

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th 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:

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  
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## Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

### Saturday 7th February 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Pat Buckley (months mind), Bridie Donnelly (née White) (1st Anniversary), Paddy Nicholls, St. Evin's Pk, Maggie Nicholls, St. Evin's Pk, Pat Hyland, Oghill House, Matt Colgan, Anna Cunningham, Ballagh, Denis & Mary Doyle, Athy, Billy & Peg Nolan, Wicklow, James & Helena Campbell, Monasterevin, Jim & Mary McRedmond, Lughill, Sr. Rosario, Mercy Convent, Arklow, Paddy & Bridgid Gorry, Rathangan, Maureen Fenlon, Mick Fenlon, Patrick Fenlon, Brendan Mc Hale, Ashgrove Ballybrittas, Maura Ryan, Ballyfarsoon, Elizabeth Ryan, Cowpasture, Tony & Marie Kingston ( née) Ryan, Cowpasture, Kathleen Hyland, "New Lodge", Mary Ann Melia, Ballyfarsoon, Gerry Reidy, Skirteen, Brigid Dunne, The Glebe, Hugh Clarke, Christina Clarke & deceased members of the Clarke and Casey families.

### Sunday 8th February 2026 9.00 am Mass

Ann Houlihan ( Birthday Rem.), Kilmeague, Athy, Martin ( Murt) Rowan & deceased members of the Rowan & Harrison families, James Nelligan (Birthday Remembrance), Mary Dunne, St. Evins Park, Stephen, Jim & Tom Connolly, Dublin Street, Donohoe family, Umeras, Mrs. Melia, Rice family, Umeras,

### Sunday 8th February 2026 11.30 am Mass

Joe Melia ( 1st Anniversary) 1390 St. Evin's Park, Maureen Clinton O' Reardon, Dublin, Martin ( Murt) Rowan & deceased members of the Rowan & Harrison families, Bridie Barrett (nee Maher), Mayfield ( Birthday Rem.) Michael Byrne, Sligo, Mike (Meo) Byrne, Ballykelly & Sligo, George, Babs & Kathleen Byrne, Ballykelly, Sylvester & Bridget Dunne, Kilpatrick Kildangan, Carmel & Denis Lawlor, Fassagh, Tom Dunne Kilpatrick Kildangan, Maureen Mc Sweeney, Kilpatrick Kildangan, Peter, Mag & Cyril Dunne , no.3 Kill, Josie Hughes, Numey Rd. , Paddy, Rose & Christy, Old Grange, Pat Harrison, Larch Hill, Sean Harrison, St. Evin's Pk, Joe & Eileen Harrison, Bray, Co. Wicklow, Joe & Breda Sharpe, Rathangan Rd, Eddie, Moira & Joe Howard, Kildoon, Numey, Sharon Dunne (née Gorry), Clogheen, Brigid Dunne, The Glebe.



### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 295.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1080.00

### CHOIR

**Saturday 14th February '26**  
6.30pm: Family Choir

**Sunday 15th February '26**  
11.30am: Parish Choir

**LOTTO**  
10/02/2026

**TEAM: B**  
Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle.

### READERS

**Saturday 14th February 2026**  
6.30pm: Serge De la Ray

**Sunday 15th 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 14th February 2026**  
6.30pm: Mary Ryan, Patricia Molloy, Cathy Cullen, Mikey Baker  
**Sunday 15th February 2026**  
9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Sr Angela, Andrew Mahon, Teresa Flood  
11.30am: Mary Lawlor, Carmel McAlinden, Ann Fearon, Ann Lonergan

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**Sunday 22nd February 2026**

**TEAM: A**  
Sr Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results 03/02/2026

Numbers Drawn

2, 3, 8, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot €8,800  
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Denis Mahon	D. Mahon
€20 Lil Byrne	R. McDonnell
€20 P. McDonnell	R. McDonnell
€20 Denis Connolly	P. Office
€20 Shane Ryan	G. Harrison

Next Draw 10/02/2026  
Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto  
Draw Results 02/02/2026

Numbers Drawn

6, 13, 20, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot €7,200  
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Liam Behan	J. Behan
€20 Arietie Moore	J. Moore
€20 Brendan McMair	P. White
€20 Lynn Froneoy	M. Dowling
€20 Lucas Behan	J. Behan

Next draw: 09/02/2026.  
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.  
Results:  
30/01/2026

