervyn Molyneaux, Nancy, Mick & Michael Mulhall (Jnr), Linda Seaton, Paddy & Nan Weldon, Thomas & Peg Byrne, John Kennedy, Manie Harrison, Annmarie Harrison, Stephen Buckley, Eilish Killeavey (Née Buckley).

Sunday 21st December 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Patrick (Paddy) Donoher, Inchacooley, Elizabeth (Liz) Donoher, Inchacooley, Tom Cox, Longford & Mary Cox Longford, Michael & Margaret Kelly, Kildare Rd, Paddy & Dolly Johnston, Kildare Rd, Sr. Teresa Brigid & Angela Kelly, Newtown, Rathangan, Pat McKeon, Arklow, Emmet McConville, Michael & Mary Jane Nelligan, Kildare Rd, Paddy & Mrs. Kelly, Newtown, Rathangan, Joe, Mary & deceased members of the Dunne family, Kill, Martin & Kathleen & deceased members of the Stapleton/ Coughlan family, Patrick & Brigid Bowe & deceased members of the Bowe family, Pk, Stradbally, George & Kathleen Hyland, Michael & Mary Jo Hyland, Liam Hyland, Tony Hyland, John Hyland, Des Hyland, Stephen & Polly Molloy, Betty Noons, Paddy & Mary Ellen Mullen, John, Dymrna, Jackie Mullen, Bridget & Eamonn Hennessy, Gerry Brady, Robert, Patricia, Stephen Mullen, P.J. Harrison., Christopher Nolan, Patrick & Mary Cronin, Mick & Julie Gleeson, Daniel, Sarah & Pat Joe Harrison, Kill, Deirdre Brereton, Mary & Jimmy Dunne, Joan & Tom Brereton, Mary Ellen Flynn, Sarah Flynn, The Flynn family.

Sunday 21st December 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Bernard & Joan O'Farrell, Killenure, Annie O'Neill, her son John, Aubrey Hope, Annie, Michael & Peter Eustace, Sean O'Neill, Bridget & Joseph Doyle, Clogheen , Frank & Anne Gillen, Passlands, Henry Fitzpatrick & deceased members of the Fitzpatrick family Inchacooley, Michael & Annie Hayden, Hugh & Loy Bulger Athy, Seamus Hayden, Ballymore Eustace, deceased members of the Hayden family, Gerry & Bernie Fitzpatrick, Kevin Timmons, Paddy & Sarah Timpson, Athy, Joe & Kitty Murphy, Athy, deceased members of the Hearn's Family, Julia Holmes, John Holmes, Annie Knight, Mattie Knight, Ann Holmes, Russell Holmes, Elizabeth Mahon, Andrew Mahon, Tom Conroy, Peggy Frawley, Mick Frawley, Sr. Marian, Margaret Patterson, John Joe Quinn, St Evins Pk., Cora-Jane Dowling McGinley, Glasenevin & Snipe Bog Cloncarlin, John Holmes, Mary & Patrick McDermott, Thomas McDermott, Jacqueline Mullen, Bridget & Eamon Hennesy, Maureen & Patrick Kelly, Ballykelly, Margaret & Christopher Dunne, Suncroft, Kitty Ryan, Suncroft, Joe Fennell, Old Grange, Mai & Jack O'Connell, Rathangan & deceased members of the Thorpe & O'Connell families, Joe Harrison, St. Evins Pk., Josie Miller, Brady & Archbold families, Joseph & Eliz. Miller, Paddy & Son Miller, Bridie, Joe & Brendan Reilly, England, Thomas & Mary Malone, Dinah Adams, Noel Maher, Noel McAlinden, Togher Rd., Vera & Denis Cullen, Mountrice, Esther & Peter Scully, Mullaghroe, Annie Farrell & deceased members of the Farrell & Scully families.

Tuesday 23rd December 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Michael ( Locky) Ryan, Fergal Ryan, Carol Ryan, Kill Hill & deceased members of the Ryan & Keegan Families, Maura & Jim Lawlor, Ballycaroll, James & Joe Hassett, Dublin Street.,

Christmas Eve 24th December 2025 5.00 pm Children's Mass

Mary & Eamon Maher, Newbridge, Michael Cotter, Limerick, Noreen Byrne, Dublin, Thomas Sheridan, Passlands.

