

# MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

26th 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](http://MONASTEREVINPARISH.IE)  
CHARITY TAX NO. CHY 7355

### Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

#### Saturday 25th July, 2026, 6.30 pm Mass

Anna Kavanagh, (Birthday Rem), Skirteen, James Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan, Ann Kelly, formerly Passlands, Bill & Jane Holligan, Borradera, John Holligan, Rutch Holligan, Simon Ridge, London, Michael & Julie Holligan, John & Annie Coughlan, John Dempsey, Umeras, Margaret Brereton, Monasterevin, Annie Moody, Cowpasture, Tony & Michael, Moody, Cowpasture, Foster family, Old Grange, Elizabeth Grattan & deceased members of the White family, Old Grange, John & Bridget Harrison, Gurteenoon, John Sharpe, Quinnboro, Rose Harrison, Old Grange, Patrick & Nora Lalor, Medical Hall, Dick Lonergan, St. Evin's Park, (Birthday Remembrance), Patricia Murphy, Athy, (1st Anniversary), Edward & Catherine Whelan, Garryglass, Timahoe,

#### Sunday 26th July, 9.00 am Mass

Susan Duane O' Callaghan (1st Anniversary), Newbridge, John & Joe Duane, Newbridge, Marian Luttrell, Quinsborough, Rose Geraghty, Palmerstown, Dublin 20, Breda & George McDermott, Newbridge

#### Sunday 26th July 2026, 11.30 am Mass

Susan Duane O' Callaghan (1st Anniversary), Newbridge, John & Joe Duane, Newbridge, Marian Luttrell, Quinsborough, Jim McConn, Billy McConn, Dina McConn, Anna Kavanagh, Skirteen, Christy Lonergan, Elizabeth Donoghue, Hybla, (Birthday Remembrance), Ellen Redmond (née) Dillon, (Birthday Remembrance), Patrick Lynch, Suncroft, Kenneth Maher, The Lodge, Mooreabbey.



#### Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 260.00  
Baskets Collection: € 1025.00

#### CHOIR

Saturday 1st August '26  
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 2nd August '26  
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

#### LOTTO 28/07/2026

TEAM: B  
Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

#### READERS

Saturday 1st August '26  
6.30pm: Sr. Phil

Sunday 2nd August '26  
9.00am: Sr. Angela  
11.30am: Billy Cleary

#### 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 1st August '26  
6.30pm: Fiona Farrell, Rachel Farrell, Teresa Martin, Jackie Kennedy

Sunday 2nd August '26  
9.00am: Davina Weldon, Sr Angela, Lily Donoghue, Paddy Clarke  
11.30am: Mary O'Leary, Fiona Farrell, James Forde

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER  
AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK

Monasterevin Parish Lotto  
Draw Results 21/07/2026  
Numbers Drawn  
9, 12, 20, 23.  
Next Weeks Jackpot €13,600  
No Winner

Winners Promoter  
€20 L. & S. Costelloe % G. Harrison  
€20 G. Broughall % G. Harrison  
€20 Sam, Lola & Hugo % M. Heavey  
€20 Keith Sharpe % M. Heavey  
€20 C. O'Connor % G. Harrison

Next Draw 28/07/2026  
Thanks for your continued support.

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto  
Draw Results 20/07/2026  
Numbers Drawn  
11, 19, 24, 26  
Next Weeks Jackpot € 4,600  
No Winner

Winners Promoter  
€20 Roisin Hall Online  
€20 Peter Moore P. Moore  
€20 Anthony Hanlon J. Moore  
€20 Andrea Buckley T. Buckley  
€20 Eddie Donoghue E. Donoghue  
€20 Josie Donnally B. Fitzgerald  
Next draw: 27/07/2026.  
Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.  
Results:  
17/07/2026

1st €100: Keelan Meredith c/o: Ben  
2nd €50 : Angela + Stacey c/o: Bingo  
3rd € 25: Gary Farrell c/o: Gary  
4th € 25: Breda Lawlor c/o: Online

Seller: Ben Hyland

#### 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



### WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

SUNDAY 26TH JULY

"Grandparents hold our tiny  
hands for just a little while, but  
our hearts forever"



