

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

10th May 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
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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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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 **James (Shay) Murray, Fassauh Monasterevin**
who was interred during the week. R. I. P.

Saturday 9th May 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Mary Barrett, Teresa (Dolly) Connolly, Drogheda Street, Bridget Finn, Jenny Dunne,
Kildangan,

Sunday 10th May 2026 9.00 am Mass

John Donohoe Snr, John Donohoe Jnr, Mrs. Melia, Umeras, Seamus Keogh, Ballyfarsoon,
Breda & George McDermott, Alice & Myles Christie, Gurteenoon, Paul Ryan, Belgrove,
Denis Meredith,

Sunday 10th May 2026 11.30 am Mass

Babs Harding (Months Mind), Matthew Joseph Murphy (Birthday Rem), Joe
Keane, Lackaghbeg & Fethard, Co. Tipperary, Mary Brigid (Bab) Byrne,
Ballykelly & deceased members of the Byrne family, Ballykelly & Sligo, Maureen
O'Meara,

Tuesday 12th May 2026, 10.00am Mass

John Melia, Manchester, Fr John Melia, New Zealand.



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 320.00
Baskets Collection: € 1065.00

CHOIR

Saturday 16th May '26
6.30pm: Gary Farrell

Sunday 17th May '26
11.30am: Parish Choir

LOTTO 12/05/2026 TEAM: C

Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne,
Ger Harrison

READERS

Saturday 16th May '26
6.30pm: Deirde Cotter

Sunday 11th May '26
9.00am: Lisa-Marie Duffy
11.30am: James Forde

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 16th May '26
6.30pm: Mary Ryan, Dan Clancy,
Pauline Murphy, Rachel Farrell

Sunday 17th May '26
9.00am: Davin Weldon, Teresa
Flood, Paddy Clarke, Fiona Farrell
11.30am: James Forde, Ann
Fearon, Carmel McAlinden, Mary
O'Leary

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 24th May 2026
TEAM: B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly,
Anna Duffy

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 05/05/2026
Numbers Drawn
1, 9, 13, 23
Next Weeks Jackpot € 11,400
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Keith Sharpe G. Harrison
€20 Ann Hanlon G. Harrison
€20 Mary Dunne M Doyle
€20 Dylan Robinson M. Doyle
€20 Meave Ryan M. Doyle
Next Draw 12/05/2026
Thanks for your continued
support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results 04/05/2026
Numbers Drawn
12, 14, 24, 25
Next Weeks Jackpot € 2,400
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Darragh Perry Online
€20 Catherine Gorry S. Ryan
€20 Philomena Maloney Online
€20 Teresa Troy P. Brererton
€20 Arlene Byrne J. Moore
Next draw: 11/05/2026.
Thanks for your continued
support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Results:
08/05/2026

1st James Dillon c/o: Lottie
2nd Margaret Kelly c/o: Bingo
3rd Chris Harrison c/o: Buddy
4th Marie Robinson c/o: Jenny

Seller: Lottie

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



GRAIGUECULLEN/ KILLESBIN PARISH

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

Date Speakers:

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.graiguecullenkillesbin.com

K & L DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

With Bishop Denis Nulty
Sunday 7th June
Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm with
the Sacrament of the Anointing of
the Sick Followed by Mass at 3pm
and concluding with the Procession
of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please contact the Parish Office to
register your interest.
on 045- 525346

NOTICE

FOR ALL TRAVELLING TO
LOURDES , BUS
DEPARTING STS PETERS &
PAULS CHURCH @ 9.15AM ON
MONDAY THE 8TH OF JUNE.
COST OF BUS IS 40 EURO
RETURN.

MASS WILL BE HELD AT
8.30AM THAT MORNING
BEFORE TRAVELLING

FIRST COMMUNION



Best wishes to St. Peter's
N. S. and Lackagh N. S.
who are receiving First
Communion on Saturday
16th May at 11:00am and
Sunday 17th May at
11:30am.

Wishing them a blessed and
holy day.

MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL CHOIR CAKE SALE

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

All support much
appreciated.



ST BRIGID'S LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION

Three day Pilgrimage
Friday 3rd July- Sunday
5th July

Thursday 13th- Saturday
15th August

Pick ups available from:
Monasterevin 6.25am,
Kildare Town 6.35am,
Newbridge 6.45am, Naas
7am, Sallins 7.10am, Clane
7.15am, Kilcock 7.30am,
Maynooth 7.45am and
Mulhuddart Applegreen
Filling Station 8am.

For Information and
Bookings contact:
Joe - 087-3815887
Deirdre - 087-2467594
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deidregleeson@medwise.ie

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

Sunday has always been the
day of the Lord. Sunday
has been central to the life of
the Church and remains the
heart of the Christian
Practice. It is on this day that
we gather as a Community
united in our love for Christ
to encounter the risen Lord
and be nourished in body
and soul.

