

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

28th June 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^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
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**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, 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 27th June 2026, 6.30 pm Mass

Sadie Duffy (Birthday Rem) Main Street, Arthur Lawlor, Manie Harrison, St. Evin's Pk, Anne Tynan (Birthday Rem.), Jamestown, Sadie Hyland, Oghill & deceased members of the Hyland & Mooney families, Patrick & Margaret Murphy, Quinsboro, & deceased members of the Murphy family, Mrs Siobhan Kingston, Emo, Judy Mahon, Athy, Elizabeth Conroy & Dennis Conroy, Coolatogher,

Sunday 28th June, 9.00 am Mass

Sunday 28th June 2026, 11.30 am Mass
 Margaret Somers, Ballykelly, Aidan Lawless, Drogheda Street, John McDonagh & all deceased members of the McDonagh & Clancy families, Thomas Barrett, Clogheen & deceased members of the Barrett family, Clonbrin, Mary & Dennis Meredith, Clogheen & deceased members of the Meredith family, John O' Neill Clonbrin, Anna Sexton, Kildangan,

Wednesday 1st July 2026, 10.00 am Mass

Alan Mahon, Kildangan, Mary Geraghty, Palmerstown, Dublin 20, Eithne Doyle, Kilbarrack, Dublin 13,

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 360.00
Baskets Collection: € 1500.00

CHOIR

Saturday 4th July '26
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 5th July '26
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

**LOTTO
30/06/2026**

TEAM: A
Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 4th July '26
6.30pm: Rachel Farrell

Sunday 5th July '26
9.00am: Rachel Beattie
11.30am: Eileen O'Riordan

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 4th July '26
6.30pm: Pat Molloy, Dan Clancy, Pauline Murphy, Pat Ryan

Sunday 5th July '26
9.00am: Andrew Mahon, Sr. Angela, Lily Donoghue, Ann McLoughlin
11.30am: Rita McDonnell, Marie Lawless, Fiona Behan, Ann Whelan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER
AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK**

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results: 23/06/2026
Numbers Drawn
3, 12, 17, 19
Next Weeks Jackpot € 12,800
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Ticket 4347 M. Doyle
€20 Zack+ Sonia Kaye R. McDon. M. Heavey
€20 Mick Donogher M. Heavey
€20 Cecelia Kelly M. Doyle
€20 Ann Duffy G. Harrison
Next Draw: 30/06/2026
Thanks for your continued

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto
Draw Results: 22/06/2026
Numbers Drawn
7, 17, 19, 20
Next Weeks Jackpot € 3,800
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20 Edel Forde Online
€20 Liam Behan J. Behan
€20 Hannah O'Rourke G. Harrison
€20 John Coughlan J. Coughlan
€20 Eva Holligan A. Holligan
€20 Elaine, Fiona, Marie M. Heavey
Next draw: 29/06/2026.
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Results:
19/06/2026

1st Brian Murray c/o: Jenny
2nd John Duffy c/o: J. Duffy
3rd Caoimhe Connolly c/o: Caoimhe
4th Christina McHale c/o: Earley's

Seller: Jenny

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late Mabel Murphy would like to express their sincere thanks for the kindness and support you all extended to them during their time of loss.

Thank you to all who sent mass cards, R.I.P. messages and beautiful flowers.

Special thanks to Fr. Liam, John Maher Undertaker, Eugen Nolan, Teresa Martin, Supervalu and the Public Health Nurses for their care over the years.

**Mass will be offered for
your intentions**

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped with our Cemetery Masses.

Fr. Liam

**COMMUNITY
EMPLOYMENT SCHEME
VACANCIES**

2 Care Assistants
Monasterevin Day Care Centre

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

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.

