

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

26th April 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^cCormack
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, 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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen Kelly, Ardhaven House, Nurney Road-
Monasterevin Co. Kildare who was interred during the week. R. I. P.

Saturday 25th April 2026 6.30 pm Mass

John Sharpe (months mind), Quinsboro, Maureen Fielden (months mind) Todmorden, England, Michael Mulhall Jnr. (Birthday Rem), Cathleen & Mervyn Molyneaux, Nancy & Mick Mulhall, Liam Ryan, Clondown, George Donoher, Cloncarlin, Christina (Patsy) Oakley, Patrick Harrison, 1 Kill, James Timson, St. Evin's Pk., Eileen Ryan, Hybla House, Mrs Brigid & Mr John Thorpe, Wesley Ball, Scotland, Stephen, Kay & Gerard Fanning, Charles McEnerney, Lackagh, Bridget & Joseph Doyle, Clogheen, Mikey Doyle, formerly Clogheen, James Doyle & deceased members of the Doyle family & Gavin family Suncroft.

Sunday 26th April 2026 9.00 am Mass

John Sharpe (months mind), Quinsboro, Francis Kelly Jnr., Peter Foster, Ballykelly, Son Patterson

Sunday 26th April 2026 11.30 am Mass

John Sharpe (months mind), Quinsboro, Seán Robinson (1st Anniversary), Togher Rd, Michael & Josephine Finlay, Mick & Philip Finlay, Ann Mackarel (Née Finlay), John & Jane O' Connor (née Finlay), Tom Conroy, Coolatogher, Jim (James) Corbally, Mountrice, Edward Robinson, Togher Rd, John Dunne, deceased members of the Dunne family, Mountrice, Peter Foster, Ballykelly, Martin Fennel, Old Grange, William & Jane Holligan, John Holligan, Ruth Holligan, Simon Ridge, London, Patrick, and Joseph Havens, Julia & Mick Malone, Cowpasture, Ann Hayes, Naas, Patrick Hayes, Naas, Catherine O'Leary, Nellie & Sr Francis O'Leary, deceased members of the O'Leary & O'Donovan families, Bandon, Co. Cork, Mrs Brigid & Mr John Thorpe, Madge Mulhall, Ballintogher



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 610.00
Baskets Collection: € 1350.00

CHOIR

Saturday 2nd May '26
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 3rd May '26
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

LOTTO 28/04/2026

TEAM: A
Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 2nd May '26
6.30pm: Sr Phil

Sunday 3rd May '26
9.00am: Sr Angela
11.30am: Billy Cleary

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 2nd May '26
6.30pm: Fiona Farrell, Rachel Farrell, Ger Harrison, Cathy Cullen

Sunday 3rd May '26
9.00am: Sharon Hanley, Paddy Clarke, Davina Weldon, Teresa Flood

11.30am: James Forde, Carmel McAlinden, Mary O'Leary, Rita McDonnell

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 10th May 2026
TEAM: A
Sr Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 21 /04/2026
Numbers Drawn
3, 8, 10, 12
Next Weeks Jackpot €11,000
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Bridie Brady M. Doyle
€20 Bridget Coughlan R. Callanan
€20 Kathleen Crabbe B. Keogh
€20 Hilary Whelehan P. Duffy
€20 Ber Moone R. McDonnell
Next Draw 28/04/2026
Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results 20/04/2026
Numbers Drawn
1, 10, 21, 25
Next Weeks Jackpot € 2,000
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Clare White Online
€20 Catherine Higgins Online
€20 Karen Patrick Boys P. Whyte
€20 Dickie Weldon Finlay's
€20 Marie & Sharon Breen G. H
Next draw: 27/04/2026.
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Results: 17/04/2026

1st Aiden Barry c/o: Lottie
2nd Rose Prendergast c/o: Earley's
3rd Andrea Lonergan c/o: Andrea
4th Pauline Earley c/o: Peter

