



MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

28th 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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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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Noel Conlan, Station Court, Portarlinton, Laois/
Monasterevin, Co. Kildare and Sr. Celienne Florence Heath, Ros Glas convent Monasterevin
who were interred during the week— R.I.P.

Saturday 27th December 2025, 6.30pm Mass

Dom Walsh, St. Evins Pk (1st Anniversary), Brendan Walsh, Joan & Tom Brereton, Mary Ellen Flynn, Patricia Coady, St. Evin's Pk, Martin Malone Athy formerly Monasterevin, John & Catherine Fleming, Grangecon, Angela Broughall, Julia Malone Cowpasture, Michael Malone, Patrick Joseph Havens, Ann Hayes Naas, Patrick Hayes, Sarah & Martin Berns & deceased members of the Berns family, Cherryville, Patrick & Theresa Kaye, Cowpasture, Marie Therese Corbett, Trim, Co. Meath, David Dettmar, England, Baby Anthony O'Neill, Cabra, Dublin, James & Hilda Coughlan, Coolnaferagh, Eamon Dunne, Gate Lodge. Cora Donnelly, Clontarf, Dublin, Margaret & Pat Crummy, Luton, England, Seamus & Eileen Morning, Limerick, Jonnie & Ned Behan, Oghill, John Redmond, Anne Houlihan, Michael & Carmel Forde, Cowpasture, Sadler family, Rathangan, Liam & Eileen McGlynn, deceased members of the McGlynn & Murphy families, Mary Doyle, Dick Byrne, Helen & Frank Byrne, Mick, Mattie & Ester Murphy, Maureen & Ger Robinson, Trisha Murphy, Martin Malone, John Fleming, Catherine Fleming, Sean Kavanagh, Skirteen, Michael & Anne Kavanagh, Skirteen, Deceased Members of the Kavanagh Family Skirteen, Jim Forde, Millstream Avenue, Patrick & Mary Molloy, Nurney, Sadie Talbot, Kildare, Patricia Kehoe, Dublin, Eoin Moran, The Bell Yard.

Sunday 28th December 2025, 9.00 am Mass

Juan S. Requillo, Sean Mullen, Margaret (Peg) Mullen, John Joseph Mullen, Mathew Duffy (Clonmel), McDonnald family, Hall family, extended Mullen family, Lilly & Jim Mannion, Maureen, Simon, Margaret, Bridie, Sean Holohan & deceased members of the Holohan family, Rahilla, Kildare, James & Winifred Freeman, Loretto Kelly, Polly McLoughlin, Michael Allen, Derryoughter, deceased members of the Carroll & Allen families, Paddy-joe & Malcolm Fitzpatrick, John Flood, Kilberry, PJ & Sadie Ready, Bill & Mary Ready, Jack & Peg Reidy, Billy Melia, Pat Joe, Tony & Tommy Doyle, Dennis & Mary Doyle, Bill & Anne Ready, Rickie & Caucia Sommers, Michael & Mgt Doyle, Eoin Moran, The Bell Yard,

Sunday 28th December 2025, 11.30 am Mass

Ellen Murphy, Christy Lonergan & deceased members of the Murphy & Lonergan families, Patrick & Mary Mahon, Passlands, The Fennell, Lovern & Dunne families, Deceased members of the King & Blake families, Christy Kavanagh, Clonanny & deceased members of the Kavanagh, Kenna, Murphy & Behan Families, Sean Kavanagh, Tess & Tom Hyland, Patrick & Margaret Murphy, Eoin Moran, The Bell Yard, Pat & Kathleen Kaye, Urney, Cloneygowan, Sr. Laserian Kaye, Melbourne, Australia,

Wednesday 31st December 2025, 10.00 am Mass

Edward (Ned) Cullen, Hybla, Tony Lawlor, Togher Grove, Thomas Shinkins, Mountrice,

Thursday 1st January 2026, 10.00 am Mass

Patrick Melia, Ballyfarsoon,

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €565.00
Baskets Collection: €1405.00

