

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

11th January 2026

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

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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**CHARITY TAX NO.
CHY 7355**

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
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Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Coughlan, Main Street, Monasterevin,
Jeremiah (Jerry) Carroll, Ferns Park, Monasterevin, Annie (Nan) Whelan, St. Evin's Park,
Monasterevin/ Portlaoise, and Pat Buckley, St. Evin's Park, who were
interred recently — R.I.P.

Saturday 10th January 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Anne Tynan, Jamestown & her mother Anne Delaney, Coole, Patrick Walsh,
Gurteenoon, Philip Walsh, Gurteenoon, Robert & Katie Walsh, St. Evin's Park, William & Kate Dempsey, Gorey,
Martin Dempsey, Kildare, Bill & Jane Holligan, John & Ruth Holligan, Simon Ridge, London, Michael & Julie Holligan,
John & Annie Coughlan, Coolnaferagh, Julie & Mick Malone, Cowpasture, Patrick, Joseph Havens, Ann & Patrick
Hayes, Naas, Martin & Sarah Berns, Cherryville, Mary & Odie Nolan, Pass Bridge, Mary & Patrick Lynch, Suncroft, Pat
Joe Harrison, Kill, Christina Clarke, Hugh Clarke & deceased members of the Clarke & Casey families, Eugene Melia,
Manchester, Fr John Melia, New Zealand, Nan Lawlor & deceased members of the Lawlor family, Dublin St., Molly
Kaye, Skirteen, Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, Mary Daffy, Maddenstown, Bridie Morrissey, Birmingham,
Eileen Kelly, Mt. Prospect, Rathangan, Christy Loneran, Togher Wood, Mary & Bill King, Ballyfarsoon, John & Lily
Lawlor, Kildare Rd, Arthur Lawlor, Cowpasture, John Lawlor, St. Evin's Pk. Josephine & Jack Kenna, Kildangan, Ellen &
Rober Walsh, Old Grange, Majella Malone, Shindella,

Sunday 11th January 2026 9.00 am Mass

Mary & Odie Nolan, Pass Bridge, Mary & Patrick Lynch, Suncroft, Joe Harrison, St. Evin's Pk, Katie & Peter Dwane &
family members, Oghill, Bridget & Joe Harrison & family members, Oghill,
Bridget & Patrick Moody, Meath, John Sherwood, Portarlinton, Michael Butler, Kildare, Nancy McCormack,
Balkinstown, Numej, Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, Mary Daffy, Maddenstown, Bridie Morrissey, Birmingham,
Eileen Kelly, Mt. Prospect, Rathangan, Christy Loneran, Togher Wood, Mary & Bill King, Ballyfarsoon, John & Lily
Lawlor, Kildare Rd, Arthur Lawlor, Cowpasture, John Lawlor, St. Evin's Pk, Bridie & Jack Mahon, Lily & Jim Mannion,
Donore, Bridie & Michael Kenna, Cloneygath, Charles (Chas) Donohoe, Inchacooley, Michael O' Reilly, Hill of Down.

Sunday 11th January 2026, 11.30 am Mass

Frank Byrne, Rathangan, Des McEvoy, Killeishin Rd, Carlow, Mary & Odie Nolan, Pass Bridge, Mary & Patrick Lynch,
Suncroft, John Mullen, Kathleen Dunne (Née Keegan), Cowpasture, Barbara Maloney Dunne (née Sandgrove), The
Brackens, Clogheen, Bridget Murphy, St. Evin's Pk, Monasterevin, Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Ballyfarsoon, Mary Daffy,
Maddenstown, Bridie Morrissey, Birmingham, Eileen Kelly, Mt. Prospect, Rathangan, Christy Loneran, Togher Wood,
Mary & Bill King, Ballyfarsoon, John & Lily Lawlor, Kildare Rd, Arthur Lawlor, Cowpasture, John Lawlor, St. Evin's Pk.

Tuesday 13th January 2026

Teresa Kaye, Cowpasture

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 350
Baskets Collection: € 1085

CHOIR

Saturday 17th January 2026
6.30pm: Family Choir

Sunday 18th January 2026
11.30am: Parish Choir

LOTTO
20/01/2026

TEAM: B
Mary Sweeney & Mary Doyle

READERS

Saturday 17th January 2026
6.30pm: Sr. Phil

Sunday 18th January 2026
9.00am: Sr. Angela
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 17th January 2026
6.30pm: Colette Walsh, Jackie
Kennedy, Patricia Molloy, Mikey
Baker.

Sunday 18th January 2026
9.00am: Sharon Hanley, Andrew
Mahon, Sr Angela.
11.30am: Anne Whelan, Anne
Loneran, Rita McDonnell, Fiona
Behan.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 25th January 2026

TEAM: A
Sr. Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Jackie
Quinn.

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results
Numbers Drawn
NO LOTTO ON THE 06/01/2026

LOTTO RESUMES ON

13/01/2026

Next Weeks Jackpot €

No Winner

Winners

€20

€20

€20

€20

€20

Next Draw 01/2026

Promoter

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 05/01/2026

Numbers Drawn

15, 22, 25, 26

Next Weeks Jackpot € 6, 400

No Winner

Winners

€20 Katie Gahan

€20 Brian Murray

€20 Pauline McGlynn

€20 Cora Reidy

€20 Pat Mullen

Promoter

G. Broughall

G. Harrison

M. Heavey

M. Hanlon

R. McDonnell

Next draw: 12/01/2026.

Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Draw Results:

/2026

1st €200:

2nd €100:

3rd €50:

Seller:

Kildare, Monastervin & Rathangan Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage

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

This year ten students
from transition year in St.
Paul's Secondary School
will join us on the
Pilgrimage to help the
Pilgrims.

For further information,
please contact :

Monasterevin Parish
Office @ 045 525 346

For bookings, please
contact Joe Walsh
@ 01 241 0800

CAMINO WALK IN HONOUR OF ST. BRIGID

To commemorate Brigid,
Monasterevin Parish have
organised a Camino Walk in her
honour. Starting at St. Brigid's
Shrine at Monasterevin - Rathangan
Road (R414), Eircode: W34 X529,
@ 11am on Monday 2nd Febru-
ary (walk is approx. 6km). Car
parking provided at Mountrice
Cross.

The walk will be led by Bishop
Denis Nulty & will journey via
Umeras then along the New Canal
Blue Way, finishing in St. Peter &
Pauls Church, Monasterevin with a
service of light at 12.30pm.



A Prayer for Peace

For those who are
fleeing: sanctuary

For those who are
staying: safety

For those who are
fighting: peace

For those whose hearts
are breaking: comfort

For those who see no
future: hope

JANUARY !

January of a thousand miles
Always starts somewhere.
Nothing will be achieved
Unless you take
Action. Momentum plus
Repeated efforts will take
You further than expected.



NOTICE

WE NOW ACCEPT CARD
PAYMENTS AT THE
PARISH OFFICE



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Aidan James Hurley
Bannon & Theodore Patrick Dooley
who were baptised by Fr. Liam Merrigan
on **Sunday 28th of December
2025.**



SPECIAL THANKS

The Christmas Light Committee wish to thank the Knit
& Natter Ladies for their kind donation to help Light up
our town for Christmas. The Lights gave a great lift to
the town during the Christmas period.

Again, Thanks Ladies, It was greatly appreciated.

To Polish Community

New established contact for Polish Community in
Monasterevin is **Damian Gorski** on behalf of Polish
Pastoral as a coordinator in Monasterevin.

Liaison details:

Polish Pastoral Secretariat in the Diocese of Kildare &
Leighlin
Email: sekretariat.polonijny@gmail.com

Monasterevin Drama Group

Monasterevin Drama Group presents " **Boeing**
Boeing " a hilarious comedy with bachelor Bernard
and three airline stewardesses all engaged to him
without knowing about each other. Things get
complicated when his friend Robert visits and the
timetables change.

Thursday 22nd to Saturday 24th January at 8pm
at Monasterevin Community Centre
Tickets € 15 available from Monasterevin
Community Centre or via Eventbrite.

THANK YOU !

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.

Sincere thanks to all who were involved in decorating the
Church for Christmas, the Lynch brothers, Men's Shed who
set up the Crib, Sr Angela for the flowers and those who
donated Poinsettias for the Altar Rails.
All were greatly appreciated.

Fr Liam.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: **This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**

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

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness: 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

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;

he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the
cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed
you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the
people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the
dungeon.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 28:1 - 4. 9 - 10.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

- O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **[R]**
- The Lord's voice resounding on the
waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **[R]**
- The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Acts 10: 34 - 38***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 3: 13 - 17***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11th January 2026

This is the feast of Jesus receiving from his Father the calling and mission which he followed through in his life, death and resurrection. We too are baptised into a similar relationship



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the offerings
we have brought to honour the revealing of
your beloved Son,
so that the oblation of your faithful
may be transformed into the sacrifice of
him who willed in his compassion
to wash away the sins of the world.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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

**Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the
Son of God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
that, faithfully listening to your Only
Begotten Son,
we may be your children in name and in
truth. 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.



The Great Turning. Full of conviction, passion and righteous anger, John the Baptist pleaded with people to turn around and "prepare the way" (3:3). Yet, in today's Gospel we meet a different John. He is surprised to see that Jesus has arrived to be baptised by him and feels unworthy of such a task. Jesus explains to John that this is a necessary signal at the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity. It is also more than that. In Jesus' first spoken words in Matthew's Gospel he says this baptism is "to fulfil all righteousness", and here we have the central theme of Matthew's Gospel announced. In the Old Testament, "righteousness" literally meant 'right relationship'. It was not solely focused on an individual's repentance but referred to the turning around of God's people, a collective turning, towards restoration and justice across the land. Jesus at the Jordan stands with God's people, in solidarity yes, but also in his full human experience, in his living, suffering, dying, and in the making of straighter paths. Jesus is baptised in the Jordan because he is modelling the way for humanity as we strive for "righteousness" in our communities and in the complexities that life brings for each of us.

We are not short of situations in our world which require people to turn around and walk a new path. The environmental crisis is one example, calling the entire human species to wake up and walk an entirely different path in order to ensure a sustainable future for all. This requires a collective turning, what authors Joanna Macy & Chris Johnson call "*The Great Turning*". This Great Turning is the global awakening, the ecological revolution which is necessary, which is underway and which must be fully embraced if we are to bring healing to our world.

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty. Adapted from *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2022.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

When Jesus is baptised, He tells us that we have Three Special Friends. God The Father, who makes the sun shine on the good and not so good. God, The Son, who came at Christmas, to be our forever Friend, and God The Holy Spirit who is "The Breath of God" in us and in all the Universe. We bless ourselves in Thanks, and say "Glory be to The Father, and to The Son, and to The Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.