

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

23rd August 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

Ph: 086 1710643

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Ellen Galvin
Maria 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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Lalor, Clogheen, Monasterevin & Bobby Cotter, Togher Wood, Monasterevin, whose funerals took place during the week. R.I. P.

Saturday 22nd August, 2026, 6.30 pm Mass

Phil Bannon, (1st Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance), Mary Barrett, The Glebe, Sean Coady, St. Evins Park, Nelly Noone, Rathangan, Rebecca Knight, Ballyfarsoon, Joe Sharpe, Rathangan Road, Patsy Dunne, Nurney Road.

Sunday 23rd August, 9.00 am Mass

Mary Barrett, The Glebe. The Donohoe Family, Umeras, Patrick Kelly, Kilberry, Athy, James & Brigid Stowe, Dublin

Sunday 23rd August, 2026, 11.30 am Mass

Carmel Dowling Fanagan, Knocklyon, Dublin, Formerly Snipe Bog, Cloncarlin (Months Mind), Anne Dowling & Conleth Pacelle, Snipe Bog, Cloncarlin, Philip (Phil) Brady, Clondown, Anne & Joe Duffy, Mountrice, Lizzy & Jimmy Duffy, Mountrice, Kate & Pat Byrne, Carlow, Margaret & Pat Byrne, Umeras, Anna Crowley, London, Lily Whelan, Drogheda Street, Maud Hayes, Jimmy & Mary Hickey, Margaret Dempsey, Ballagh, Peter & Mary Dempsey, Ballagh

Wednesday 26th August, 2026, 10.00 am Mass

Joe & Breda Sharpe, Cowpasture, William Tracey, Millstream Avenue.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €310.00
Baskets Collection: €1270.00

CHOIR

Saturday 29th August '26
6.30pm: Gary Farrell

Sunday 30th August '26
11.30am: Eugene Nolan

LOTTO 25/08/2026 TEAM: C

Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne,
Ger Harrison

READERS

Saturday 29th August '26
6.30pm: Serge De La Ray

Sunday 30th August '26
9.00am: Adam McAllister
11.30am: Gary Farrell

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 29th August '26
6.30pm: Ger Harrison, Collette
Walsh, Jackie Kennedy

Sunday 30th August '26
9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Lily
Donoghue, Sharon Hanley, Ann
McLoughlin
11.30am: Marie Lawless, Ann
Whelan, Mary Lawlor, Ann
Fearon

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER
AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results: 18/08/2026

Numbers Drawn

2, 3, 18, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot €14,200

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Peggie Kelly P. Kelly

€20 Glen Mills M. Doyle

€20 H. Dempsey R. Callanan

€20 L. Whelchan R. McDonnell

€20 Serge De La Ray M. Doyle

Next Draw 25/08/2026

Thanks for your continued

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto

Draw Results: 17/08/2026

Numbers Drawn

8, 14, 17, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot €5,200

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Jordan Bolger Online

€20 John Maher G. Harrison

€20 Pat Mullen R. McDonnell

€20 Tom Forde M. Forde

€20 M. Fitzgerald B. Fitzgerald

€20 L. O'Donnell G. Harrison

Next draw: 24/08/2026.

Thanks for your continued
support



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**

PARISH VOLUNTEER SUNDAY

Date: Sunday 6th September
and Sunday 13th September

Our parish community is built on
the generosity and involvement
of its people. We are now inviting
new volunteers to join our
Ministries.

Your gift of talent is a special gift
only you can give.

⇒ Visit the sick, elderly &
Bereaved.

⇒ Feed the hungry—St
Vincent de Paul

⇒ Become a Reader for
Church Liturgy/
Eucharistic Minister.

⇒ Baptismal Team

⇒ Choir Member

⇒ Youth Ministry

⇒ Children's Liturgy

⇒ Volunteer for Parish
Committee

⇒ Welcoming new
parishioners

⇒ Pray for the needs and
give a helping hand and a
kind word.

Volunteer forms will be available
at all Masses. Please take one
or bring one home for a family
member or friend.

Forms to be returned on or
before 6th September to Parish
Office or Fr. Liam.

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.

K & L EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PRAYER DAY

Location: Mount St Annes,
Portarlinton (R32 WN59)

Date: Saturday August 29th
9.30am to 4.30pm.
Concludes with holy mass
3pm.

