

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

3rd 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

#### Saturday 2nd May 2026 6.30 pm Mass

Ann Melia ( née) Dempsey ( Birthday Rem.), Kildare, Brendan Fassnidge, Palmerstown, Catherine Peppard ( née ) Fassnidge, Palmerstown, Agnes Fassnidge, Palmerstown, George Fassnidge, Palmerstown, Michael ( Locky) Ryan, Kill Hill, ( Anniversary & Birthday Rem) & Deceased members of the Ryan & Keegan Families, Joe Malone, Shindella

#### Sunday 3rd May 2026 9.00 am Mass

Thomas & Anne Lyng, Booterstown

#### Sunday 3rd May 2026 11.30 am Mass

Maureen & Patrick Kelly, Ballykelly, (Birthday Rem), Michael Cotter, Limerick, Teresa & Michael Kevin, St. Evins Pk

#### Tuesday 5th May 2026, 10.00am Mass

Matthew Joseph Murphy, (1st Anniversary), Katherine Fitzgerald, Dingle, Co. Kerry,

#### Friday 8th May 2026, 10.00am Mass

Rose Heavey



### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 510.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1275.00

### CHOIR

Saturday 9th May '26  
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 10th May '26  
11.30am: Alan Reigh

### LOTTO 05/05/2026

TEAM: B  
Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

### READERS

Saturday 9th May '26  
6.30pm: Deirdre Cotter

Sunday 10th 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 9th May '26  
6.30pm: Pat Ryan, Colette Walsh, Pat Molloy, Mikey Baker

Sunday 10th May '26  
9.00am: Sr Angela, Andrew Mahon, Lily Donoghue, Anne McLoughlin  
11.30am: Marie Lawless, Anne Whelan, Anne Lonergan, Fiona Behan

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results 28 /04/2026  
Numbers Drawn  
3, 4, 16, 24  
Next Weeks Jackpot €11,200  
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Mary Berney	G. Harrison
€20 Michelle Baker	M. Doyle
€20 Fiona Behan	M. Doyle
€20 J, M & G	M. Heavey
€20 Mary Tobin	M. Doyle

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

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto  
Draw Results 27/04/2026  
Numbers Drawn  
16, 20, 25, 26  
Next Weeks Jackpot € 2,200  
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 C & R & G	J. Moore
€20 M. Donoher	G. Harrison
€20 Eddie Donoghue	E. Donoghue
€20 Arnie Cullen	Online
€20 Shelly Nugent	Online

Next draw: 04/05/2026.  
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.  
Results:  
24/04/2026

1st Suzanne Molloy	Earleys
2nd Tom Duffy	John Duffy
3rd Pauline Earley	P Earley
4th Brendan Madigan	P Earley

Seller: Earleys

### 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:

April 13th—Mary Hulgraine  
Two time all Ireland Champion &  
Woman of Faith

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

April 27th—Bernard Dunne  
Former World Boxing Champion

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

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome into the Christian  
Community, Aodhla Lawlor,  
Logan Glass, Kit Merlehan,  
Daithi Roche, Max Ryan &  
Luca Ryan

who were baptised by Fr Liam  
on  
Sunday 26th April 2026



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for those who have died by suicide is being held on Friday 8th May at 7.30pm in Our Lady 7 St Joesph Church, Caragh, Co. Kildare W91 AE73. All are welcome.

#### BLESSED JOHN SULLIVAN MASS

Annual Mass of Thanks for the life and work of Blessed John Sullivan SJ (1861-1933) takes place on Sunday 10th May 2026 at 3pm in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare. Celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty.

#### FR LIAM LAWTON CONCERT

Fr Liam received a papal award for his distinguished service to the Church as a composer and performer of sacred music. A celebration will take place on Sunday, May 24th at 8pm in St Mary's Church, Edenderry. Tickets will be available via Facebook, Instagram, the Parish website, and in limited supply at the Parish Centre, Edenderry

### 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 [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

### NOTICE

Kind, Reliable,  
Experienced Carer  
required to support and  
assist Elderly Person in  
Killenard, Co. Laois.

Please Contact  
087-1335673  
For more  
Details

### WELCOME MAY BLESSINGS

May You be happy

May You be well

May You be safe

May You find comfort

May You find strength

May You have courage

May You find Healing

May You have peace

May You have joy

May You be filled with  
loving kindness



### 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

### KILDARE & LEIGHLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

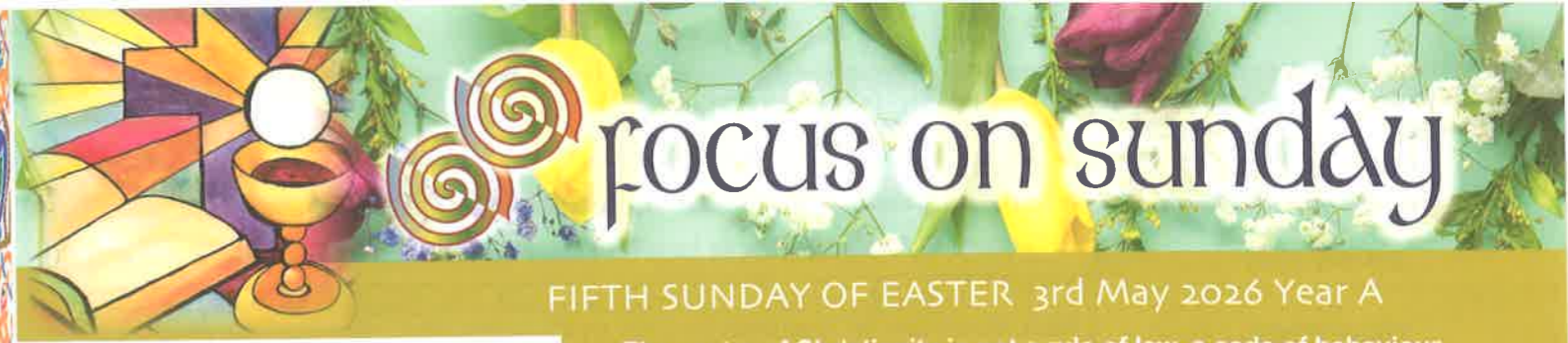
With Bishop Denis Nulty  
Sunday 7th June

