

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

24th 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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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 souls of Mary Catherine (Mabel) Murphy (née Dempsey), Gurteenooona, Nurney Road and Kathleen Connolly (née Archbold), Gurteenooona, Athy Road who were interred during the week. R.I. P.

Saturday 23rd May 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Patrick (Paddy) Smith & Elizabeth (Betty) Smith & Deceased members of the Smith & Lawlor families, Rachel Colgan, St. Evin's Park, Patrick Kelly, Ballykelly & deceased members of the Kelly Family, Ballykelly, John Harrison, late of Rathangan Rd, Robert Corbett, Michael Mc Glynn, Killenure, Paddy, Rose, Christy, & Maura Harrison, Old Grange, Pat Harrison, Larchill, Sean Harrison, St. Evin's Pk, Joe & Eileen Harrison, Bray, Joe & Breda Sharpe, Rathangan Road, Eddie, Moira & Joe Howard, Kildoon. Paddy Melia, Clontarf formerly Gurteenooona.

Sunday 24th May 2026 9.00 am Mass

Patrick Kelly, Ballykelly & deceased members of the Kelly Family, Ballykelly, Shay Murray (Birthday Rem), Gertrude Cooke, Shean, Athy, Mary Dempsey, Ballagh (Birthday Rem.).

Sunday 24th May 2026 11.30 am Mass

Donal (Donie) Casey, Old Mill Race

Tuesday 26th May 2026 10.00 am Mass

Kathleen O'Rourke, Drogheda Street

Thursday 28th May 2026 10.00 am Mass

Donal (Donie) Casey, Old Mill Race

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 305.00
Baskets Collection: € 1275.00

CHOIR

Saturday 30th May '26
6.30pm: Family Choir

Sunday 31st May '26
11.30am: Eugene Nolan

LOTTO 26/05/2026 TEAM: B

Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

READERS

Saturday 30th May '26
6.30pm: Serge De La Ray

Sunday 31st 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 30th May '26
6.30pm: Pat Ryan, Mikey Baker, Colette Walsh, Fiona Farrell
Sunday 31st May '26
9.00am: Davina Weldon, Paddy Clarke, Teresa Flood, Andrew Mahon
11.30am: Marie Lawless, James Forde, Carmel McAlinden, Ann Fearon

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 7th June 2026
TEAM: A
Sr Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 19 /05/2026
Numbers Drawn
8, 9, 17, 21
Next Weeks Jackpot € 11,800
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Anne Dunne P. Kelly
€20 Irene Sharpe Parish Office
€20 Philip Dunne M. Doyle
€20 Mick Lovern M. Heavey
€20 Bridget O' Neill

Next Draw 26 /05/2026
Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto
Draw Results 18/05/2026
Numbers Drawn
10, 13, 16, 20
Next Weeks Jackpot € 2,800
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Paul Pender Online
€20 Tony Brennan R. Moore
€20 Jackie Lawler P. Moore
€20 Ger Harrison G. Harrison
€20 Sophie O'Rourke P. Donohoe
€20 Geraldine Carroll S. Ryan

Next draw: 25/05/2026.
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Results:
15/05/2026

1st Sharon O'Keeffe % Jenny
2nd Ann Maher % David
3rd Mary Foley % M. Foley
4th Keith Sharpe % Willoughbys

Seller: Jenny Morrissey.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

The Annual Diocesan collection for retired priests takes place next weekend at all masses.

Saturday 30th May &
Sunday 31st May 2026

The continued support of this collection is much appreciated.



The Conference of SVP wish to express their deep gratitude to all who so generously supported their recent Supervalu & Church gate collections.

On their behalf Thank You.

People in your community need help.
Become a Volunteer today and help make a difference!

If you would like to Volunteer for a couple of hours a week Please visit www.svp.ie and click: GET INVOLVED
Contact us: Enda Gleeson 01 8198405
Monasterevin 085 - 1209577

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.
Last Call.

ALLEN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Concelebrated Mass at the Mass Rock in Ballyteague on Sunday 31st May (Trinity Sunday) at 2pm. There is ample parking at the Mass Rock.

All are very welcome! Also in conjunction there will be a solemn procession from Ballyteague GAA grounds to the rock in time for Mass, departing at 1.15pm.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is 'the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14;6). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and communion with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in breaking of the bread (Luke24;35), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that 'none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's day and His Eucharist.' This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.'

What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in Mass? What does it mean for you to encounter Jesus with others?

See <https://www.kandle.ie/resouces/liturgy-pastoral/> for more on the importance of Sunday and the Sunday Mass.

NOTICE

Wanted old Photographs of Monasterevin for Heritage Week Exhibition in the Library.
Examples of Photos wanted
Streetscapes
Old Businesses
Shop Fronts
Town Characters
St. Patrick's Day Parades
Fair Days/ Market Days etc.

Please deliver to Mairead in Monasterevin Library during opening hours. The photographs will be scanned and returned immediately.
Call 045-529239 or email monasterevin-lib@kildarecoco.ie for more details.

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

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, please contact the Community Employment Office in Parish Centre Monasterevin 045 525143 or contact your local Intreo Office

S.V.P SALE

S.V.P. ARE HOLDING A BRAND NEW SALE ON TUESDAY 2ND OF JUNE FROM 9.30 TO 5.30

EVERYONE WELCOME!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And with your spirit.

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

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

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2: 1 - 11
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven,

and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. or Alleluia.

- Bless the Lord, my soul!
 Lord God, how great you are,
 How many are your works, O Lord!
 The earth is full of your riches. *(R)*
- You take back your, spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. *(R)*
- May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
 May the Lord rejoice in his works!
 May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
 I find my joy in the Lord. *(R)*

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
 No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
 From the clear celestial height
 Thy pure beaming radiance give.
 Come, thou Father of the poor,
 Come with treasures which endure;
 Come, thou light of all that live!



Thou, of all consolers best,
 Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
 Dost refreshing peace bestow;
 Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
 Pleasant coolness in the heat;
 Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
 Visit thou these hearts of thine,
 And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
 Nothing pure in man will stay;
 All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
 On our dryness pour thy dew;
 Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
 Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
 Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
 Thee confess and thee adore,
 With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
 Give us life with thee on high:
 Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20: 19 - 23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
 In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
 After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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



The coming of the Holy Spirit is a gift of God for all peoples: the sign of his presence is in the reconciliation, justice and peace we create among people. The feast today is both a gift and a call: a call to be the ones who make the Holy Spirit present among God's people everywhere.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. 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, alleluia, alleluia.
 Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



Pentecost was the moment which changed the lives of Jesus' disciples for ever. They were filled with the Holy Spirit, the experience of God's love. They realised that nothing, henceforth, can separate them from God's love.

Even when they were being arrested, imprisoned, threatened with death, they recalled the words of St. Paul: "I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell - can separate us from God's love. Indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Amidst the ups and downs of our own lives, the disappointments, the tragedies, the times our lives seem to be falling apart, the times we are tempted to believe that God has abandoned us, the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, given to us in its fullness at our Confirmation, is God's promise that His love is still accompanying us. Everything in this world is constantly changing, the weather, the seasons, even our moods, but the only thing that never changes is the love that God has for us. Not even our sins can diminish God's love for us in the slightest way. God's love does not shield us from difficulties in life, but our belief in that love residing within us promises to shield us from despair, or anger, or the temptation to give up. In prayer, we deepen our faith in that love. There is nothing more practical than prayer.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

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