

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

15th February 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  
045 525346

Adrienne McCormack  
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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 :  
Michele Hughes  
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Bishops House  
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**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  
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### Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

#### Saturday 14th February 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Pat Moore (Months Mind), St. Evin's Park, Annie & Bernard Kelly (Birthday Rem.), Lough House, Rathangan, Sr. Celienne, Moore Abbey, Leo Kelly, Kill & deceased members of the O'Connell & Kelly families, Elizabeth Kingston, Emo, Michael Moody, Templeogue & Cowpasture, Tony Moody, Cowpasture, Annie Moody, Cowpasture, Matty Moran, Rathangan & his wife Ellen (Nell) Moran, Rathangan & Monasterevin, Margaret Murray, Ballyfarsoon, Din Damer, Ballyfarsoon, Anne Fullam, Nurney, Bill & Jane Holligan, John Holligan, Ruth Holligan, Barraderra, Simon Ridge, London,

Martin Bern's, Billy & Ollie Leigh, Gurteenoona, James Downey, Market Square, The Donoher family, Mountrice, Mr & Mrs Conlon, Umeras, Mary Fitzpatrick, Borris-in-Ossory, Joseph & Bridget Connolly, Ballybrittas, deceased members of the Connolly Family, Deceased members of the Byrne Family, Kilcrow, Athy.

#### Sunday 15th February 2026 9.00 am Mass

Mell Moran, St. Evin's Park, Mag Murray, Ballyfarsoon, Bernie Holligan, Barraderra, (Birthday Rem.).

#### Sunday 15th February 2026 11.30 am Mass

Douglas Harrington, Kildare, Ellen & Christopher Kenny, Rathangan, Helen Byrne, Rathangan (Birthday Rem.)

#### Tuesday 17th February 2026 10.00am Mass

Mrs. Margaret Boland, Drogheda Street, Marie Barry, Doneany

#### Wednesday 18th February 2026, 10.00am Mass

Rose Heavey (Birthday Rem.), Patrick Heavey, St. Evin's Park, Seamus Heavey, Tommy & Maeve Hall, Marie McDonagh, Gurteenoona

#### Friday 20th February 2026, 10.00am Mass

Winnie Mahon, (Birthday Rem) Gurteenoona,

#### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 440.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1130.00

#### CHOIR

Saturday 21st February '26  
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 22nd February '26  
11.30am: Gospel Choir

#### LOTTO

17/02/2026

TEAM: C

Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

#### READERS

Saturday 21st February 2026  
6.30pm: Serge de la Ray

Sunday 22nd February 2026  
9.00am: Adam McAllister  
11.30am: Gary Farrell

#### 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 21st February '26  
6.30pm: Fiona Farrell, Rachel Farrell, Ger Harrison, Pauline Murphy.

Sunday 22nd February '26  
9.00am: Sharon Hanley, Davina Weldon, Lily Donoghue, Paddy Clarke.

11.30am: Mary Lawlor, Carmel McAlinden, Ann Fearon, Anne Lonergan.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 22nd February 2026  
TEAM: A  
Sr Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Jackie Quinn

#### Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 10/02/2026

Numbers Drawn

2 8 12 14

Next Weeks Jackpot € 9000

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Regina Kelly R. McDonnell

€20 Conor Longford M. Doyle

€20 P. Kennedy M. Doyle

€20 K. Murphy R. McDonnell

€20 Marie Heavey M. Heavey

Next Draw 17/02/2026

Thanks for your continued support

# Thank you!

Thank you from Fr. Liam

Thank you all for your birthday wishes, calls and messages throughout the week. It has been a very memorable 70th birthday!

#### SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



#### Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto

Draw Results 09/02/2026

Numbers Drawn

18, 23, 25, 27

Next Weeks Jackpot € 7,200

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Phil Donoher M. Heavey

€20 Robbie & Louise R. McDonnell

€20 May Byrne J. Byrne

€20 William Reidy M. Hanlon

€20 Eimear Hanlon M. Hanlon

Next draw: 16/02/2026.