Cost:
Island: €85
Bus: €50 (approx. return)

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

FEAST OF STS PETER & PAUL

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE



Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

BIBLE GROUP

**THE BIBLE IS GODS
INSTRUCTION BOOK
FOR US.
LETS READ AND
UNDERSTAND IT
TOGETHER.**

**VENUE:- THE PARISH
CENTRE.**

**TIME:- 7PM MONDAY'S.
085 1690527.**



**FISHERSTOWN
TRACTOR & TRUCK RUN**

In aid of Laois Hospice.

All Lorries, Tractors & Vintage Cars Welcome.

Commencing Sunday 5th
July, 2026 @ 11.am

Run Leaving @ 2pm
The Final Furlong,
Ballybrittas.

Food and Music All Day
Bouncing Castle & Kids Fun
Area

**Midlands 103 Roadcaster
Live**

**Contact: Peter 086 2853243
(Lorries)
Dave 087 2729446
(Tractors)**

Everyone Welcome.

**COLLECTION OF
ST. PETER'S PENCE**

Let's help the Pope in His mission.

On June 28 - The Sunday before the liturgical feast of Saints Peter and Paul - the traditional Peter's Pence collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

Donating to Peter's Pence is a concrete gesture of communion with Holy Father and of solidarity with his mission to bring the Gospel throughout the world.

Please give generously.

**THE SICK & HOUSE-
BOUND**

Fr. Liam will be visiting the Sick and the House-bound on **Friday 3rd July 2026**. If you wish him to visit, please telephone the Parish Office on **045-525346**



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!**

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

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

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,

that we may not be wrapped in the
darkness of error but always be seen to
stand in the bright light of truth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi, his servant, answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.'

Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS. 88:2-3, 16-19

**R. I will sing for ever of your love,
O Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim
your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts
for ever,

that your truth is firmly established
as the heavens. **[R]**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a
king;

who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your
name,

who make your justice the source of
their bliss. **[R]**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory
of their strength;

it is by your favour that our might is
exalted:

for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy
One of Israel. **(R)**

SECOND READING Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not

worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

**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.**

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.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28th June 2026 Year A

Christ is no farther away than the people we meet every day.
His cry for help is heard in the needs of the poor, homeless, and those
rejected by society. Help us to hear and respond to His cry.

In Receiving, we Give



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who graciously accomplish
the effects of your mysteries,
grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we
serve you may be worthy of these sacred
gifts. 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

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this divine sacrifice we have offered
and received fill us with life, O Lord, we
pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity,
we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you in his kindness
and pour out saving wisdom upon you.

Amen

And 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, glorifying the Lord by
your life.

Thanks be to God.



Matthew was writing to early Christians many of whom had converted from Judaism. To abandon the God of their fathers was so unacceptable in Judaism at that time that they were often rejected by their own families, ostracised by their community and sacked by their employers. Hence,

they had to make the difficult decision to choose between their commitment to family and commitment to Jesus. Jesus is not telling us today to choose between family and faith; on the contrary, our family is where we (most of us) first experience being loved and learn to love others. It is in our families that our faith is cultivated. The early Christian communities were also being persecuted by the Romans, as they were considered traitors to the Roman Emperor, since they declared that their allegiance was to Jesus and not to the Emperor. They were being arrested, imprisoned and risked being executed. Again, many had to choose between abandoning their Christian faith and living, or staying true to their commitment and dying. Matthew reminds us that, since Jesus returned to the Father, our brothers and sisters are the presence of Jesus to us today ("I was hungry and you gave me to eat" (Matt 25). Sometimes our commitment to them may cause us to die to ourselves, lift us out of our comfort zones, make life difficult for us. That is the cost of being a Christian. At such times, we remember that Jesus died for us and it is only right that we should die for him, present today in our neighbour in need.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

On Baptism day there is a short journey made from The Open Door of the Church, to The Baptism Font at the Altar. This is to remind us of God's Love journey for us, from Heaven to earth, and back to the joy of Heaven. There are people with us all the time on our earth journey. Jesus shows us what to do on our journey. We need to be kind and help our neighbour, and follow Jesus' way.

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