Seller: Lottie O' Keeffe

CEMETERY MASSES 2026

ST. EVIN'S
MONDAY 15TH JUNE @
7.30PM

PASSLANDS
TUESDAY 16TH JUNE
@
7.30PM

LACKAGH
THURSDAY 18TH JUNE
@
7.30PM

YEW TREE
MONDAY 22ND JUNE @
7.30PM



Kildare, Monasterevin & Rathangan Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage

FINAL CALL

8th June – 12th June 2026
4 Nights from Cork
Airport
€825 pp Sharing

For further information,
please contact :

Monasterevin Parish
Office @
045 525 346

For bookings, please contact
Joe Walsh Tours @
01 241 0800

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late John Sharpe, Quinsboro would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with them and supported them in their recent bereavement

Thank you to all who sent Mass cards, flowers and wreaths.

A special thank you to Fr. Liam Merrigan, John Maher undertaker, Worrells Gala Kildangan, Supervalu Monasterevin, Monasterevin GFC., Dawn Broughan for her lovely singing, doctors and nurses of the Abraham Cokes Ward and ICU unit St. James Hospital Dublin.

Mass will be offered for all your intentions!

VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and Housebound on Friday 1st May 2026.

Please phone the office on 045-525346 if you wish him to call.



GRAIGUECULLEN/ KILLESHTIN PARISH

Novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
St. Clares Church –9 Monday
nights

Date Speakers:

April 13th—Mary Hulgraine
Two time all Ireland Champi-
on & Woman of Faith

April 20th—Br. Tom Walsh
De la Salle Brother & Teacher

April 27th—Bernard Dunne
Former World Boxing Cham-
pion

May 4th—Jim Breen
Founder of Pulse Learning &
Cycle Against Suicide

May 11th—Davy Fitzgerald
Hurling Manager & former
player

May 18th—Br. Richard
Hendrick—
Capuchin Franciscan priest –
friar, mindfulness teacher,
poet & author

May 25th—Edward Hayden
TV Chef & Broadcaster

June 1st— Katelyn Cummins
Rose of Tralee 2025

June 8th—Bishop Denis Nulty
Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

Rosary at 7pm led by the Poor
Clare Sisters.

Mass with Benediction 7.30pm
www.graiguecullenkilleshtin.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
The SVP Annual Church Gate
Collection will take place on
Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd
May

PLEASE GIVE
GENEROUSLY.
People in your Community
need help. Become a
Volunteer today and help
make a difference.
Please visit www.svp.ie and
click GET INVOLVED.
Contact us: Monasterevin
085-1209577 or
volunteer@svp.ie



BARROW BLUEBELLS FAMILY FUNDAY

Place: Moore Abbey Woods

Date: Sunday 26th April

Time: 2pm –5pm

Parking
Available at
St. Paul's
Secondary
School.



MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL CHOIR CAKE SALE

Cake sale after all masses
on Saturday 8th and
Sunday 9th May 2026.

All support much
Appreciated.

ACCORD NEEDS YOU

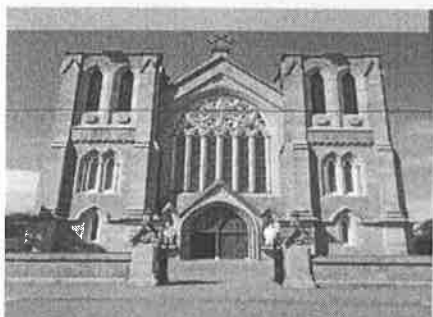
Accord is currently
recruiting volunteers to
train as facilitators to
Support couples preparing
for marriage.

Successful applicants will
receive free professional
training.
Closing date for receipt of
application forms is Friday
29th May 2026.

