

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

1st March 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>c</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 28th February 2026 6.30 pm Mass

John Joe Quinn, St Evins Park, (Birthday Rem), Tom Moran, Passbridge, Robert Harrison, Gurteenooona & deceased members of the Harrison family, Sean & Ann Carroll, Fassaugh,

#### Sunday 1st March 2026 9.00 am Mass

Joe Sharpe, Cowpasture, Tom Moran Passbridge,

#### Sunday 1st March 2026 11.30 am Mass

Catherine O'Rourke (Months mind), Kathleen Hickey, Kylebeg, Kildangan, Tom Moran, Passbridge,

#### Tuesday 3rd March 2026 10.00 am Mass

Mary Dunne ( Birthday Rem.), Kill



### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 355.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1315.00

### CHOIR

Saturday 7th March '26  
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 8th March '26  
11.30am: Alan Reigh

LOTTO  
03/03/2026

TEAM: B  
Mary Sweeney Mary Doyle

### READERS

Saturday 7th March 2026  
6.30pm: Ger Harrison

Sunday 8th March 2026  
9.00am: Tom Fitzgerald  
11.30am: Sabrina Kelly

### 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 7th March '26

6.30pm: Fiona Farrell, Mikey Baker, Cathy Cullen, Patricia Molloy

#### Sunday 8th March '26

9.00am: Lily Donoghue, Andrew Mahon, Teresa Flood, Davina Weldon

11.30am: Ann Fearon, Marie Lawless, Mary Lawlor, Anne Whelan

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 8th March 2026  
TEAM: B  
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Anna Duffy.

Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results 24 /02/2026  
Numbers Drawn  
7, 11, 22, 23  
Next Weeks Jackpot €9,400  
No Winner

Winners Promoter  
€20 Sheila Healey M. Doyle  
€20 Kathleen Hughes M. Doyle  
€20 David Mullen G. Harrison  
€20 Gia Gorry R. McDonnell  
€20 Dan Millar R. Callanan  
Next Draw 03/03/2026

1Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto  
Draw Results 23/02/2026  
Numbers Drawn  
7, 9, 14, 17  
Next Weeks Jackpot € 7.800  
No Winner

Winners Promoter  
€20 Sarah Hanlon M.Hanlon  
€20 Tricia Buckley T.,Buckley  
€20 N.Broughall G.Broughall  
€20 Pat Mullen R.McDonnell  
€20 G.Broughall G.Broughall  
Next draw: 02/03/2026.  
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.  
Results:  
20/02/2026

1st Louise & Regina c/o: Willoughbys  
2nd Paudi & Ordhan c/o:Earley's  
3rd Pdraig Foley c/o: Mick Foley  
4th Brigid Stapleton c/o: Dominic

Seller: Willoughbys

### NOTICE

Talk with slides on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm in Mercy Convent.

Title: Brigid of Kildare

Speaker: Tom Madden, author of St. Brigid - Her Definitive Story.

Hosted by Knit and Natter Group.

Sponsored by: Kildare County Council, Brigid 1500.

Entrance : Free

All Welcome.

### St. Patrick's Day Festival Committee

#### Event details

Date: 17th March 2026

Location: Monasterevin Town Centre

Theme: "Recycling & Sustainability"

We are inviting local schools, clubs, community groups, and businesses to take part by entering a float.

This year's parade is all about creativity, community pride and environmental responsibility.

Float Registration  
Closing Date: 5th March 2026  
Registration Form: Available via our Facebook & Instagram pages

Contact:  
[Monasterevinpatricksfestival@gmail.com](mailto:Monasterevinpatricksfestival@gmail.com)

March 1

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.  
Psalm 27:5 KJV

### Trócaire Lenten Campaign

The theme of the 2026 Trócaire Lenten campaign centres on the story of multi generational, Female led household in rural Rwanda. At just 28 years old, Uwamahoro is carrying the weight of three generations on her shoulders. Earning just 60 cent per day working on the land, she is doing the best she can to feed her family and keep the children in school. The next storm could destroy everything Uwamahoro has built. Their house is crumbling, the roof is leaking, they live in darkness with no electricity. We are asking the people of Ireland to help Uwamahoro rebuild her family's lives.

trócaire  
Working for a just world.

### SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



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

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: Cuan  
Mhuire—Centre for those  
battling addictions.

Wednesday 11th March  
Guest Speaker: Declan  
Prendergast recently ordained  
Decan has his own story to  
tell.

Thursday 12th March  
Guest Speaker: To be  
confirmed

Friday 13th March  
Guest Speaker: Conor Kelly—  
Trócaire recently back from  
working as a Field Officer in  
Malawi.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome into the Christian Community, babies Hannah Ellen Daffy & Hallie Grace Byrne O' Neill Who were baptised by Fr. Liam on Sunday 22nd February 2026.



### CONFIRMATION

Best wishes to all the 6th class boys and girls from St. Peter's, St. Evin's, St. John's and Lackagh Primary Schools who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on the weekend of March 7th & 8th.

We hope you have a lovely day Celebrating.



