

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

17th 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:

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Peter McDonnell, St Evins Park/ Crumlin  
Dublin, Nan Moore, St Evins Park / Portarlington , Co Laois & Johnjoe Byrne, St Evins  
Park / Athy Co. Kildare who were interred during the week. R. I. P.

#### Saturday 16th May 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Stephen Kelly, ( months mind), Patsy Murphy, ( months mind), Kathleen Sharpe,  
Cowpasture, Josie Hughes ( Birthday Rem.), Joe & Breda Sharpe, Johnny & Kathleen  
Boylan, Kilberry, Mary Melia, Manchester.

#### Sunday 17th May 2026 9.00 am Mass

Eddie Melia, 1033 Gurteenona, Monasterevin, Kathleen Sharpe, Cowpasture, Seamie  
Harrison, Old Grange, Francis Kelly Snr, Kylbeg Terrace, Bridget & Patrick Moody, Meath,  
Michael Butler, Kildare, Susan McDonnell, Peter McDonnell, John Earley, Michael & Julia  
Gleeson, Athy Rd, Joan McNally, The Plains, Kildare, Joseph Dunne, Clogheen.

#### Sunday 17th May 2026 11.30 am Mass

Richard Underwood, Sheila Mahony & Thomas Knight, Ballyfarsoon, Kathleen  
Sharpe, Cowpasture, Thomas Forde, Cowpasture, Eileen McGlynn, (Birthday  
Rem), Anna McCarthy, late of Station Road, Liam McCarthy, late of Drogheda  
Row.

#### Wednesday 20th May 2026 10.00 am Mass

Aidan Eustace, ( 1st Anniversary)

#### Thursday 21st May 2026 10.00 am Mass

Mary Dempsey, (Birthday Rem), Fay McDonald, Main Street.

### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 405.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1300.00

### CHOIR

Saturday 23rd May '26  
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 24th May '26  
11.30am: Gospel Choir

### LOTTO 19/05/2026

TEAM: A  
Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

### READERS

Saturday 23rd May '26  
6.30pm: Serge De La Ray

Sunday 24th May '26  
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 23rd May '26  
6.30pm: Jackie Kennedy, Pat  
Molloy, Ger Harrison, Cathy  
Cullen

Sunday 24th May '26  
9.00am: Sharon Hanley, Andrew  
Mahon, Anne McLoughlin, Lily  
Donoghue  
11.30am: Rita McDonnell, Anne  
Whelan, Anne Lonergan, Fiona  
Behan

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

### Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 12/05/2026

Numbers Drawn

3, 10, 14, 18

Next Weeks Jackpot € 11,600

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Bradley & Matt Duffy G. H.

€20 Ann Lonergan M. Doyle

€20 Jean Kemmy R. McDonnell

€20 Helen O' Connor R. Callanan

€20 Ticket 3761

Next Draw 19/05/2026

Thanks for your continued support

### Ballykelly G.F.C. Iotto

Draw Results 11/05/2026

Numbers Drawn

10, 18, 21, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot € 2,600

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Darragh Perry Online

€20 Pauline Donoher P. Donoher

€20 Amanda Whelan A. Holligan

€20 Pauline & Evie R. McDonnell

€20 Teresa Fitzgerald B. Fitzgerald

€20 Marie Heavey M. Heavey

Next draw: 18/05/2026.

Thanks for your continued support

### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Results:

08/05/2026

1st Kevin Dunne c/o: Men Snr Team

2nd David Maher c/o: David

3rd David Keenan c/o: Online

4th Steven Morrissey c/o: Steven

Seller: Ben Hyland

### 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



### WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

Sunday has always been the day of  
the Lord: the day of resurrection, the  
day of rest, the day of Eucharist.  
From the very beginning of our  
Christian faith, Sunday has been  
central to the life of the Church and  
remains the heart of 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.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Family of Stephen Kelly,  
Nurney Road, 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 and  
flowers, Special Thanks to Fr.  
Liam, John Maher Undertaker,  
Dawn Broughan for her lovely  
singing. Special thanks also to  
the Fitzpatrick family New  
Lodge, Sr Angela and Betty  
Keogh.

