

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

25th 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<sup>o</sup>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 :

Michele Hughes  
Director of Safeguarding & DLP  
Bishops House  
Old Dublin Road  
Carlow

Ph: 086— 1710643

**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](mailto: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 24th January 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Noel Conlon (months mind), Station court, Portarlington, James Dunne, Grange, Moore Abbey, Mike Dunne, Nurney Road & all deceased members of the Dunne family., Jim Downey, The Square, Annette Connolly, St. Evins Park, Michael Keenan Jr, his daughter Shirley Foran (nee Keenan) & deceased members of the Keenan & Walsh families, Seamus Dunne, Coolier, Sadie Harrison, Rathangan Rd, Kitty, Murt & Paddy Siney, Kill, Bridget Forde, Cowpasture, Thomas & May Malone, Cis Lalor, Jim Lalor, Pat Malone, Molly & Sheamus Brogan, Quinsboro,

#### Sunday 25th January 2026 9.00 am Mass

Paddy Lacey, Michael O'Rourke, Michael & Elizabeth Freeman, Clogheen,

#### Sunday 25th January 2026, 11.30 am Mass

Kathleen Rodgers ( Birthday Rem.) Monasterevin, Ken Payne, Ballykelly, Geoffrey Butterfield, Raymond Butterfield, Arthur & Kathleen Cullen, Theresa Higgins, Maureen O'Brien, Violet Cullen, Dorothy Butterfield, John & Una Leech, Ms. Eileen Robinson, Monasterevin, George Tyrrell, Naas & his three grandchildren, Catherine Kavanagh, Harbour view, Bridget Forde, Cowpasture, Eamonn Ryan, Gurteenoona.

#### Tuesday 27th January 2026 10.00 am Mass

Sr. Celiennie ( months mind ), Moore abbey

#### Thursday 29th January 2026 10.00 am Mass

Rose Melia, Gurteenoona,



### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 330.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1025.00

### READERS

Saturday 31st January 2026  
6.30pm: Deirde Cotter

### MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 31st January 2026  
6.30pm: Ger Harrison, Patricia Molloy, Dan Clancy, Rachel Farrell

Sunday 1st February 2026

9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Lily

Donoghue, Teresa Flood, Sr Angela

11.30am: Anne Whelan, Rita

McDonnell, Anne Lonergan, Carmel

McAlinden.

### CHOIR

Saturday 31st January 2026  
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 1st February 2026  
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

### LOTTO

03/02/2026

TEAM: A  
Pauline Duffy & Lily Donoghue

### 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 8th February 2026

TEAM: B  
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly  
Anna Duffy

### Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 20/01/2026

Numbers Drawn

3, 4, 17, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot €8,400

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Paddy Rowan

€20 Jimmy Freeman M. Doyle

€20 L O D G. Harrison

€20 Dylan Robinson M. Doyle

€20 Margaret Behan M. Doyle

Next Draw 27/01/2026

Thanks for your continued support

### Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto

Draw Results 19/01/2026

Numbers Drawn

3, 10, 18, 26

Next Weeks Jackpot €6,800

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Robert Connolly S. Whyte

€20 Mervyn & Bridgie Finlays

€20 Gary & Edwina M. Casey

€20 Margaret Hanlon M. Hanlon

€20 Ber Ryan R. Ryan

Next draw: 26/01/2026.

Thanks for your continued support

### 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 February (walk is approx. 6km). Car parking provided at Mountrince 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.



### Thank you

Thank you to Knit & Natter for their kind donation to the Senior Citizens

### NOTICE

Monasterevin Daycare Centre AGM on Monday the 9th of February @ 6.30 pm in the supper room in Monasterevin Community Centre.

### Social Day Out

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

### PARISH OFFICE

We have a beautiful new Arrangement of various Gifts and Cards in stock for Special Occasions such as Confirmation and Communion.



