

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

18th 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:

Fr. Liam Merrigan P.P.  
Parish Office  
045 525346

Adrienne M'Cormack  
Fiona O'Hanlon  
Claudia Tanase  
Elaine Timmins

**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 :**  
Ailish Higgins  
Director of Safeguarding & DLP  
Bishops House  
Old Dublin Road  
Carlow  
Ph: 085 802 1633

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives**  
Ellen Galvin  
Marie Rogerson

**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 soul of Pat (Shafter) Moore, St. Evins Park Monasterin who was interred recently — R.I.P.

### Saturday 17th January 2026, 6.30 pm Mass

Sheila Quinn, Elizabeth Healy, Annie & Thomas Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan, Sr. Alphonsas, Mercy Convent, Michael Kelly, Rathangan, Michael Kelly, St. Evins Pk, Oliver O'Reilly, Lakeview house, Clara, Co. Offaly & Tougher Grove, James O'Neill, Cabra, Dublin, Christina Fenlon, Ballyadams, Michael McCabe, Cowpasture, Bride & Pat Hughes, Newry, Sheila & Cylulshafe, Newry, Paddy Connolly, Thurles, Brigid Lonergan, St. Evin's Pk, Matt Lonergan, Old Grange, Jack Nolan, Cowpasture, Theresa Milner, Scarborough, England.

### Sunday 18th January 2026, 9.00 am Mass

Fr. Denis O' Sullivan ( Birthday Rem.), Monasterevin, Michael McCabe, Cowpasture, James & Mary Melia, Ballyfarsoon, Patrick, Eileen & Bernie Holligan, Barraderra, Dick Holligan, Old Grange, Larry Holligan, St. Evin's Pk, Pat & Kate Dunne, Lackagh, Laurence & Hannah Feddigan, Killenard, Mattie, Nancy, Jack, M.J. & Joyce McCormack, Nurney.

### Sunday 18th January 2026, 11.30 am Mass

Bridget Leathem (months mind) Tarmon Vicarstown Rd, Cloney Athy, Brigid Lonergan, Dympna Mullen, Sr. Alphonsas, Mercy Convent, Oliver Dowling, Pleasants Place, Dublin 8, Peter Scully, Mullaghroe, Teresa Kaye, Cowpasture.

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 08th February 2026  
TEAM: B  
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy

### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 335.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1135.00

### READERS

Saturday 24th January 2026  
6.30pm: Sr Phil

### MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 24th January 2026  
6.30pm: Mary Ryan, Dan Clancy, Teresa Flood, Cathy Cullen

### CHOIR

Saturday 24th January 2026  
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 25th January 2026  
11.30am: Gospel Choir

### LOTTO

27/01/2026  
TEAM: C  
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

### Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results: 13/01/2026

Numbers Drawn:

17, 18, 21, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 8,200

No Winner

<b>Winners</b>	<b>Promoter</b>
€20 Grainne Donoghue	M. Heavey
€20 Colleen Brady	G. Harrison
€20 Gillian Kinsella	G. Harrison
€20 Michael McCabe	R. Callanan
€20 Sinead Malone	G. Harrison

Next draw: 20/01/2026

### Ballykelly G. F. C. Lotto

Draw Results: 12/01/2026

Numbers Drawn:

8, 14, 26, 28,

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 6,600

No winner

<b>Winners</b>	<b>Promoter</b>
€20 Bobby Whyte	P. Whyte
€20 Keila Moore	P. Moore
€20 Colette Redmond	R. McDonnell
€20 Eileen Melia	M. Heavey
€20 Julie Smith	D. Buckley

Next draw: 19/01/2026

Thank you for continued support!

### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Draw Results: 09/01/2026

1st €100: Brigid Stapleton	c/o Dominic
2nd €50: Breda Lawlor	c/o Online
3rd €25: Evan Quinn	c/o C. Quinn
4th €25: Bridgey Kavanagh	c/o Bingo

Seller: Dominic Stapleton

### Kildare, Monasterevin & 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

### ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK ON MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY.



St. Brigid is reputed to have been born in the Townland of Umeras, just outside Monasterevin, Co. Kildare. This year a new Bank Holiday to honour St. Brigid takes place on Monday 2nd February.