**Refreshments on arrival—
lunch 12.30-1.15. Cost €25**

Booking essential. Call or
Text with name and number
of companions to
Barbara Kinsella 086
1637311

LOUGH DERG ONE DAY RETREAT FOR ST CARLO ACUTIS

Date: September 6th.
Bus departs Fitzpatrick's Garage,
Dublin Road @5AM.
Cost: Island €50
Bus €50 (approx. return)
To book phone/text Deirdre
Gleeson on 087-2467594 or Email:
deirdregleeson@medwise.ie or
www.loughderg.org

C E SCHEME VACANCIES

2 Care Assistants
Monasterevin Day Care
Centre Ref:
CES2452584.

Caretaker Monasterevin
Community Centre Ref:
CES2460460.

Environmental Worker
Monasterevin Tidy Towns
Ref: CES2460466.

Caretaker Mercy Convent
Ref: CES2460470

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

ANNUAL ORDER OF MALTA KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Parishioners interested in
participating in Knock
Pilgrimage on **Sunday 30th
of August.**, are kindly
requested to contact Martin
Philips or Donal Whelan. Bus
transportation will be
provided free of charge.

Bus departing at 8.30am from
St. Peter's & Paul 's church
Monasterevin.

All parishioners planning to
attend must confirm their
attendance with either Martin
or Donal to secure their seat
prior to the trip.

To book your spot on the bus
contact
Martin on **086-8846447**
Donal on **086-8601614**

ATHY FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING

Open Day for September 2026
Courses at Athy Further
Education and Training Centre.
Drop in for information on our
full and part-time courses on
Wednesday 2nd September,
from 10am to 12pm.

For additional information
please contact Rachel Doyle on
059-8632044 at Further
Education and Training Centre,
Carlow Road, Athy, Co. Kildare.
www.athyfetc.ie or email us at
infoathy@kwetb.ie

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Heavey & Kaye Family
would like to thank the whole
Community of Monasterevin
for their Generosity, Support
& Kindness shown to them
since the passing of their
dear mother and sister Marie.

This Support has given us all
so much comfort in this
difficult time. We are forever
grateful.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

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 ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body
and blood:
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, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you
command and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 22: 19 - 23*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 137:1-3, 6, 8

**R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **[R]**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **[R]**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Romans 11: 33-36*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
How rich are the depths of God - how
deep his wisdom and knowledge - and
how impossible to penetrate his motives
or understand his methods! Who could
ever know the mind of the Lord? Who
could ever be his counsellor? Who
could ever give him anything or lend him
anything? All that exists comes from him;
all is by him and for him. To him be glory
for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter and on this rock
I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 16: 13 - 20*

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say the
Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say
he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'
'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?'
Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are
the Christ', he said, 'the Son of the living
God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah,
you are a happy man! Because it was not
flesh and blood that revealed this to you
but my Father in heaven. So I now say
to you: You are Peter and on this rock I
will build my Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall
be considered bound in heaven;
whatever you loose on earth shall be
considered loosed in heaven.' Then he
gave the disciples strict orders not to tell
anyone that he was the Christ.

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.

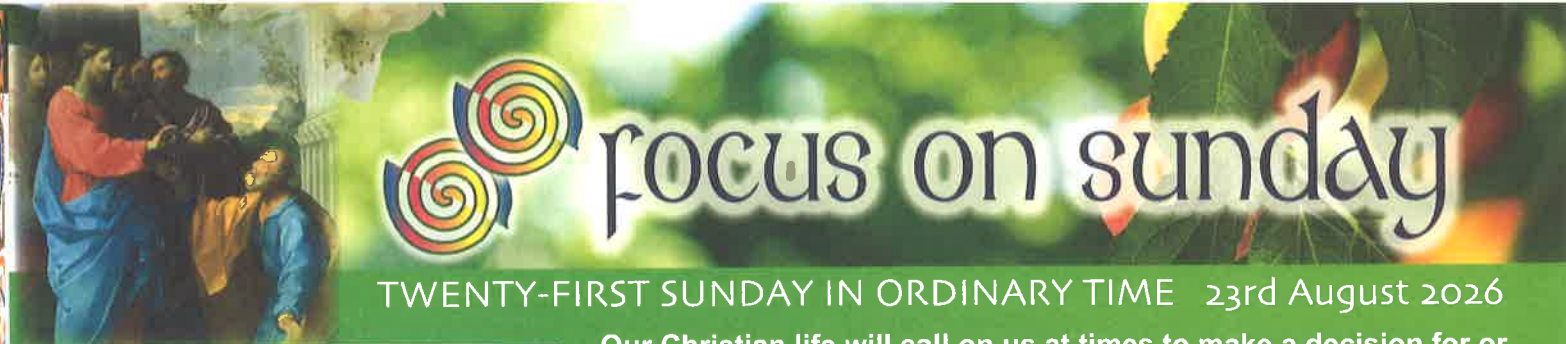


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people
by adoption through the one sacrifice
offered once for all, bestow graciously on
us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace
in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd August 2026