Call in and our friendly staff will be delighted to look after you

### Under Brigid's Mantle

*A celebration of St. Brigid combining storytelling, poetry and music.*

**Presenters:** Solas Bhríde Team with guest speaker Nancy Fitzgerald.

**Date:** 2nd February

**Time:** 11.00 am—12.00 noon

**Venue:** Solas Bhríde Spirituality Centre

**Admission:** € 5.00

**Booking details:**  
[www.solasbhride.ie](http://www.solasbhride.ie) or  
[info@solasbhride.ie](mailto:info@solasbhride.ie)  
**Phone:** 045 522890

### Parish Choir—New WhatsApp Group

A new Parish Choir WhatsApp group has been created to help us share updates and stay in touch.

Choir practice takes place at 19.30 on the two Thursdays before the Third Sunday of each month.

New singers are always welcome—whether you're confident chorister or simply curious about joining in.

To be added to the WhatsApp group, contact Michael on 089-6120750 via WhatsApp.

## ENTRANCE ANTIphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and  
splendour, strength and honour in his  
holy place.

## 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

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good  
pleasure, that in the name of your beloved  
Son we may abound in good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 8: 23 – 9:3*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

In days past the Lord humbled the land  
of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but  
in the days to come he will confer glory  
on the Way of the Sea on the far side of  
Jordan, province of the nations.  
The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep  
shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing  
the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,

the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 26:1.4.13-14*

*R. The Lord is my light and my help.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **[R]**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,

to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **[R]**

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's  
goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **[R]**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17*

*A reading from the 1st letter of St.  
Paul to the Corinthians*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the  
differences between you, and instead  
of disagreeing among yourselves, to be  
united again in your belief and practice.  
From what Chloe's people have been  
telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear  
that there are serious differences among  
you. What I mean are all these slogans  
that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am  
for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for  
Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out?  
Was it Paul that was crucified for you?  
Were you baptised in the name of Paul?  
For Christ did not send me to baptise,  
but to preach the Good News, and not to  
preach that in the terms of philosophy in  
which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be  
expressed.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus proclaimed the Good News of  
the kingdom and cured all kinds of  
sickness among the people.*

*Alleluia!*

*GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23 (or \* 4:12-17)*  
*A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Matthew.*

\*Hearing that John had been arrested  
Jesus went back to Galilee, and  
leaving Nazareth he went and settled  
in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the  
borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this  
way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be  
fulfilled:

*Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!*

*The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;*

*on those who dwell in the land and  
shadow of death a light has dawned.  
From that moment Jesus began his  
preaching with the message, 'Repent, for  
the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'*

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee  
he saw two brothers, Simon, who was  
called Peter, and his brother Andrew;  
they were making a cast in the lake with  
their net, for they were fishermen. And he  
said to them, 'Follow me and I will  
make you fishers of men.' And they left  
their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another  
pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee  
and his brother John; they were in their  
boat with their father Zebedee, mending  
their nets, and he called them. At once,  
leaving the boat and their father, they  
followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee  
teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming  
the Good News of the kingdom and  
curing all kinds of diseases and sickness  
among the people.

*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 Christ did not send me to baptise,  
but to preach the Good News, and not to  
preach that in the terms of philosophy in  
which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be  
expressed.

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.

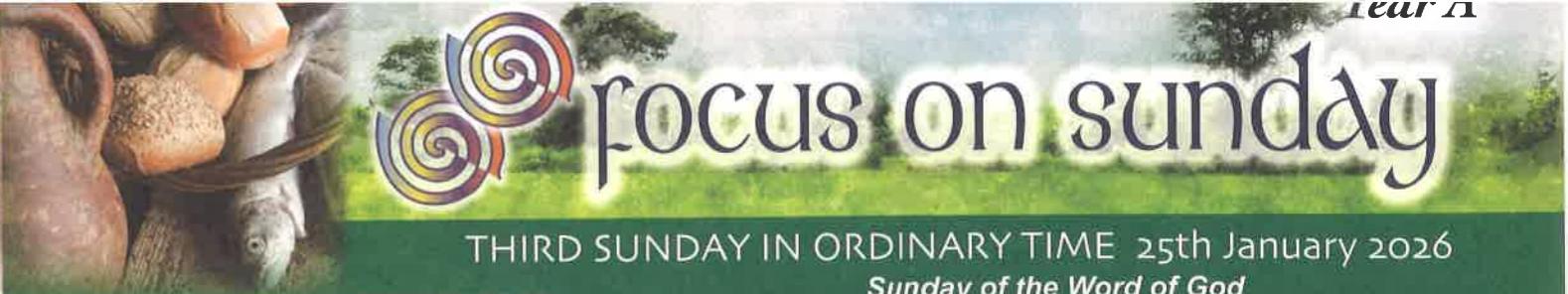
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

