

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

31st May 2026

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 Jude Luttrell, Quinsboro, Monasterevin, and John Joe O'Keeffe, Monasterevin/Formerly Limerick, whose funerals took place during the week . RIP

Saturday 30th May 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Thomas & Ellen Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan, Lena Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan, Angela Kirwan, Umeras House, Mary Sheehan, Oghill & deceased members of the Sheehan family, Patrick Carter, Abbeygate & deceased members of the Carter Family and Courtney family Dublin., Patrick Grattan Jr, Drogheda St., Patrick Grattan Snr., Catherine Grattan & all deceased members of Grattan family, Jane Cullen, Lackagh, Julia Malone, Cowpasture, Teresa Kaye, Cowpasture, Miney Hickey, Mathew Tuohey, St. Evin's, Lily Miller, Old Grange, Stephen & Catherine O' Rourke, Old Grange, Michael Walsh, Lackagh, Frank Dillion, Passlands, Sheila Geraghty, The Glebe

Sunday 31st May 2026 9.00 am Mass

Shay Murray (Months Mind) , Michael O' Neill, Stramillian., Kathleen & Seamus, Old Grange, Stephen O'Rourke, Catherine O'Rourke & Joseph O'Rourke, Old Grange

Sunday 31st May 2026 11.30 am Mass

Patrick Kelly, Ballykelly, Patrick Brady, Tougher Wood, Mick Connolly.

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
 Draw Results 26 /05/2026
 Numbers Drawn
 2, 12, 20, 21
 Next Weeks Jackpot € 12,000
 No Winner

Winners Promoter
 €20 Bon & Marie Hurley M. Doyle
 €20 Rachel Ryan G.Harrison
 €20 D. Healy Rae M. Doyle
 €20 Timmy Butler M. Doyle
 €20 Mary Vaughn R Callanan

Next Draw 02/06/2026
 Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
 Draw Results 25 /05/2026
 Numbers Drawn
 2, 3, 6, 17
 Next Weeks Jackpot € 3,000
 No Winner

Winners Promoter
 €20 Kim Bermingham Online
 €20 Sarah & Peter Nace G. H.
 €20 Paul McCormack R. Stafford
 €20 John Behan J. Behan
 €20 Killian, Aoife & Clara P. B.
 €20 Marie Robinson A. Kelly
 Next draw: 01/06/2026.
 Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
 Results:
 22/05/2026

1st Fionn Kelly c/o: Gary Kelly
 2nd Ameila Ottley c/o: Bingo
 3rd Ameila & Grace c/o: Gary Kelly
 4th Mary Harrison c/o: Caoimhe. H.

Seller: Gary Kelly

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Sunday 7th June 2026

The bus will depart from **Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin at 8.30am.**

There will be a stop in Roscommon on the journey. We expect to arrive in Knock at approximately **12.30pm.**

The return journey will depart Knock at **5.30pm** with a short stop on the way home.

COST: €30 PER PERSON

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 6th June '26
 6.30pm: Mary Ryan, Rachel Farrell Dan Clancy, Pauline Murphy
Sunday 7th June '26
 9.00am: Sr Angela, Andrew Mahon, Lily Donoghue, Anne McLoughlin
 11.30am: Mary O'Leary, Anne Lonergan, Rita McDonnell, James Forde

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 290.00
 Baskets Collection: € 1165.00

CHOIR

Saturday 6th June '26
 6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 7th June '26
 11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

LOTTO 2/06/2026 TEAM: C

Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

READERS

Saturday 6th June '26
 6.30pm: Ger Harrison
Sunday 7th June '26
 9.00am: Tom Fitzgerald
 11.30am: Sabrina Kelly

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.



PADRE PIO'S GLOVE

St. Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy, Co. Kildare on **Saturday 13th June 2026, between 11.00am and 5.00pm.**

Items of St Pio will be available on the day.

For info call Ann on 085 1696189

Everyone Welcome!



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.

THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and the Housebound on **Friday 5th June 2026.** If you wish him to visit, please telephone the Parish Office on **045-525346**

SAVE THE DATE!

24th JUNE, ANNUAL TOUR SENIOR CITIZEN'S .



EXAMINATIONS



Fr. Liam would like to wish all the 3rd and 6th year Students who will be sitting their Junior and Leaving Certificate Exams on **Wednesday 3rd June, the very Best of Luck.**

An Exam Prayer

God stay close to me today. May the topics I know and like appear. Guide my study and light my way on the exam paper to lessen my fear. Ease my nerves and comfort me during the moments I feel stressed. I'll try to remember the ways I'm blessed. May I remember the things I need and help me understand all I study and read. Help me to trust you are here with me. May I strive to give my best.

AMEN

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties - especially among young people- together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to **participate** in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God's grace and to become the best versions of ourselves.

As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith. Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. We go to God together. The Sunday Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person's participation is needed for the Church to truly live. It is important to gather physically for Mass, and although technology is helpful, it can never replace the tangible experience of being with the community as we listen to God's word and receive the Body of Christ.

How does your presence at Mass contribute to making the Church visible and alive?

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

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!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the First Communion Classes of **St. Peter's, Lackagh and St Evin's National Schools** who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion recently.



Mass Times

Parish Church

Saturday - 6.30 p.m.

Sunday - 9.00 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

Our Lady's Chapel

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

GREETING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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....
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

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 34: 4-6. 8-9
A reading from the book of Exodus
With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and

Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. Daniel 3: 52 - 56

R. To you glory and praise for evermore.

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
Blest your glorious holy name. [R]
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. [R]
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. [R]

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 3: 16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.



focus on sunday

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 31st May 2026 Year A

The life of God is a sharing of life in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The call of the christian is to share this life in family and in community with others, so that we are all sharers of faith, hope and love with others.

The closest we will ever know God is in the Loves of our Lives



St Ignatius wrote on the Trinity: That they looked down from heaven and saw the people whom they love needing salvation, forgiveness, help in different areas of living.

He further puts it that they looked down and saw us wandering away from the truth, needing love and comfort in our lives; ill, bereaved, lonely.... people on the wrong road to happiness and they saw people mistreating each other. People needed help in life to give life meaning. So sent their Son with their message of love.

Love knows the meaning of mystery. We are closest to God in love – the closest we will ever know God is in the loves of our lives. Ordinary moments with extraordinary meaning.

My grandmother used say I love ye all...and she did, and every new birth in the family widened her heart for love. God is like that. no new baby limits his love. The mystery of the Trinity reminds us of where we came from- from the love of God.

And the best way of putting it is – the Father loves the Son and in their love is the Holy Spirit. Sort of three in one! And in the second person, the Son, In the humanity of Jesus, the divine and the human unite in a very real way. And that's the mystery.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



We have Three Special FriendsGod The Father, God The Son, and God The Holy Spirit. We bless ourselves in their names. A child in school told me that The Three Persons dance all the time.

So.Dance, Dance wherever you may be, I am the Lord of The dance, says He.May The Dance keep going.