

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:

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Parish Office
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Adrienne M^cCormack
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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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Representatives
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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

Saturday 24th January 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Noel Conlon (months mind), Station court, Portarlinton, 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, Gurteenooona.

Tuesday 27th January 2026 10.00 am Mass

Sr. Celiene (months mind) , Moore abbey

Thursday 29th January 2026 10.00 am Mass

Rose Melia, Gurteenooona,



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 330.00
Baskets Collection: € 1025.00

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

READERS

Saturday 31st January 2026
6.30pm: Deirde Cotter

Sunday 1st February 2026
9.00am: Lisa-Marie Duffy
11.30am: James Forde

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 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.

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
€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
€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

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Results: 16/01/2026

1st : Maurice Flood c/o: Jenny
2nd : Evan Quinn c/o: C. Quinn
3rd : Lilly Daffy c/o: Earley's
4th: Caoimhe Connolly c/o: Caoimhe
Seller: Jenny

**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 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 St. Peter & Pauls Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm.



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.solasbhríde.ie or
info@solasbhríde.ie
Phone: 045 522890

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.

All welcome

Social Day Out

Senior Citizens social day out on the **25th January 2026**. Bus leaves @ 12 midday from Circle K & 12.15 from Cym's 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

Parish Choir—New WhatsApp Group

A new Parish Choir WhapsApp 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 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

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them
grant that they may profit us for salvation.
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.
**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

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace by which you bring
us to new life, we may
always glory in your gift.
Through Christ our Lord.

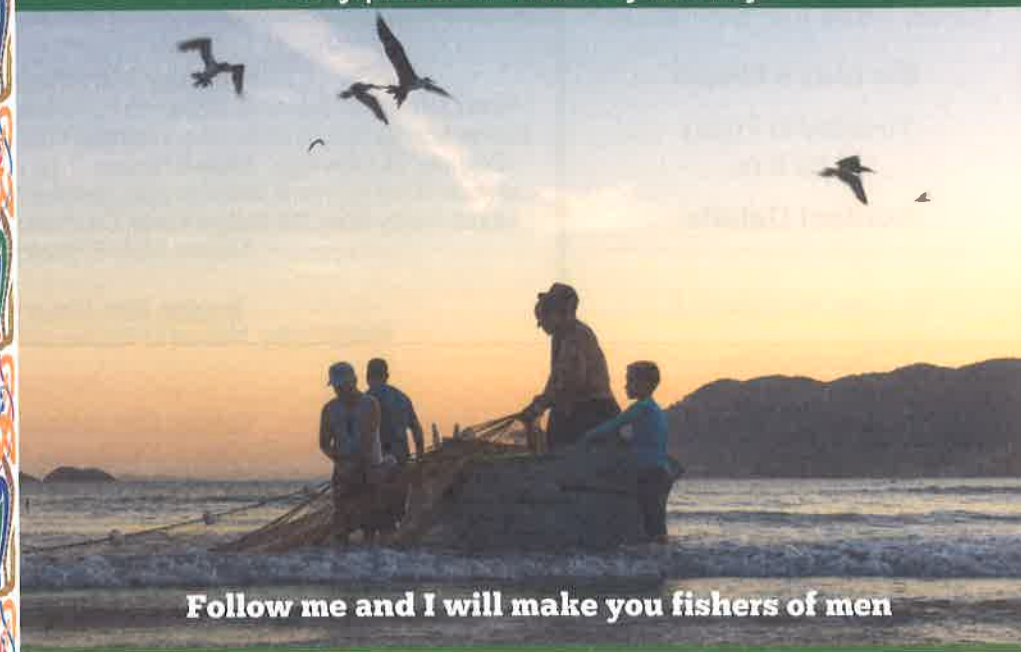
CONCLUDING RITE

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 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.