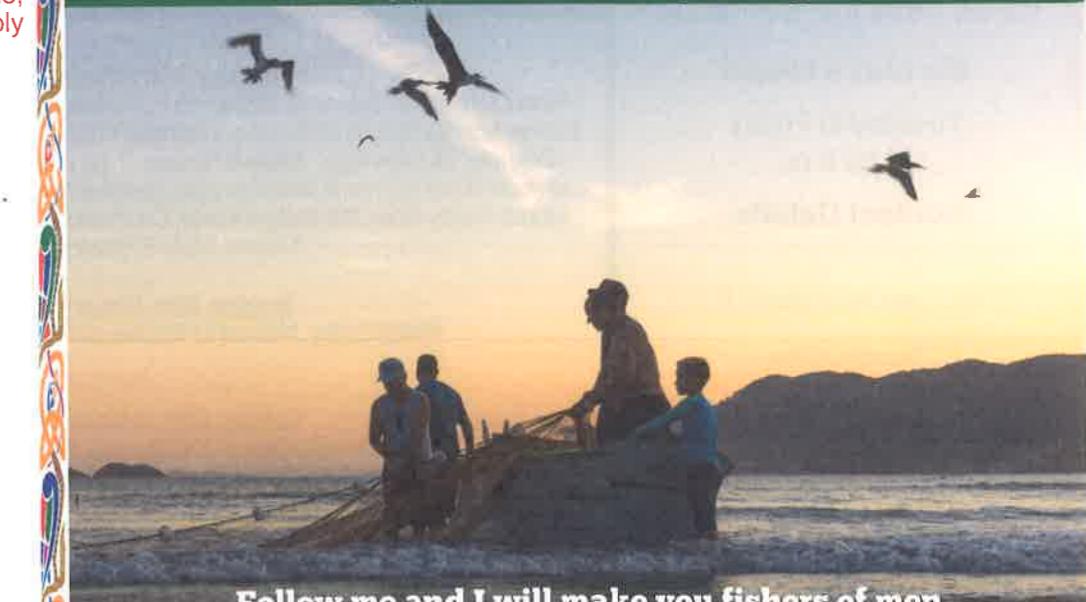


## FOCUS ON SUNDAY

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th January 2026

## Sunday of the Word of God

The gospel and the life of Jesus makes true the words: "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light". Christian life is a calling that this may continue to happen in every age, every place and in every society.



**Follow me and I will make you fishers of men**



Jesus begins selecting his apostles to join him in proclaiming the Kingdom of God. No employment agency would have recommended those he chose. Many of them were fishermen, people of little education, of low standing in society, with no connections, and who lived precariously from day to day depending on how much fish they were able to catch. Another was a tax collector, despised by Israelites because he worked for the hated Roman occupiers, took taxes from the little people and often ripped them off to make himself rich. In fact the only one whom the employment agency might have recommended was Judas, who kept control of the money (little as it was) and possibly had some financial background! But what the apostles had was enthusiasm and loyalty; they were willing to learn and to work and suffer for their leader. We too are all called to make the Kingdom of God a reality in our midst. This is not just a task for priests and bishops. We may think we are unqualified, do not have any theological training, don't have access to people in power. But neither did the apostles. Their commitment ensured that their human powerlessness was replaced by God's power. Since God is compassion, those who live ordinary lives are uniquely placed to bring the Kingdom of God into our world, by being the compassion of God to those around us. In fact, those who are rich and powerful can only relate to the rich and powerful; it is the lives of ordinary people which can reveal God to both rich and poor alike.

**Fr. Peter McVerry SJ**

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus wanted to tell people new ways to be happy. He asked Peter and Andrew to help him. They were fishermen. They will catch people now with God's message, telling everyone that God is Our Loving Father, giver of all blessings, knows each person by name, loves everyone, can never be angry, and always coaxes us to love, care and help each other.