

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

30th 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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Daniel (Dan) Murphy, Old Grange,
Monasterevin, formerly Ballymorris, Portarlinton, who was interred this week. R.I. P.

Saturday 29th August, 2026, 6.30 pm Mass

Paddy Rowan (Months Mind) Rickardstown, Kildangan, Joe Reidy, Cowpasture, Johnny & Jimmy Reidy, Clogheen & deceased members of the Reidy & Doyle Families, Mary Harrison & Patrick Harrison, 2 Kill Cottages, Tom Fenlon, Emo, William Kaye, Tipperary, George Porter, Cowpasture, James Courtney, Dublin & deceased members of the Courtney & Carter Families, Brendan McHale, Ballybrittas, Mary Butler, Shindella, Ann Harrison, Oghill

Sunday 30th August, 9.00 am Mass

Joseph Bond, Tommy Donohue, Umeras & deceased members of the Donohue Family, Mountrice. Raymond Langley (Birthday Rem).

Sunday 30th August, 2026, 11.30 am Mass

John Scales, Australia, Sarah Meredith, Ballyfermot, Elizabeth Hart (née Meredith), Morecambe, England, Deirdre Finnegan (née Meredith), Kilkenny,

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 25 /08/2026

Numbers Drawn

11, 12, 15, 17

Next Weeks Jackpot €14,400

No Winner

Winners

Promoter

€20 M. Holligan

R. Callanan

€20 Katie Maurray

G. Harrison

€20 Siobhan Howard

€20 D& S Brett

M. Doyle

€20 L. Donoghue

Lily Donoghue

Next Draw: 01/09/2026

Thanks for your continued

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto

Draw Results 24/08/2026

Numbers Drawn

7, 15, 18, 22

Next Weeks Jackpot € 5,400

No Winner

Winners

Promoter

€20 G. Stafford

Online

€20 Hannah Behan John Behan

€20 Joe Muldowney G. Harrison

€20 Claire & John J. Coughlan

€20 Richard Duffy G. Harrison

€20 Lucy Brereton P. Brereton

Next draw: 31/08/2026.

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Results:

21/08/2026

€100 Heidi, Elodie ,
Alannah Earleys

€50 Darragh Foley M Foley

€25 Jenny Butter Bingo

€25 Connie & Rayne Bingo

€25 Seller: Earleys

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.

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

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 5th September '26
6.30pm: Rachel Farrell, Pauline
Murphy, Cathy Cullen, Fiona
Farrell

Sunday 6th September '26
9.00am: Teresa Flood, Sr Angela,
Andrew Mahon
11.30am: Fiona Behan, James
Forde, Rita McDonnell,

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 6th September 2026
TEAM A
Sr Phill, Elaine Kavanagh,
Jackie Quinn

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €330.00
Baskets Collection: €1500.00

CHOIR

Saturday 5th September '26
6.30pm: Tom Forde

Sunday 6th September '26
11.30am: Tommy McGlynn

LOTTO
01/09/2026
TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 5th September '26
6.30pm: Serge De La Ray

Sunday 6th September '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.



Dear God,

Thank You for this new school year
and the fresh start it brings. Bless
the students, teachers, and staff
with energy, patience, and kindness.
Give courage to face challenges,
curiosity to keep learning, and
compassion to care for one another.
May this year be filled with growth,
friendship, and joy.

Amen

THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Fr Liam will be visiting the Sick and the Housebound on
Friday 4th September. If you wish him to visit, please
phone the Parish Office on 045-525346.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mad Hatters Tea Party

Date: 12th September

Time: 2-4pm

Celebrate our waterways,
circularity & European
Heritage Day

Free workshops, music &
exhibitions

See [Bluewayartstudio.ie/](http://Bluewayartstudio.ie/futureancestor)
futureancestor



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.athyfetec.ie or email us at
infoathy@kwetb.ie

PILGRIMAGE IN FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT BRIGID

We invite you to walk in the
footsteps of Brigid, Ireland's
remarkable 5th—century saint.

Date: 1st September 2026
Time: 10.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Venue: Assemble at Solas
Bhríde Centre at 10.00 a.m.

Facilitators: Solas Bhríde
Team

Cost: €20 (incl light
refreshments)

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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.



PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

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

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

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

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

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

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your
name, so that, by deepening our sense
of reverence, you may nurture in us what
is good and, by your watchful care, keep
safe what you have nurtured.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 20: 7-9**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord,
and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me:
you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to
howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning
in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps 62:2-6, 8-9**

**R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **[R]**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **[R]**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **[R]**

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **[R]**

SECOND READING **Romans 12: 1-2**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and
worship him, I beg you, in a way that is
worthy of thinking beings, by offering
your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly
pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves
on the behaviour of the world around you,
but let your behaviour change, modelled
by your new mind. This is the only way to
discover the will of God and know what is
good, what it is that God wants, what is
the perfect thing to do.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope
his call holds for us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL **Matthew 16: 21 - 27**

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

Jesus began to make it clear to his
disciples that he was destined to go to
Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the
hands of the elders and chief priests
and scribes, to be put to death and to be
raised up on the third day. Then, taking
him aside, Peter started to remonstrate
with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he
said. 'This must not happen to you.' But
he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind
me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my
path, because the way you think is not
God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If
anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up
his cross and follow me. For anyone
who wants to save his life will lose it; but
anyone who loses his life for my sake will

find it. What, then, will a man gain if he
wins the whole world and ruins his life?
Or what has a man to offer in exchange
for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in
the glory of his Father with his angels,
and, when he does, he will reward each
one according to his behaviour.'

