

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

12th July 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 11 July, 2026, 6.30 pm Mass

Jack Dunne, Lackagh, Maura McEvoy, Carlow, Josephine ( Josie) Behan, Ballykelly,  
William & Jane Murphy, Closelands, Kathleen Walsh, Lackagh, Joseph & James McCullagh,  
England, Christine Walsh, Scotland

#### Sunday 12th July, 9.00 am Mass

Joseph Joe Bond, England, Francis Kelly Jnr., Bridget & Patrick Moody, Meath, Michael  
Kelly Snr., England formally Passlands, Monasterevin, Fr. Denis O'Sullivan, Josephine  
( Josie) Behan, Ballykelly, George Hannon, Sligo, Dennis ( Butch) O' Brien, Clogheen,

#### Sunday 12th July 2026, 11.30 am Mass

Patricia O'Keeffe (Months Mind), Clogheen, Brigid O'Keeffe, Clogheen.,

#### Wednesday 15th July 2026, 10.00am Mass

Sarah Meredith.

### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 300.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1525.00

### CHOIR

**Saturday 18th July '26**  
6.30pm: Gary Farrell

**Sunday 19th July '26**  
11.30am: Gary Farrell

**LOTTO**  
14/07/2026  
TEAM: C

Rita McDonnell, Gertie  
Byrne, Ger Harrison

### READERS

**Saturday 18th July '26**  
6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

**Sunday 19th July '26**  
9.00am: Jarleth Kileen  
11.30am: Ann Fearon

### 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 18th July '26**  
6.30pm: Mikey Baker, Mary  
Ryan, Pauline Murphy, Pat  
Molloy  
**Sunday 19th July '26**  
9.00am: Andrew Mahon, Anne  
McLoughlin, Sr Angela  
11.30am: Ann Fearon, Rita  
McDonnell, Marie Lawless, Anne  
Whelan

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER  
AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK**

Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results: 07/07/2026

Numbers Drawn

2, 8, 9, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot €13,200

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Ber Weldon M. Doyle

€20 Tom Hayden G. Harrison

€20 Frank Bannon M. Doyle

€20 Tony Ryan G. Harrison

€20 John Keogh B. Keogh

Next Draw: 14/07/2026

Thanks for your continued

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto  
Draw Results 06/07/2026

Numbers Drawn

1, 2, 26, 27

Next Weeks Jackpot €4,200

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Daragh Byrne Online

€20 Lily Byrne P. Moore

€20 Tom Forde M. Forde

€20 Joan Connolly P. Brereton

€20 Karen & Patrick P. Whyte

€20 Margaret Downey M. Heavey

Next draw: 13/07/2026.

### MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Results:

03/07/2026

1st Lily Ottley c/o: Earley's  
2nd Eddie Dunne c/o: Bellyard  
3rd Jason O' Keeffe c/o: Jenny  
4th John Buddy c/o: Buddy

Seller: Earley's

### BIBLE GROUP

**THE BIBLE IS GODS  
INSTRUCTION BOOK  
FOR US.  
LET'S READ AND  
UNDERSTAND IT  
TOGETHER.**

**VENUE:- THE PARISH  
CENTRE.**

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



### NOTICE ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES  
TUESDAY 14TH JULY IN ST.  
JOHN'S CHURCH AT 8 PM

**ALL WELCOME!**

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**THE CELTIC TENORS  
IN CONCERT WITH  
MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL  
CHOIR**

**Friday 9th October 2026 at  
8pm.**

St. Peter's & Paul's Church  
Monasterevin

**Tickets €25.00  
(non-refundable)**

In aid of St. Peter's & Paul's  
Church & Monasterevin Tidy  
Towns

**Booking at:**

Parish Office 045- 525346  
Earley's Fashion Shop  
045 - 525395

**Concert will NOT be Live  
Streamed on the Night.**



### ST BRIGID'S LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION

**Three day Pilgrimage  
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](mailto:deidregleeson@medwise.ie)

### ART CLASS July 16th & 17th

Art Class with Jean Ryan  
Hakizamana

**Venue:** Council Hall

**Date:** Thursday July

16th.

**Time:** 2pm-5pm (Adults)

**Date:** Friday July 17th

**Time:** 10am-1pm

(Adults)

**Cost:** €30 per session

### Junior Art Classes with Jean

**Date:** Friday 17th July

**Time:** 2.00pm - 4.30pm

**Venue:** Council Hall

**Cost:** €20 per child

To book a place please  
contact Ann on  
087-9089484

### NOTICE

Small bag with VIVA blouse  
left on the bus after Senior  
Citizen trip to Kilkenny,  
contact Margaret on  
087-4160700

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP Annual Church  
Gate Collection will take  
place on **Saturday 25TH  
& Sunday 26TH July.**

**PLEASE GIVE  
GENEROUSLY.**

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

Please visit [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)  
and click GET INVOLVED.

Contact us:

**Monasterevin  
085-1209577 or  
volunteer@svp.ie**



### World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly, Sunday 26th July 2026

This year, the date coincides  
with the feast of Saint Joachim  
and Anne, Sunday 26th July,  
and the Holy Father invites  
everyone to celebrate the Day  
in their local Church.

The July Faith Café for  
Grandparents takes place via  
zoom on **Tuesday 14th July** at  
7.30pm, please register by  
Visiting [https://  
us02web.zoom.us/join/register/  
Qrlb7zGUQlaKfOcaS2ftkA#/  
registration.](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/?url=Qrlb7zGUQlaKfOcaS2ftkA#/)

The National Pilgrimage to  
**Knock for Grandparents**  
takes place on Sunday 26th  
July commencing at 2.30pm  
with Anointing of the sick and  
blessing of Grandparents with  
Archbishop Eamon Martin as  
Chief Celebrant.

### 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

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

## 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 forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## 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 show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Isaiah 55: 10-11*

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *PS. 64: 10-14*

**R. Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.**

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R)**
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R)**

### SECOND READING *Romans 8: 18-23*

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

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain forever. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 13: 1-23 (\*shorter form 13: 1-9)**

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

\*Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' \* Then the disciples went up to him and

asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

**\*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

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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

**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

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. 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.**

# focus on sunday

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12th July 2026 Year A

Our faith is nourished and grows through the experiences of our lives.

It can also weaken and disappear. We need the support of our Church and fellow - christians to strengthen and direct our growth when we lose our way.



Today and in the coming Sundays we will hear the parables from Matthew 13. Parables are more of an experience than just a story with a hidden meaning, they are the great wisdom teachings of Jesus. They demand an alertness from us,

speaking to our hearts through what is said, and often through what is left unsaid. Parables do not end once we are finished hearing them. They stay with us, often leaving us with unanswered questions which invite us to ponder and reflect on our own experiences; parables awaken our senses.

Today's parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our hearts the soil for a moment: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil is basically rock that has been broken down by various forces such as wind, rain, freezing and thawing. It can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs lots of air and water, and some manure; it needs to be tended to and prepared. We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives which can either close us down and harden our hearts or can open us up and help us to grow into greater awareness. The disciple is one who hears the word and understands it, and it bears fruit (13:23).

**Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty.** Adapted from The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2022.

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

When Jesus saw a farmer sowing seeds in the ground, He was reminded of God Our Father, who gives the seed of life to all the world, and the seed of His Spirit is present in every person's heart. God Our Father can never stop loving us, but sometimes the seed of God's love is forgotten, when we miss giving thanks, and sharing, and when we hurt others. But the seed of God still loves us all the time.