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 February (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 Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Drogheda Street, Monasterevin (W34KD61) with a Service of Light at 12.30pm.

A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30am to Mountrice and return to Mountrice at 2.00pm. For those who wish to avail, payment on the bus. No booking required.

All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camino Passport that will be stamped at Sts Peter & Paul Church.

St Brigid's Crosses & refreshments will be provided on the day.

More information:  
Parish Office 045 525346



### Social Day Out

Senior Citizens social day out on the 25th January 2026. Bus leaves @ 12 mid day from Circle K & 12.15 from Cyms Hall. Please let your Rep know if you are availing of this.

### THANK YOU

The parish would like to acknowledge the ongoing financial support of parishioners to the running costs of the parish which is much appreciated. If you contribute €250 or more per calendar year, then the parish can obtain a tax refund in respect of your contribution from revenue which will increase the value of your contribution by 31% to the parish at no cost to you. The only requirement is that the parish must retain a record of the contribution source to make a claim for a refund of tax. This refund claim has no revenue implications for the donor.

Next week we will be sending out the forms to the people from our records that show they are contributing the amount that makes them eligible for us to claim for a tax refund from revenue. Please consider seriously sending back this form.

If you would like to talk with Fr. Liam about this, easy way to help the parish, please contact him on 045 525346.

The Conference of the S.V.P. wish to express their deep gratitude to all who so generously supported the Super Valu/Church gate collections.

Thank you to the Gospel Choir, who donated proceeds from the collection at the Carol Service. To all who contributed anonymously. The students of St. Johns School. A special word of thanks to the John Paul II students, St. Paul's Secondary School.

Eimear Lovern, Isabella Bracken & Ksemia Kieltyka who gave so freely of their time assisting with hampers & the Carol Service collection.

Without all of this support we would be unable to assist those most in need in our Parish & the numbers are increasing every year. On behalf of all who receive help, THANK YOU.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Eliana Badinas who was baptised by Fr. Liam Merrigan on Saturday 10th of January 2026.



## ENTRANCE ANTIphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## 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

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: 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 govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6*A reading from the prophet *Isaiah*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 39: 2.4-7-10*

*R. Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

[R]

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.

[R]

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.

[R]

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

[R]

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul's to the *Corinthians*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 1:29-34*A reading from the holy *Gospel according to John*.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John

said, 'Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

*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.*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished.

Through Christ our Lord.



## focus on sunday

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18th January 2026

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Catholic Schools Week begins

The Christian life is a calling from God to be companions of Jesus and work for the spread of his love and justice. All of us are asked to do this in our own lives.

BEHOLD,  
THE LAMB OF GOD

When Jesus realised he was being followed, he got curious. To the two who would later be apostles he presumed nothing, but asked them 'what are you looking for? Or 'What do you want?'.

Something had made them curious about Jesus too and they wanted to know about him. Asking him where he stayed was really asking, 'who are you really?', what makes you 'tick' in your life? or 'what keeps you going'?

He would ask each of us the same. Jesus' first words to people were questions about themselves. He had an innate interest in each of us, and he had learned that from his Father who has a continuous caring interest in us.

We have many requests of the Lord in prayer. We may not get what we want but we always are gifted in prayer with the presence and grace of the Holy Spirit. This is the answer of Jesus: 'Ask and you shall receive the Holy Spirit'. With the Spirit come the gifts of the Spirit like peace, joy, compassion, forgiveness, endurance

All prayer gives us the realisation of the Spirit for God working within us. With the Spirit comes the divine fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness (Galatians 5:22).

What kept Jesus going was wanting to share these gifts with us. He asks of us to do the same.

Donal Neary SJ

Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

John The Baptist was a good man. He praised Jesus. He asked the people to follow Jesus. John put other people first. At Mass we praise God too. We say thanks for all our blessings. We ask God to help us to put other people first.