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.

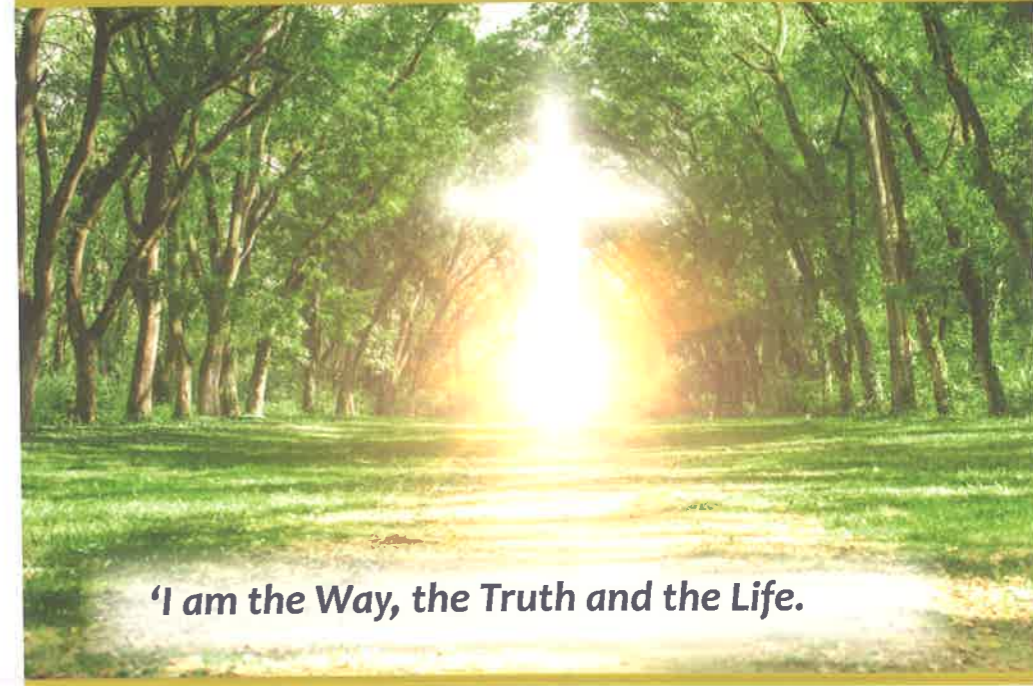
Please contact the Parish Office to register your Interest on 045- 525346

Bus Details to follow





The centre of Christianity is not a rule of law, a code of behaviour, but a Person whose love we receive and whose life we imitate. Jesus is in this manner, "the way, the truth and the life."



**'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.'**



**"I am the Way"**  
Philip and Thomas are desperate to understand more fully where Jesus is going, how they can get there, what God is like and how can they see God? Big questions which show their deep

desire to know God more intimately. Jesus urges the disciples to embrace the journey, the Way that lies ahead of them rather than focusing on the destination. For it is only in the light of the events that will happen to them (and us) that any period of time can be fully understood. In the past, the phrase "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life..." may have been used to exclude those who did not consider themselves followers of Christ, but this is a distortion of a beautiful text. Jesus is the Way because he models the Way for us and we are invited to follow.

We read throughout the Scriptures that people experienced God in different ways. For Moses it was in a burning bush or a cloud; for Elijah it was a whisper; for Solomon and Joseph it was in a dream. Philip wants to see God and the response he receives is that God can be experienced in the here and now, for to know Jesus is to know God (Jn 1: 1-18). Jesus, through his life, shows us what the presence of God in this world looks like and, at the same time, what it means to be fully human. Through him we see that God is love, inclusive, embracing of all people, compassionate. Jesus invites us to contemplate this mystery of God's presence in him, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me..." We are invited to become more aware of this truth today, that the sacred is present in the material universe, in human form, in created matter, and through Jesus we can come to see this more deeply.

*"The Eternal Christ is thus revealed as the map, the blueprint, the promise, the pledge, the guarantee of what is happening everywhere, all summed up in one person so we can see it in personified form"* - Richard Rohr

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

**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**  
O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

**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.....  
**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.

**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**  
**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**  
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. 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.*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**FIRST READING Acts 6: 1-7**  
*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*  
About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

**GREETING**

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

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
*For we have sinned against you.*  
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
*And grant us your salvation.*

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**

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

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Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19**  
*R. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. or Alleluia!*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. *[R]*
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. *[R]*
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *[R]*

**SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:4 - 9**

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*  
The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 14:1-12**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.' I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

**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.

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