Mass will be offered for all  
your intentions.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome into the Christian  
Community Babies, Adam  
Andrew Olszewski, Bobby  
Donnelly & Angelica Mia  
Santos  
who were baptised by Fr Liam  
on  
Saturday 9th May 2026



### KILDARE & LEIGHLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

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

Bus Details to follow

### 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

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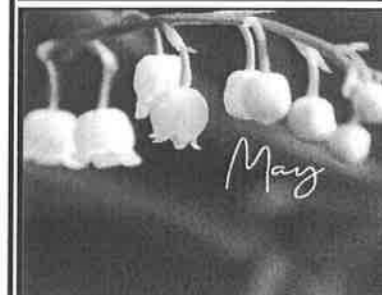
### MONASTEREVIN DAY CARE CENTRE

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carecentre@gmail.com](mailto:Monasterevinday<br/>carecentre@gmail.com)



### FIRST COMMUNION

Best wishes to  
St. Evin's N.S. who are  
receiving their First  
Communion on  
Saturday 23rd May at 11:00  
am



### COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME VACANCIES

Environmental Worker  
Passlands Graveyard  
CES2442751  
Caretaker Monasterevin  
Community Centre CES2442755  
Grounds Person Ballykelly  
G.F.C CES2442754  
Grounds Person Ros glas GAA  
CES2443704

To check your eligibility and to  
apply for the above vacancies,  
please contact the Community  
Employment Office in Parish  
Centre Monasterevin 045  
525143 or contact your local  
Intreo Office.

### NOTICE

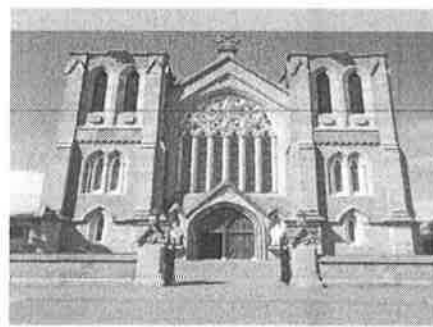
Monasterevin Drama Group  
presents  
A night of one-act plays  
"Losers" by Brian Friel  
"No Place" by Aoife  
Meagher  
Monasterevin Community  
Centre Friday May 22nd &  
Rathangan Community  
Centre Saturday May 23rd.  
Tickets €12.50 \*excluding  
booking fee  
Check out our social media  
for more info & booking  
Instagram  
@monasterevin.drama  
Facebook Monasterevin  
drama Group

### IGNITE IRELAND EMBERS INTO FLAMES

Scott Hahn with Guest  
Speakers

Saturday May 23rd, Dublin  
Convention Centre

9.00am to 7.00pm  
For more information & to  
book tickets, please visit  
[Www.dominicans.ie](http://Www.dominicans.ie)



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.**

**GREETING**

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

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us....

**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, we pray, almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms. Who lives and reigns ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 1: 1-11**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 46:2-3, 6-9**

**R. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast, or Alleluia!**

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **(R)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R)**
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

**SECOND READING Ephesians 1: 17 - 23**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20**

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

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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.**



**The Lord is absent: that was the first experience of Jesus' followers after his death. But even though he has returned to his Father, he is with us. Today's feast is the celebration that he is present both in heaven and on earth.**



**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. 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.**  
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**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**

**Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. 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.**



As is common in Matthew's Gospel, today we find ourselves with Jesus on a mountain ~ an important setting for moments of divine revelation. The eleven male disciples have been instructed by the female disciples, the two Marys, to go to Galilee to see the risen Jesus. In Matthew's account, the male disciples have not visited the tomb or seen Jesus up to this point. These women, the first witnesses to the resurrection, pass the message on to the men. This 'passing on' is an important theme as it sets the scene for the 'Great Commission', Jesus handing over his mission to the disciples. When they see Jesus, the group has a typical mixed response: as always, they are an imperfect bunch. Yet Jesus tasks them to "make disciples of all nations". We remember that early in Matthew's Gospel, Galilee was referred to as "Galilee of the Gentiles" (Mt 4:15), so it is fitting that the inclusive mission to all nations begins here. Matthew often thinks in terms of "delegated powers": Jesus has authority to teach - as noted by the crowds (Mt 7:29) - and this authority is now passed on to the disciples. When he first sent the disciples out, he gave them authority over unclean spirits and illnesses (Mt 10:1). Now, the mission is extended outwards - to all nations. We are the extension of this commissioning. God's kingdom is not limited to a particular place or set of people. Our communities are called to be alive not inside buildings but on the streets, constantly reaching out. Jesus' mission is all-encompassing, infinitely wide, infinitely open. His final message is a promise to us all: "I am with you always, to the end of the age." We might recall here the promise in Jesus' name Emmanuel, 'God with us' (Mt 1:23). The Risen Jesus has not abandoned the world but is in this world, the divine presence in the community, and his followers are sent to carry this love to the world.

**Jane Mellett** is the co-author of *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*, Messenger Publications, 2022

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