### 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 Apple-  
green  
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)

### Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Sts Joachim & Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them They are the source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of Society. Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel Faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

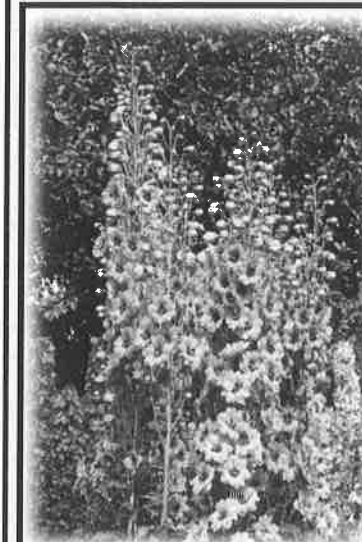
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary Mother of the Living, keep grandparents constantly in your care.

Amen.

### 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



Summer reminds us to slow down, soak up the sunshine, and find joy in the simple moments that make life beautiful.

- Catherine Polster



### 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.



### THE SICK & HOUSE- BOUND

Fr Liam will be visiting the Sick and the Housebound on  
Friday 14th August.

If you would like him to call,  
please phone the Parish  
Office on 045-525346.



Attending of the sick.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in  
his house; he himself gives might and  
strength to his people.**

## GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

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  
**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, protector of those who hope  
in you, without whom nothing has firm  
foundation, nothing is holy, bestow  
in abundance your mercy upon us and grant  
that, with you as our ruler and guide, we  
may use the good things that pass in  
such a way as to hold fast even now to  
those that ever endure.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

**A reading from the first book of the Kings**  
The Lord appeared to Solomon in a  
dream and said, 'Ask what you would like  
me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord,  
my God, you have made your servant  
king in succession to David my father.  
But I am a very young man, unskilled in  
leadership. Your servant finds himself in  
the midst of this people of yours that you  
have chosen, a people so many its  
numbers cannot be counted or reckoned.

Give your servant a heart to  
understand how to discern between good  
and evil, for who could govern this people  
of yours that is so great? It pleased the

Lord that Solomon should have asked  
for this. 'Since you have asked for this'  
the Lord said 'and not asked for long life  
for yourself or riches or the lives of your  
enemies, but have asked for a discerning  
judgement for yourself, here and now I do  
what you ask. I give you a heart wise and  
shrewd as none before you has had and  
none will have after you.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps. 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130**

**R. Lord how I love your law!**

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more  
to me than silver and gold. **(R)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall  
live  
for your law is my delight. **(R)**
3. That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your  
precepts:  
I hate false ways. **(R)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **(R)**

## SECOND READING Romans 8: 28 - 30

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

We know that by turning everything to  
their good God co-operates with all those  
who love him, with all those that he has  
called according to his purpose. They  
are the ones he chose specially long ago  
and intended to become true images of  
his Son, so that his Son might be the  
eldest of many brothers. He called those  
he intended for this; those he called he  
justified, and with those he justified he  
shared his glory.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt  
from my Father. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-52 (\*shorter form 13:44-46)

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

\*Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom  
of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field  
which someone has found; he hides it  
again, goes off happy, sells everything he  
owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a  
merchant looking for fine pearls; when he  
finds one of great value he goes and sells  
everything he owns and buys it.\*

