

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

22nd 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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045 525346

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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

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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 souls of **Maura McConn Harrison, Old Grange Monasterevin Sadie (Sarah) Duffy, Main Street, Monasterevin, Eugene Brady, Clondown & Margaret (Peg) Penfold (née) Ryan, England & formerly Ballagh, Monasterevin who were interred recently — R.I.P.**

Saturday 21st February 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Liam McGlynn (Birthday Rem), St. Evin's Pk, Pat Fitzpatrick, Kildare Rd, Jeremiah Lalor, Clogheen, Bridie & Pat Hughes, Newry, Sheila & Saoirse, Newry, Patrick Kaye, Cowpasture, Patrick & Mary Harrison, 1 Kill, John & Bridget Finn, Bracknagh, Patrick Kirwan, Station House, Savannah Muller (Birthday Rem)

Sunday 22nd February 2026 9.00 am Mass

Daniel Harrison, Kill, Mary Dunne, St. Evins Park, The Connolly Family, Dublin Street, Oliver Merlehan brother of Pat Merlehan, Denis Browne, Belgooly, Co. Cork, Francis Kelly Snr, Kylebeg, Francis Kelly Jnr, Michael Kelly Snr, England formerly Passlands, Bernard Kane, Kilberry, Sean Murphy, The Glebe, Denis Meredith

Sunday 22nd February 2026 11.30 am Mass

Sean O' Neill (Birthday Rem.), John O' Neill, Annie O' Neill, Aubrey Hope, Annie, Michael and Peter Eustace, Nancy Boland, Drogheda Street, Patrick Kaye, Cowpasture

Wednesday 25th February, 10.00am Mass

Mary Dempsey, Ballagh

Thursday 26th February 2026 10.00 am Mass

Mary Flynn, Kilberry

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 310.00
Baskets Collection: € 1305.00

CHOIR

Saturday 28th February '26
6.30pm: Gary Farrell

Sunday 1st March '26
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

LOTTO 24/02/2026

TEAM: A
Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue.

READERS

Saturday 28th February 2026
6.30pm: Ger Harrison

Sunday 1st 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 28th February '26

6.30pm: Dan Clancy Jackie Kennedy Pat Ryan Colette Walsh
Sunday 1st March '26
9.00am: Paddy Clarke Sr. Angela Anne McLoughlin Teresa Flood
11.30am: James Forde Rita McDonnell Fiona Behan Mary O' Leary

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 17/02/2026
Numbers Drawn
1, 13, 14, 19
Next Weeks Jackpot € 9,200
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Carleigh & Emma	G. Harrison
€20 A. Anderson	P/office
€20 Tommy Harrison	G. Harrison
€20 A & V Mahon	A. Mahon
€20 Mary Lalor	R. Clancy

Next Draw 24/02/2026
Thanks for your continued support



Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results 16/02/2026
Numbers Drawn
2, 3, 14, 18
Next Weeks Jackpot €7,600
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Marie & Sharon	G. Harrison
€20 David Mullen	G. Harrison
€20 Alice Dowling	M. Dowling
€20 Margaret Hanlon	M. Hanlon
€20 Mervyn & Bridgie	Finlay's

Next draw: 23/02/2026.
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Results: 13/02/2026

1st Joe Lonergan	c/o: Earley's
2nd Claire Dunne	c/o: Claire
3rd James Byrne	c/o: Andrea
4th Maeve Holligan	c/o: Earley's

Seller: Earley's

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

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



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

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: To be
confirmed

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.

BAPTISED & SENT IN LENT

Come with us on the
Journey!

RENEWING OUR BAPTISM
PRAYING
PENANCE &
RECONCILIATION
GIVING
FASTING

The National Synod Team
are offering information
sessions during Lent, online
on Thursdays at 7.30pm
with Guest Leaders each
week.
www.synod.ie

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

LENTEN PRAYER

God of goodness and
mercy, Hear my prayer as
I begin this Lenten
journey with you. Let me
be honest with myself as I
look into my heart and
soul, noticing the times I
turn away from you.
Guide me as I humbly
seek to repent and return
to your love. Amen

Amen.