Christmas Eve 24th December 2025, 9.00 pm Vigil Mass

Mary Dunne, Kill.

Christmas Day 25th December 2025 9.00 am Mass

Pat Heavey, Cowpasture, Murt Siney, Kill,

Christmas Day 25th December 2025 11.30 am Mass

Buddy Harrison

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results:16 /12/2025

Numbers Drawn:

11, 16, 21, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot: 7,800

No Winner

Winners

€30 Jimmy Freeman

€30 Stephanie Ryan

€30 Pauline Murphy

€30 Sheila Byrne

€30 Kathleen Duffy

€20 Josephine Bracken

€20 Sam

€20 Mary Dowling

€20 Mary Walsh

€20 Paddy Robinson

Promoter

M. Doyle

G. Harrison

M. Doyle

R.C.

M. Doyle

M. Heavey

M. Heavey

R. McDonnell

R. Callanan

P. Office

Next draw: 23/12/2025

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results: 15/12/2025

Numbers Drawn:

4 7 10 19

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 6000

No Winner

Winners

€20 Liam Donoghue

€20 Susan Fahy

€20 Dave Fogarty

€20 Trish Murray

€20 Paidi & Odhran

€20 Mick & Lily Donoghue

€20 Roisin Hall

€20 Alice Dowling

€20 Peg Morrissey

€20 Christy Kaye

Promoter

E. Donoghue

J. Lawlor

R. Brennan

G. Harrison

M. Heavey

E. Donoghue

D. Buckley

M. Dowling

M. Heavey

M. Heavey

Next draw: 22/12/2025

Thank you for continued support!

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Weekly Draw Results: 12/12/2025

1st €100: Steven Morrissey

2nd €50: Tom Harrison

3rd €25: Keith Quinn

4th €25: Donal Harrison

c/o: Steven

c/o: Steven

c/o: Catherine

c/o: Michelle H

Seller: Steven Morrissey

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 27th December 2025

6.30pm: Pat Ryan, Patricia Molloy, Mikey Baker, Cathy Cullen

Sunday 28th December 2025

9.00am: Sr, Angela, Anne McLoughlin, Paddy Clarke

11.30am: Ann Lonergan, Mary O'Leary, Marie Lawless, Fiona Behan

READERS

Saturday 27th December 2025

6.30pm: Rachel Farrell

Sunday 28th December 2025

9.00am: Rachel Beattie

11.30am: Eileen O'Riordan

CHOIR

Saturday 27th December 2025

6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 28th December 2025

11.30am: Eugene Nolan

MONASTEREVIN PARISH

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2025

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & THE

HOUSEBOUND

MONDAY 22nd & TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

2.00 PM – 4.00 PM (IN CONFESSION BOX)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

NO MASS - 10.00 AM

5.00 PM – CHILDREN'S MASS

9.00 PM – VIGIL MASS

(IN CANDLELIGHT WITH THE GOSPEL CHOIR)

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

9.00 AM & 11.30 AM - MASS

(WITH PARISH CHOIR)

WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2025

10.00AM MASS

THURSDAY 1ST & FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

10.00AM & 7.30PM Mass

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES

TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

NOTICE

Monasterevin Food Bank would like to sincerely thank businesses, groups and individuals who have kindly supported us throughout 2025. A very special thank you to Monasterevin Gospel Choir, Monasterevin Knit & Natter & St. Paul's Secondary School. Through the kindness and generosity of so many we have been able to assist those most in need in our community throughout 2025 and into 2026.

Thank you from Monasterevin Food Bank

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will re-open on

Monday 5th January 2026.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and

Peaceful New Year from the Office Staff.

Adrienne, Fiona, Claudia and Elaine

PRIESTS CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE

COLLECTION

I would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas Envelope Collection and also many thanks to the parishioners who kindly deliver the envelopes in their local area.