'Again the kingdom of heaven is like  
a dragnet cast into the sea that brings

in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the  
fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting  
down, they collect the good ones in a  
basket and throw away those that are no  
use. This is how it will be at the end of  
time: the angels will appear and separate  
the wicked from the just to throw them  
into the blazing furnace where there will  
be weeping and grinding of teeth.  
'Have you understood all this?' They  
said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well,  
then, every scribe who becomes a  
disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like  
a householder who brings out from his  
storeroom things both new and old.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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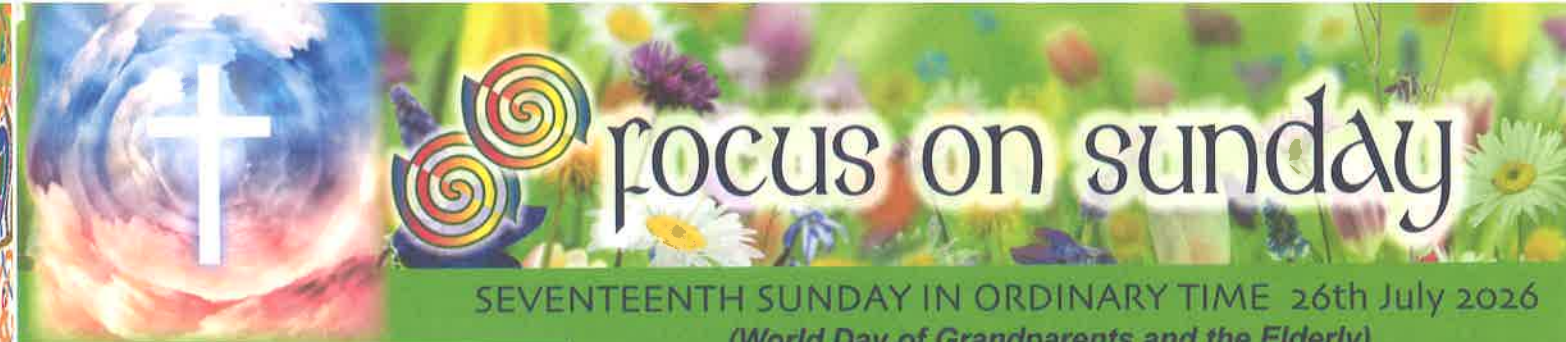
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
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.**



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26th July 2026

(World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly)

We choose good or evil often in our lives. To follow something good,  
we reject paths which are less good. Following Christ means saying 'No' to  
other riches. The gospel today is a call to be joyful  
in giving up our bad habits for Jesus.



## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings  
which we bring from the abundance  
of your gifts,  
that through the powerful working  
of your grace these most sacred mysteries  
may sanctify our present way of life  
and lead us to eternal gladness.  
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

When we eat this Bread and drink this  
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

## 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 never forget all his benefits.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord,  
this divine Sacrament,  
the perpetual memorial of the Passion  
of your Son;  
grant, we pray, that this gift,  
which he himself gave us with love  
beyond all telling,  
may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
**Amen.**

May he let his face shine upon you  
and show you his mercy. **Amen.**  
May he turn his countenance towards you  
and give you his peace. **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. **Thanks be to God.**

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How would we feel if we won the jackpot? Or if we found  
an incredibly valuable jewel? Or if we were told that we were  
chosen out of millions for a special, magnificent reward?

Jesus is at pains today to explain the Kingdom of Heaven.

There is a melismatic quality (from the word mel meaning honey) to his  
discourse as the words and images flow. It is both an ecstatic and measured  
narrative, as he is intent on communicating the rich, rare nature of the  
Kingdom to his followers.

We can all recall times where we exhaust our imaginations trying to describe  
something amazing. We want to bring our audience right into the heart the  
experience, feeling it, marvelling in it as we do.

Jesus is giving his followers a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is both  
an invitation and a caution, as he depicts those who will not enter the kingdom  
due to their unjust actions in this life. His reference to the storeholder bringing  
out the old and the new places his own teaching and his Father's Kingdom  
in the Judaic line, building on tradition rather than supplanting it, and casting  
new light on old norms and ways of living.

Today, we celebrate grandparents. They are the ultimate storeholders, who  
give us the best of themselves from their storerooms of lived wisdom. They  
teach us what is old, while keeping up with what is new. They are indeed  
pearls of great price for us to treasure!

**Dr Giovanna Feeley, DCU School of Theology, Philosophy, and Music**

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

We are in God's Love all the time, but we forget. When people find God's Love, and  
Kingdom, they always do loving actions, like caring and minding children, doing work  
everyday, helping others, being grateful for all the wonders of nature, the colours of the  
day, the new inventions, that make life exciting. They are treasures that fill our hearts  
with surprise.