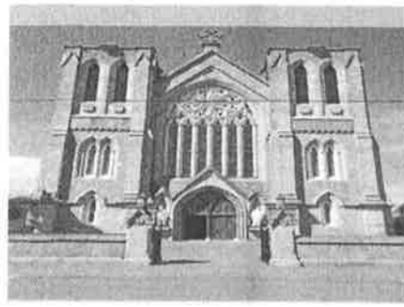
Lent calls us to true conversion through deep listening and meaningful fasting, not only from food, but from hurtful words, judgement and indifference, so that our lives may reflect mercy, peace, and genuine love for God and others.

### Message of Pope Leo XIV for Lent



### THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Fr Liam will be visiting the Sick and housebound on Friday 6th March. If you wish him to call please phone the Office on 045-525346



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.**

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father .....Amen.  
The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

*I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

May almighty God have mercy on us.....  
**Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*  
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*  
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, .....

- The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *[R]*
- Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. *[R]*

**SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8-10**  
**A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**  
**From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:**

**'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'**  
**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*[R]*

**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**

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

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.....**

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

*The mystery of faith.*  
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**THE SIGN OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
*And with your spirit.*

**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**

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. 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.**

**Reflection**

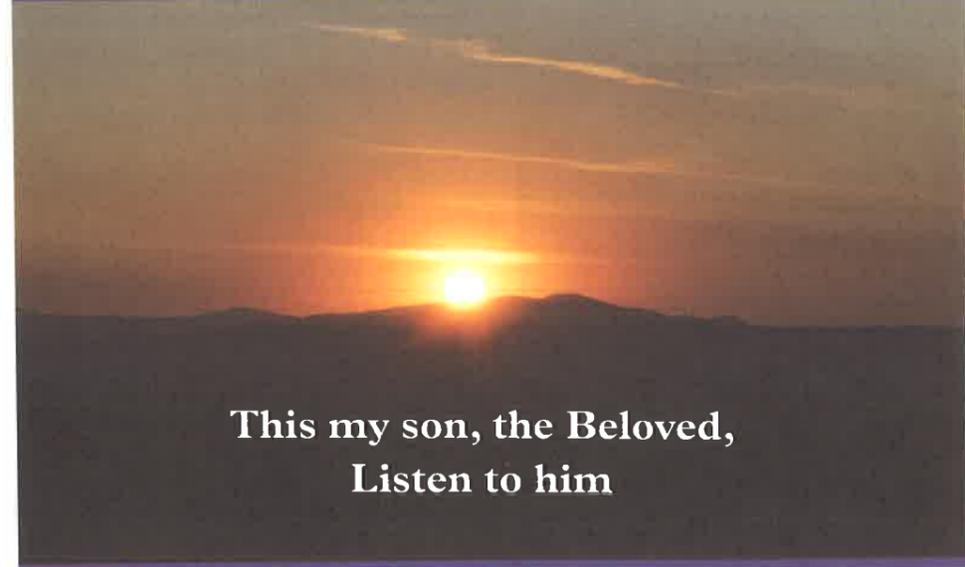
*We too should follow Jesus to the mountain top but we should follow him too - down again for it is in living and serving others, in seeing in all people the image of God that we can truly follow Jesus to his home with the Father*

*Lord, the glory which we see in your Transfiguration will one day be ours. We thank you for your promise and the gift of hope in this promise. Help me to see in all people the image of your glory, that in each person I meet lives the love and light of your Holy Spirit. Amen.*



**focus on sunday**

The gospel presents the glory of Christ, the One in whom we can always hope, the One who takes our sadnesses and despair into his own heart, and gives us through his death and resurrection the promise of eternal hope.



**This my son, the Beloved, Listen to him**



The crowds who listened to Jesus, enthralled by his teaching, were totally unaware of the person he was. The religious authorities who considered him a threat, and were planning to get rid of him, they too had no idea of who he was. Even the Apostles who walked with Jesus, listened to him, watched him, had no idea. On Mount Tabor, who he was, his inner self, was revealed to Peter, James and John. Even then, they were unable at the time to fully comprehend what they had seen and heard. And so it is with us. Every person is a mystery, who cannot be fully known by anyone else, even those closest to them. All we know is what we can see and hear and touch but we can never plumb the depths of another person's being. The Holy Spirit, God Himself, lives in each one of us. At a funeral, we incense the coffin, as a mark of respect for the body of the deceased, in whom God lived while they were alive. Those who love us reveal God's love to us. But everyone, even those whom some wish to push away, or discriminate against, sometimes homeless people, travellers, asylum seekers, people in social housing, are also the revelation of God to us, revealing to us how little we actually love. The followers of Jesus understood, after the Resurrection, that what we do to another person, we do to God. "I was hungry and you gave me to eat." God walks amongst us today, not recognised, welcomed by some, rejected by others.

**Fr. Peter McVerry SJ**

**Jesus' Story**

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

Jesus hides himself in human clothes to comfort and help people, and not to frighten them. Behind his human face to day, on the mountain, his friends get a taste of Heaven...Jesus' Face is dazzlingly beautiful....his friends want to stay with Him forever. God's image, part of God's Face, is in every human being. When we die we see God's Face fully lit up. A smile from our face is a blessing from God. Why don't we try today?