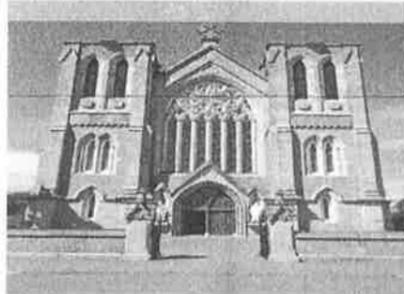
Job Vacancy

Rath N.S, Ballybrittas,
Co. Laois
Part time cleaner required

Part time Hours
Afternoon / Evening Cleaning
School Term
Competitive Hourly Rate

Ideal Candidate
Reliable & Punctual,
Trustworthy, able to work
Independently,
Cleaning experience desirable
(not essential)

For Further Information:
Phone: 057 862 6270
Email: principal@rathns.com



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 May almighty God have mercy on us. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis
 The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **[R]**

2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **[R]**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **[R]**
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

(or *5:12.17-19 Shorter Form) A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
**Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.* Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.*

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. **If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.**

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL Matthew 4:1 - 11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
 Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the



wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured. Through Christ our Lord.

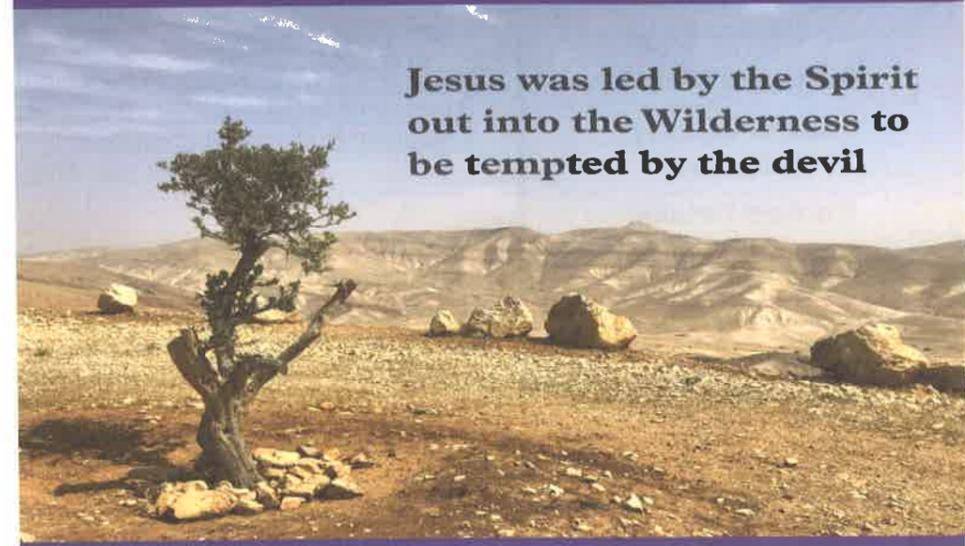
CONCLUDING RITE

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.**

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focus on sunday

Each day has its own temptations towards evil. Christ himself was tempted away from good and from what he knew was best in life. As the angels looked after him in his temptation, so he and his saints look after us in ours.



Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the Wilderness to be tempted by the devil



We have all had the experience of needing time apart to prepare for significant life events. Time can feel suspended as we are fully absorbed in pondering the future. We often emerge from such times with a new understanding of ourselves, of what is

important to us, and what our purpose in life is.

Jesus's time apart to prepare for his upcoming ministry sees him come face-to-face with the deepest recesses of human nature. The number forty is symbolic: the Israelites spent forty years in the desert, where they were tempted into idolatry, and Moses spent forty days and nights on Mount Sinai. As Jesus emerges from his time of reflection, hungry and willing to sacrifice himself, the devil subjects him to a triple temptation, all with the same aim: to rebel against God and deny his vocation. Of course, these temptations are particularly potent, as Jesus knows the path he has been called to will lead to abject bodily suffering, death, and ignominy – the very opposite of what the devil offers.

Jesus refuses to test God. Today's responsorial psalm reminds us that, while to err is human, to forgive is divine. Jesus's strength in the face of temptation is not a challenge to us, but a reminder that he was fully human while being fully divine. His humanity enables him to understand our human weaknesses and yearnings, and his divinity enables us to know we are forgiven and loved when our path becomes unclear.

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Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus was tempted to be selfish, and make food for himself, to do magic and be noticed, and have a lot of money. I bring Love, Jesus said, because God is Love. Only love makes us really happy. With love there is always giving with our hearts to help others. Everyday we can help at home, at work, and travelling on the road. Lord, You accepted temptation to bless us.