1st Aidan Morrissey	c/o: Jenny
2nd Evie O' Reilly	c/o: Earley's
3rd Caoimhe Connolly	c/o: Caoimhe
4th Seb Mulpeter	c/o: Online

Seller: Jenny Morrissey

**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  
@ 045 525 346

For bookings, please contact  
Joe Walsh @ 01 241 0800

## NOTICE

**CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED  
ALL NEXT WEEK  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY DUE  
TO A DEEP CLEAN AND  
POLISHING.**



## DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Bus to Divine Mercy Conference  
RDSDublin 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



## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late Pat Buckley wish to sincerely thank everyone who attended his recent funeral, sent mass cards and offered so much support, sympathy and kindness at a very difficult time. Special thanks to Naas Hospital, Palliative Care, Connected Health Carers who looked after Pat so well, and all our neighbors & friends during his illness.

Thanks to Fr. Liam for the lovely Mass at his funeral, and the Undertakers, John Mahar, who dealt with everything so professionally and to Dawn Broughan for the beautiful singing.

A Mass has been offered for your intentions.

## ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK



A big thank you to everyone involved for organising Monday's St. Brigid's Camino Walk.

Fr. Liam

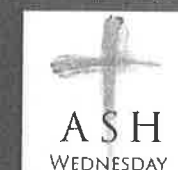
## BLESSING OF THE SICK

**Wednesday 11th February** is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Lourdes is associated with the sick.

The Sacrament of the Sick, a Healing Mass will be at **7.30pm on Friday 13th February** in the big Church.

Please bring a sick person you know

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**18th February 2026**



Ash Wednesday 18th February marks the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Mass Times:  
10 am & 7.30 pm

Ashes will be blessed at all masses.

## John Paul 2 Students Fundraising

**\*\*BAKE SALE\*\*** at all Masses

**Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th**  
**of February 2026**

Please support.



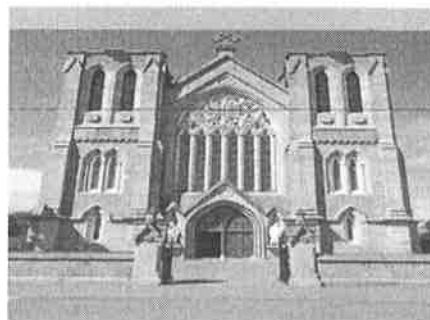
## Parish Choir—New WhatsApp Group

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

Choir practice takes place at **7.30pm** 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.





## focus on sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8th February 2026

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

The followers of Jesus are the "light of the world" if they are seen to care for the oppressed, the hungry and the homeless. When such care is shown then the light of Christ is seen in our world.

You are the **light of the world.**



'Pass the salt please' – how often we say that. while not a food, it is an essential ingredient of our food.

'Make sure the lights are off' – we heard so often at home growing up, before we left lights on like we do

now! Jesus talks of spiritual light. 'The light shines in the darkness but darkness cannot overcome it.

Jesus uses these ordinary things of life to talk of the depth of his message. The gospel must be linked to our life.

The Eucharist needs salt --- the salt of our lives, that we live out the gospel. Without our working with Jesus, the salt is missing, and the lights are out! The Eucharist we celebrate must also be linked to our life.

We all have a bit of salt and a bit of light that gives flavour to the gospel as we bring the gospel in our own way in a life of truth, love, compassion, work for justice. And we shine our own light. This little light of mine... I have salt and a light that none other has, of generosity, care, sensitivity, prayer. If we feed, shelter, clothe and help our neighbour, we are 'the light that rises in the darkness'.

Maybe this week Recall when you were the light for others, in whatever way you have cared for others over this time. Many are helped in ways only you can help with your cluster of gifts and talents. As you sprinkle salt and turn on a light, make a silent prayer for those who may need your prayers!

**Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)**

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked talking about "Light." God is full of light. We light a candle to pray. At the candle shrine there was a Jesus Story about a man, who was robbed and hurt. Two men passed by. A third man stopped, helped to lift up the man, and bandage his wounds. God is full of kindness for everyone. God's light is in our hearts to help others at home, at work, in our travelling.



## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. 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.

## 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.

## 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

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.**  
**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. 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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## GOSPEL Matthew 5:13 - 16

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

**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.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

## 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 forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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

## 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

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING Isaiah 58: 7-10

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer;

call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps. 111: 4 - 9**

**R. The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright or Alleluia!**

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **[R]**
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **[R]**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **[R]**

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 2: 1-5**

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