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 3rd January 2026

6.30pm: Dan Clancy, Pat Ryan, Teresa Flood, Mary Ryan

Sunday 4th January 2026

9.00am: Sharon Hanley, Andrew Mahon, Lily Donoghue
11.30am: Carmel McAlinden, Mary O' Leary, Ann Fearon, Rita McDonnell

Tuesday 6th January 2026

FEAST OF EPIPHANY
10.00am: Sr Angela, Anne McLoughlin, James Forde.
7.30pm: Pat Ryan, Ger Harrison, Dan Clancy

READERS

Saturday 3rd January 2026

6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

Sunday 4th January 2026

9.00am: Jarleth Killen
11.30am: Ann Fearon

Tuesday 6th January 2026

FEAST OF EPIPHANY

10.00am:

7.30pm:

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TEAM: C
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison.

CHOIR

Saturday 3rd January 2026

6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 4th January 2026

11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

Tuesday 6th January 2026

FEAST OF EPIPHANY
10.00am:

7.30pm:

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

11th Sunday January 2026

TEAM: B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy.

PRAYER TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before you with hearts full of anticipation and gratitude. We thank you for the gift of life and for the journey that has brought us to this moment.

Lord, we acknowledge the highs and lows of the past year - the joys and sorrows, the victories and challenges. Through it all, your presence has been our constant source of strength and hope.

As we welcome this new year, we place it in your capable hands. We trust in your plan and purpose for our lives, knowing that your ways are higher than our ways, and your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

We pray for your guidance in the coming year. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and wisdom. Help us to discern your will in all that we do and to walk in obedience to your Word.

Fill our hearts with hope, joy, and peace. May your love and grace shine brightly in our lives and be a source of light in a world that often needs it.

Lord, grant us the courage to face the unknown with faith and trust. In times of uncertainty, remind us that you are our anchor, our refuge, and our strength.

We thank you for the lessons and blessings of the past and look forward to the opportunities and adventures that the future holds. May we use our time, talents, and resources to bring glory to your name and to be a blessing to others.

In the name of Jesus, we welcome the new year with open hearts, renewed faith, and the confidence that you will be with us every step of the way.

Amen

Kildare, Monastervin & Rathangan Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage

8th June – 12th June 2026
4 Nights from Cork Airport
€825 pp Sharing

For further information, please contact :
Monasterevin Parish Office
@ 045 525 346
For bookings, please contact Joe Walsh
@ 01 241 0800

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Tuesday 6th January 2026
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS

10.00 am & 7.30 pm

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.



Dear Parishioners,

As we begin a New Year together in our Parish, on my own behalf I would like to wish you and your families a holy and happy New Year and to thank you for the support that you have given me during the last year.

I want to thank especially all who help in the various Ministries in our Parish and for those who give of their time in making our Parish a vibrant Christian community. To all the Clubs and Organisations who add so much to the life of the Parish, I encourage them to keep up the good work. So many people who visit the Parish and who have come to live here recently often comment to me how friendly and welcoming the people of Monasterevin are.

A warm welcome to all who are home for Christmas from abroad and to those who are unable to make it home at this festive time, we send our sincere good wishes.

For many people Christmas can be a sad time, especially for those who have lost loved ones. I have remembered all those who have died in my prayers at Masses over the Christmas period.

The hope that each of us have in our hearts is that the Christ who has come among us walks the journey of life with us. May that peace of Christ dwell in our hearts and your homes this coming New Year.

Fr. Liam

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.

Thank You.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the babies Arlo James Byrne Rowan & Seán Óg who were baptised on the weekend of the 13th December 2025 by Fr. Liam.



PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will re-open on
Monday 5th January 2026.