Contact Aisling on
01-5053112 or by email to
[marriageprepara
tion@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

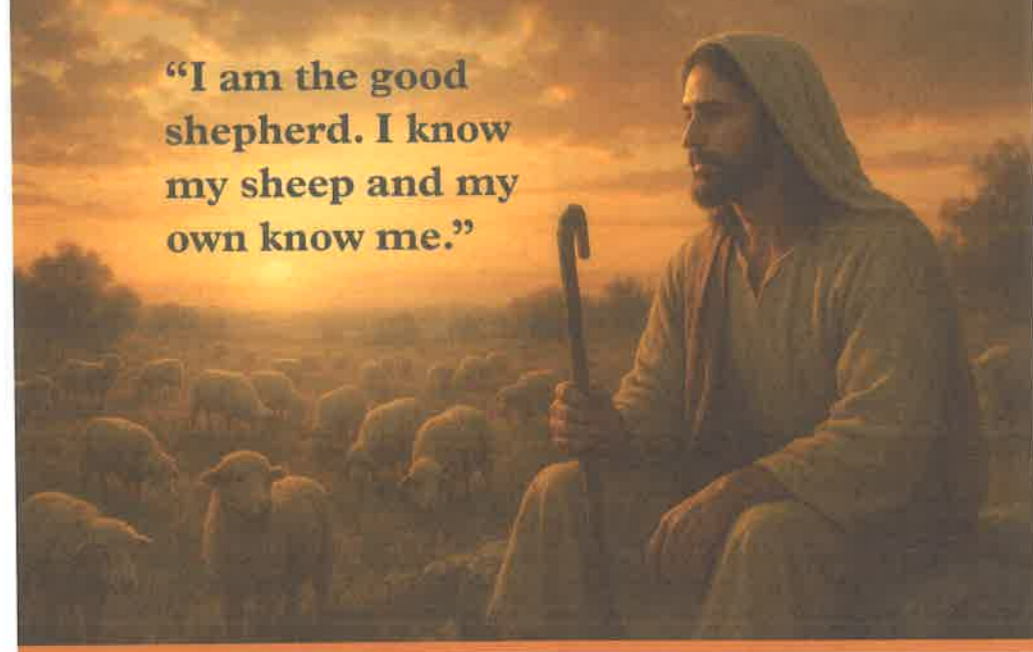
BIBLE GROUP

THE BIBLE IS GODS
INSTRUCTION BOOK
FOR US.
LET'S READ AND
UNDERSTAND IT
TOGETHER.
VENUE:- THE PARISH
CENTRE.
TIME:- 7PM
MONDAY'S.
085 1690527.





We are all called into God's service, some as priests and religious. Today we pray for all people who have given their life to serving God and living his Gospel. We pray that many others may follow the Lord in this way.



"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my own know me."



Listen, Discern, Live
In his talks on vocations Pope Francis highlighted three points of vocation in our Christian life. In listening to the world, as in the cries of the poor, in the hopes for a better world, and other concerns, we get a sense of the world today. In listening to the Scriptures, especially the words of Jesus, we get a sense of how world and faith interact and can dialogue with each others. In listening to others who have taken into their lives the call of Jesus, our own call is strengthened. What we hear from the Church, the world, and from others brings us to discernment. We may for example be in touch with people who have different ideas on spreading the gospel. We need to discern the good and maybe the not-so-good in these ideas and bring what we have 'heard' from the Lord to bear on our decisions. We live the gospel – we put into practice what we have heard and discerned. Our faith community – in a parish, school, religious community, in what we read and tune into on social media can help us discern how to live. We are helped by the example of family, friends, community, and the many others who help us live the gospel. I write this the day Sr Stan, the founder of Focus Ireland, died – a great woman who influenced in such a gentle way so many of us – a true guide in faith and Christian love.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*
Jesus tells us that God Our Father is like A GOOD SHEPHERD. The Good Shepherd minds his sheep. He knows the name of every sheep. He does not drive the sheep. He leads them to find good food. He coaxes them, does not frighten them, and He cares specially for the hurt one. So God Our Father invites us all the time with His Love. We have special food from Heaven in Holy Communion, and Jesus says "Come to me when you feel weak and lonely. Take and eat I am your Forever Friend".

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
Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. 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.....
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
The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.

GOSPEL John 10: 1 - 10.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.
So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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.

He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 22:1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. or Alleluia!

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. [R]

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. [R]

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. [R]

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2: 20 - 25
A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen. The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:
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, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14.36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' 'Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.'