Our Christian life will call on us at times to make a decision for or
against Jesus, as for the apostles in today's gospel.
We know with him we have the message of the deepest human
love we are capable of.

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.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

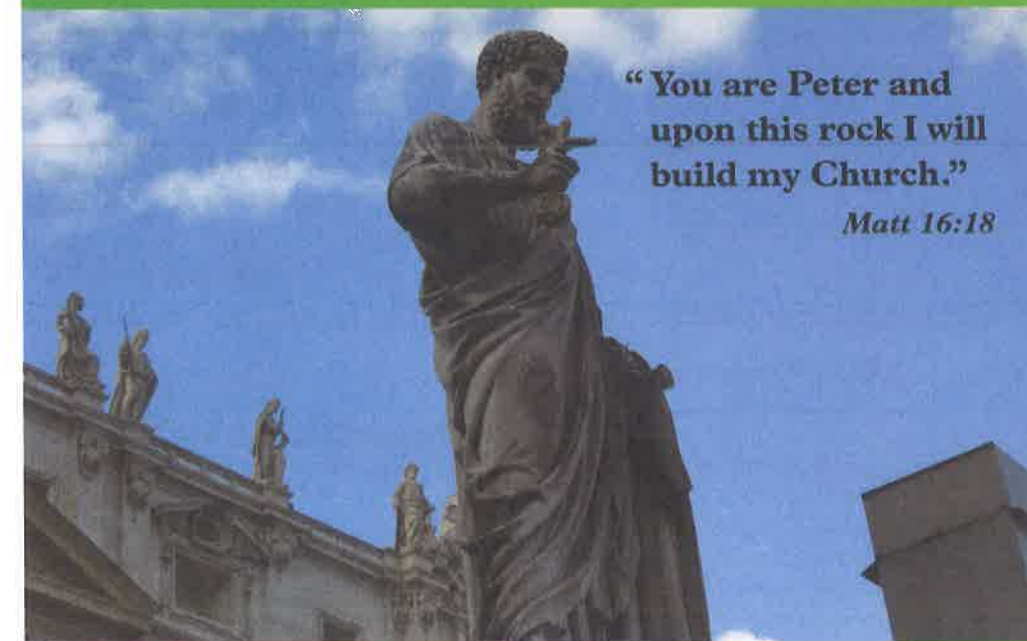
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
Amen.

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.**

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 forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.



In a walk along the sea, I had a sense that the sea praised
God just by being the sea, and we do the same. I am in you,
you are you and I am me. I praise God just by being who I
am like the sea praises God by coming in and out every tide,
the tree by growing.

We all have our favourite images of Jesus, remembering what he says about
himself. I like the one, *we will come and make our home in you.* He is closer
to you than the air you breathe, the sounds in your heartbeat. He is within
you. If we don't find him there, we find the wrong Jesus elsewhere. 'I am the
one who calls you from the inside'. Our creation is an inside job.

We are who we are., created from love on the inside. Beauty comes from
within to shine through the face of a lovely man or woman. Jesus looked
on Peter and saw a good man on the inside and built a Church on Peter, the
weak and wobbly Peter. The one who said later, I don't know the man. Who
tried to get Jesus away from his mission. And everyone of us do the Lord's
work from our own weakness.

We look around today and that's the Church. We all carry our inside wounds,
the hurts we have from love that didn't work out, the family with tragic deaths,
the mother nursing the prisoner son or daughter in her heart, the man or
woman carrying the scars of abuse in the personality...the guilts of alcohol
abuse, drug pushing, abortion..we all carry the wounds of Jesus. But we
praise God and are called by him as we are now – we live in the present and
love it.

That is all on the inside, and the inside is where you say *I am me, and God is*
with me. Is your Jesus the one whose heart makes sacred everything in your
life? Or the one for whom you're never good enough. it is to people like you
and me that Jesus says now that he will build his church. People weak and
wobbly in our faith and lives as Peter.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)