Wishing you all a Very Happy and Peaceful
New Year from the Office Staff

Adrienne, Fiona, Claudia and Elaine

BLESSING OF ALL BABIES WHO WERE BAPTISED DURING 2025

Tuesday 6th of January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

We are welcoming back all babies who were Baptised in the last year for a special blessing at all Masses
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th January 2026

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on
Friday 9th January 2026

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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the
Infant lying in a manger.**

GREETING

In the name of the Father**Amen.**
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

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 were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practising the virtues of family life and
in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy
of your house, delight one day in eternal
rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
The Lord honours the father in his
children, and upholds the rights of a
mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning
for his sins, he who honours his mother

is like someone amassing a fortune.
Whoever respects his father will be
happy with children of his own, he shall
be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his
father, he who sets his mother at ease is
showing obedience to the Lord.
My son, support your father in his old
age, do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him
sympathy, do not despise him in your
health and strength; for kindness to a
father shall not be forgotten but will serve
as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 127: 1 - 5

**R. O blessed are those who fear the
Lord and walk in his ways!**

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall
eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **[R]**
- Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **[R]**
- Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! **[R]**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17 (Alternative shorter form)
**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the
Colossians**

You are God's chosen race, his saints;
he loves you and you should be clothed
in sincere compassion, in kindness and
humility, gentleness and patience. Bear
with one another; forgive each other as
soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has
forgiven you; now you must do the same.
Over all these clothes, to keep them
together and complete them, put on
love. And may the peace of Christ reign
in your hearts, because it is for this that
you were called together as parts of one
body. Always be thankful.
Let the message of Christ, in all its
richness, find a home with you. Teach
each other, and advise each other, in all
wisdom.
With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms
and hymns and inspired songs to God;
and never say or do anything except
in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ
reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ
find a home with you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 2: 13-15.19-23
A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

After the wise men had left, the angel of
the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream
and said, 'Get up, take the child and his
mother with you, and escape into Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you, because
Herod intends to search for the child and
do away with him.' So Joseph got up
and, taking the child and his mother with
him, left that night for Egypt, where he
stayed until Herod was dead. This was to
fulfil what the Lord had spoken through
the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt
and said, 'Get up, take the child and his
mother with you and go back to the land
of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the
child are dead.' So Joseph got up and,
taking the child and his mother with him,
went back to the land of Israel. But when
he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded
his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he
was afraid to go there, and being warned
in a dream he left for the region of
Galilee. There he settled in a town called
Nazareth. In this way the words spoken
through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

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.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 28th December 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

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of
conciliation, humbly asking that, through
the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God
and Saint Joseph, you may establish our
families firmly in your grace and your peace.
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

**Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among us.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this
heavenly Sacrament,
most merciful Father,
to imitate constantly the example
of the Holy Family,
so that, after the trials of this world,
we may share their company for ever.
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.**



**A day to pray with and for our family; to give thanks to God for them; to
pray for healing of divisions and bitterness. We pray that we may grow in
respect and love for our extended family throughout the world.**



Family gathering – the elders – all talking about their children
and grandchildren. Lot of joy, laughter, love. Joy on a
grandad's face as he showed a few pictures on the phone of his
grandchild. The centre of life is family – what we talk about so
often. It's where we learn most about life. Looking over a family
album generally brings out a lot of laughter. Family even with its ups and downs,
brings a lot of our joy.

Think for a while sometime today of the joys of family. Recall them, and enjoy
them. It's the place where we find unconditional love. We may drive each other
mad at times, or let each other down. But love is strong for the person just as you
are. In that way family is a sacrament, a sign, of God, accepting us, forgiving us,
moving us on to greater love and maturity and always faithful.

Family today is varied. Stresses are different as before. We live in a world which
needs the values of family life but finds difficulty. Financial worries, worries about
children and the life they will have, are many, and about the elders in the family.
Family joy is in receiving and giving love, also with family friends friends and
extended family.

So family also lets us be and lets us go. We miss our family who are away but
realise that is what they chose to do, or more often, had to do. We find roots in
the family – where we came from, and wings to start on our own way in life, with
a new family.

So every family is a 'holy family'! Not just a saint and an immaculate mother. But
holy in trying to love each other as best we can. As a woman said to her family
as she was approaching the end: 'I did my best to love you all'. A great legacy to
leave behind!

Donal neary SJ,

Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth. They are called The Holy Family. Joseph
protected the family from danger. Mary was always caring. Jesus had respect for his
parents. Once, as a teenager, Jesus got lost, and his parents were very worried. Jesus
said to them "Didn't you know where I was?" There are always misunderstandings in
family life. We ask Jesus, Mary and Joseph to help us, to be caring and respectful to
each other in our home.