The Mass is not a ritual, it is
the source and summit of our
faith. It is where we
encounter Christ in his living
presence, and is through the
Eucharist that we are
strengthened to live as true
disciples. Attending Mass on
Sundays or its vigil on
Saturday evening, is not just
an obligation. It is a
profound privilege and the
chance to experience Gods
Love in a deeply personal
way.

What does Sunday Mass
mean to you?

See [https://www.kandle.ie/
resources/liturgy-pastoral/](https://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/)
for more on the
importance of Sunday and
the Sunday Mass.

Prayer For May

Dear God,
please keep my family and
loved ones safe this month.
Watch over us and cover us with
Your love. Shower us with good
health, blessings and happiness.
Remove any fear, stress, and
doubts within our heart.
Comfort anyone hurting and
make them well again.
Amen



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, 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

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 8: 5 - 8. 14 - 17.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for

the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65: 1-7. 16.20

R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, or Alleluia!

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **[R]**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **[R]**
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules forever by his might. **[R]**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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

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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 throc linca:

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.

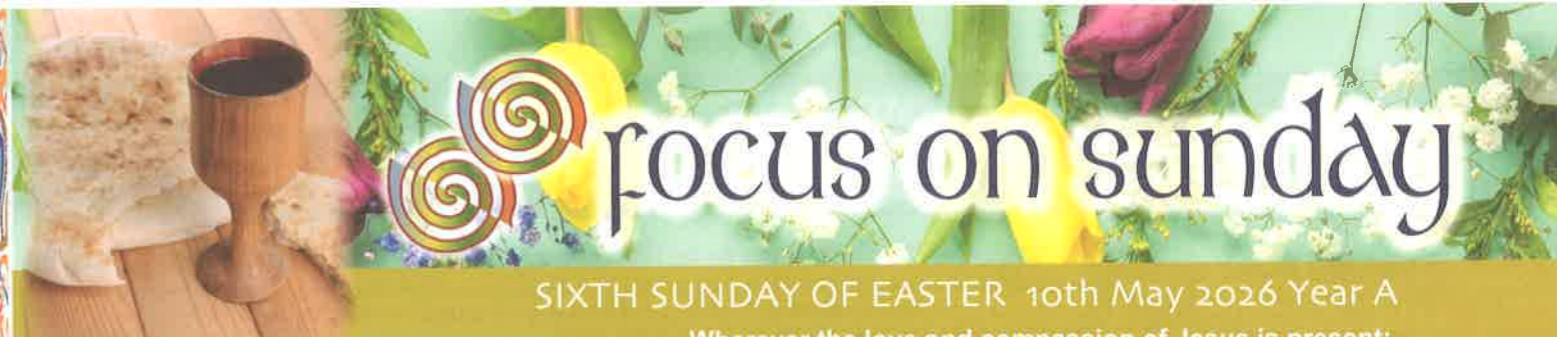
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.



focus on sunday

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10th May 2026 Year A

Wherever the love and compassion of Jesus is present; there we find his Spirit. Wherever his people try to spread some justice and equality, we find his Spirit. In any work of reconciliation or of peace, his Spirit is present. We are called to be people who spread the work and the presence of his Spirit.



**He is with you,
He is in you**

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. 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. Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. 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.

Go in peace, **Thanks be to God.**



Today's Gospel gives us the greatest commandment of all: to love one another. While we have become accustomed to understanding this as one of the central tenets of Christianity, it is a very nuanced and complex love.

The dangers of revisionism present themselves when we speak of the new commandment versus the old commandment(s). With the risen Christ redeeming all creation since the dawn of time, we can understand the law of love as the fulfilment of prophecy and faithfulness to God through the journey of all God's people throughout salvation history. The love which Jesus calls us to is born out of the trials and sufferings of God's people as they worked to find a rightful place for God in their lives and in the particular cultures and societies of their times. And Jesus's promise to send his Spirit, the Paraclete, ensures the everlasting presence of this love.

This Gospel also distils the Temple theology of the Judaeo-Christian Scriptures. We are the tabernacles of God's love, a love intimately connected with truth. As we know from Pilate in the Gospels, truth is a nebulous commodity, particularly in our world today. What is our truth? How does our faith inform what we hold true? How do we love truth and, in doing so, also love those who do not believe our truth? The love John speaks of involves witness, reaching out to the margins, courage, and compassion. How do we embody this love as we live in our society today?

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Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells that His Spirit will be with us, living in our hearts, enlightening our minds. Signs of The Spirit are everywhere, the breath we take, the sun that gives heat and light, the joy, colour, delight in Nature, smiles, friendship, helping hands, new ideas and inventions. Another name for Spirit is Love. May the love in our hearts grow as we follow the Way of Jesus.

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