Also if you did not receive an envelope and would like to make a contribution to the support of the priests there are some at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

This Christmas Season Dear Lord, Don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

— Melanie Chitwood

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection:

€325.00

Baskets Collection: €1290.00

Lotto

23/12/25

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Mary Sweeney,

Mary Doyle



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

## GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**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....  
**Amen.**

**(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)**

## OPENING PRAYER

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 7: 10 -14****A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:  
'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.  
It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps 23: 1 - 6****R. Let the Lord enter! He is the King of glory.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **[R]**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **[R]**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **[R]**

SECOND READING **Romans 1: 1-7****A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.**

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL **Matthew 1: 18 - 24****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife,

because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son  
and they will call him Emmanuel,  
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.  
When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

**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,

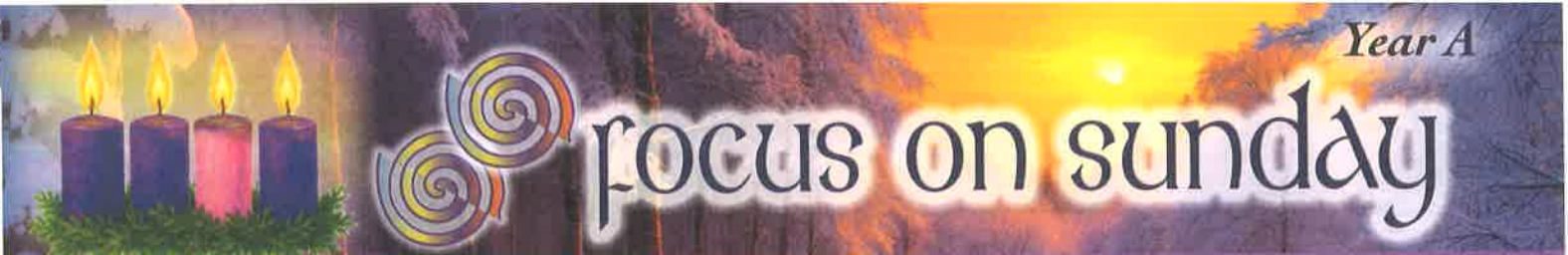
**All bow for following three lines:**

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.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 21st December 2025

The birth of Christ is almost upon us now. We are reminded in Isaiah's prophecy of the long-awaited Emmanuel – God in our midst. Like Joseph, we need to make room for Jesus to enter our lives and our world.



## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
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

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## 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.**



Christmas is practically here and there is still so much to be done. That Christmas celebrates the most central tenet of our faith, God becoming a human being, calls us to pray, reflect and do something practical. The great doctors of the church tell us that the whole of creation waited with bated breath to see

if Mary would agree to become the mother of the Saviour. Christmas celebrates God's gift to us of everything he has, his only Son, his whole family so to speak. Christmas celebrates Mary's generosity when she agreed to be the mother of the Saviour. In doing so she put in jeopardy her personal plans and ran the gauntlet of possible rejection by Joseph and being the butt of harsh and unforgiving village gossip. The season that's coming upon us is dripping with the spirit of generosity, God's generosity as well as Mary's and Joseph's.

It's the season for us all to be generous to all. It's the season to be compassionate to those who are less fortunate, forgotten and in need of meaningful help. It's the season to reach out and help a neighbour carry their load. If we ourselves have more than enough to enjoy Christmas, it won't hurt to be generous and give some of it away to those who have less or nothing at all to cheer them up. Christmas is not just about me. It's about us all together, rich, and poor, givers and receivers – all helping one another to carry the burden of our life together. So, let's slow down these days and try sensing and feeling the pain of others. God so loved and felt for the world that he sent his only Son... John 3:15.

**Fr. Joe Walsh**

**Jesus' Story**

**Fr. Liam Hickey**

Mary, The Mother of Jesus always prays for us. Her body is with God in Heaven. She is very close to each one of us. Now Mary knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, and help us with her motherly kindness. We can be especially close to Mary at Christmas and when we visit the crib recite the Hail Mary slowly and thoughtfully.