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#### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Results:

06/02/2026

1st: Hannah Turtun c/o: Dominic

2nd: Trevor Bannon c/o: Ballybord

3rd: Mick Kelly c/o: Gary

4th: Aine Kinahan c/o: Online

Seller: Dominic Stapleton

#### St. Peter & Paul's Church Monasterevin

This year our Novena is confined to 5 nights

Monday 9th March to  
Friday 13th March  
Time: 7.30pm

#### THEME: BAPTISED & SENT

Pat Moore St. Evin's Park

The Moore Family would like to thank the community for their support at this hard time.

Loved and greatly missed by his wife Chrissy, Daughters, Sons And Grandchildren. Pray for his soul.

Monday 9th March  
Guest Speaker: Dana

Dana is an Irish Songwriter, Singer & Politician. Winning the Eurovision in 1970 and entering Politics in 1997.

Tuesday 10th March  
Guest Speaker: To be confirmed

Wednesday 11th March  
Guest Speaker: To be confirmed

Thursday 12th March  
Guest Speaker: To be confirmed

Friday 13th March  
Guest Speaker: To be confirmed

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 525346

For bookings, please contact Joe Walsh @ 01 241 0800

ASH WEDNESDAY  
MASS TIMES  
10.00AM & 7.30PM  
(IN THE BIG CHURCH)

BLESSED ASHES WILL  
BE DISTRIBUTED AT  
BOTH MASSES.

#### SHROVE TUESDAY

"Shrove Tuesday" is the name of the day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. The word "shrove" is the past tense of the English verb "shrive" which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and by doing penance.

On this day, Catholics are encouraged to go to confession in preparation for the penitential Season.

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#### DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Bus to Divine Mercy Conference  
RDS  
Dublin on 28th February 2026

Leaving Fitzpatrick's Garage at 7.30 am  
€ 25 pp

Contact Marie on 086 1983870  
or  
Cera on 086 8580229 to book



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## ENTRANCE ANTIphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

## GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. 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

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus. If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS. 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34

R. They are happy who follow God's law!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R)
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R)

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Matthew 5: 17 - 37

(or \*5:20-22.27-28.33-34.37) (Shorter form in italics)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Jesus said to his disciples: Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved.

Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in

the kingdom of heaven.

\*For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court;\* if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

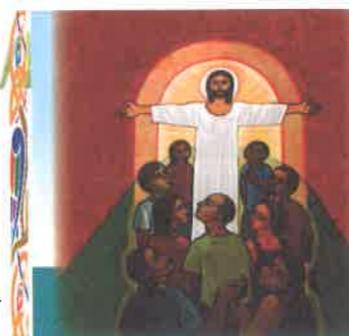
\*You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.\* If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

\*Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all,\* either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black.

\*All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.\*

The word of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



## FOCUS ON SUNDAY

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15th February 2026

## Day of Prayer for Temperance

The gospel of Christ will often force difficult decisions in our lives. The gospel offers a fullness of life which in turn offers us joy and a meaning of life which promises a hope and love that is eternal.



This Sunday immediately before Lent is a day of prayer and reflection on Temperance. The psalm texts "they are happy who do his will" and "may my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes" resonate in the hearts of all who are recalibrating their lives according to the Twelve Step Programme and their AA meetings.

They know the beautiful truth which Jesus radiates in the Gospels and the Sacraments. This truth is summarised by Sr Consilio in Cuan Mhuire in the simple message "God made me good". Accepting this truth, they have found daily happiness in "all that God has prepared for those who love him."

The high standards which they now set for themselves bring joy and peace back into homes which had lived under a dark shadow of addiction. Gone are the days of "an eye for an eye". With the kind support of family and of a Sponsor, their daily journey from addiction towards recovery continues on with the help of prayer and meditation.

I invite you to take the Pioneer pledge for Lent as a gesture of solidarity with people who are living "one day at a time" according to the 12 Step AA programme. Drop me a line to prayer@pioneers.ie

Fr Robert McCabe www.pioneers.ie

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells us that the Law of Love, is better than the love of law. Laws are important, but not complete, without the heart of love. I can read books, and know about Love, but loving means kindness, putting others first, caring, saying thanks, offering help. The Holy Spirit helps to make our knowing into loving. No matter how much I think I'm right, it's good to say, but I may be wrong.