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

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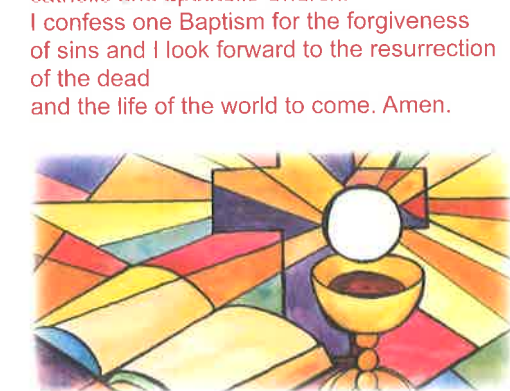
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with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

May this sacred offering, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessing
of salvation,
that what it celebrates in mystery
it may accomplish in power.
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.

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

**How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread from the
heavenly table,

we beseech you, Lord,

that, being the food of charity,

it may confirm our hearts

and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.

Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father,
and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

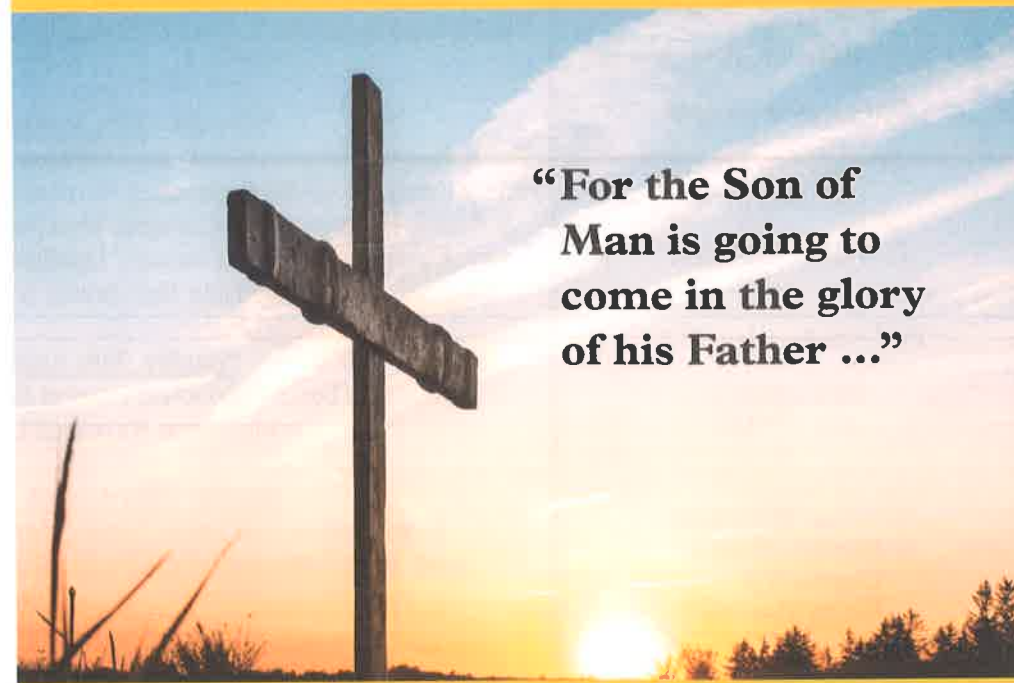
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord
by your life.

Thanks be to God.



**All the laws, customs and regulations of religion have only one end:
to love God and our neighbour.**

Jesus is adamant that love is at the heart of true religion.



**“For the Son of
Man is going to
come in the glory
of his Father ...”**



When Jesus tells his disciples that he is to die, they were
naturally very distressed. Jesus was their friend, the centre
of their lives, and Peter expressed what they were all
thinking. He would do anything to prevent this happening.

He thought Jesus would appreciate his willingness to “have

his back” but Jesus tells him that God's way is not Peter's way, and to
oppose God is to behave like Satan. We often think God is someone who
thinks like us, judges like us, and makes decisions like us. But God is
mystery, existing in “a cloud of unknowing” which we cannot penetrate. And
so, we are incapable of knowing God's ways. Just as the political and
religious authorities conspired to execute Jesus, and in doing so fulfilled
God's plan, so in our lives difficult and painful experiences occur and we
cannot understand why they happen. God asks us, not to try to understand,
but to trust. Like a child who places all their trust in their parent, even when
they want to do something or go somewhere and can't understand why their
parent says 'no', so too God is our parent who only wants us to be happy
and fulfilled. God is love and is present in our lives at every moment and in
everything that happens to us. God asks us to respond in times of difficult,
praying with faith, like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, “*Father if this
cup cannot pass by but I must drink it, thy will be done.*” (Matt 26 v 39).

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Love is getting up at night when the baby is crying. Love is giving my seat
to another person, and driving and cycling with respect, preparing meals
everyday for others. Love puts others first. That is what Jesus does for us and
He helps us every day through His Spirit.