

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

16th 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
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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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Heavey (née Kaye), Cowpasture who was interred this week. R.I. P.

Saturday 15th August, 2026, 6.30 pm Mass

Anne Kirwan, Ann Dowling, Gurteenoon, Michael Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan,
Kenneth Maher & his mam Terri Maher, Cowpasture, Bridget (Bridie) Bailey,
(Birthday Rem), Jimmy Byrne, Haywards Heath, England, Formerly High Bridge House,
Monasterevin, Sr Kate McCarthy (Cork) Presentation Sisters, Tommy Scully, Mountrice, Sue
Reidy, Clogheen, Michael & Mary Harrison, Kildare Road, Stephen Dunne, Coolier, Fr John
Melia, New Zealand, Deceased Members of Kildangan Stud., Kathleen (Nelly) McGuinness,
Quinsboro.

Sunday 16th August, 9.00 am Mass

Paddy & Molly Heavey, Clongorey, Kathleen (Nelly) McGuinness, Quinsboro.

Sunday 16th August, 2026, 11.30 am Mass

Mai Delaney & Robert Delaney, Martin Slevin, Michael Terrett, Dermot Purcell,
Main Street.



Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 255.00
Baskets Collection: € 1040.00

CHOIR

Saturday 22nd August '26
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 23rd August '26
11.30am: Eugene Nolan

LOTTO
18/08/2026
TEAM: B

Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

READERS

Saturday 22nd August '26
6.30pm: Deirde Cotter

Sunday 23rd August '26
9.00am: Lisa -Marie Duffy
11.30am: James Forde

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 22nd August '26
6.30pm: Fiona Farrell, Rachel
Farrell, Mary Ryan, Dan
Clancy
Sunday 23rd August '26
9.00am: Sr Angela, Andrew
Mahon, Davin Weldon
11.30am: Mary O'Leary, Ann
Fearon, Ann Lonergan, James
Forde

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER
AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results /08/2026
Numbers Drawn
Next Weeks Jackpot €
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20
€20
€20 CANCELLED
€20
€20

Next Draw /08/2026
Thanks for your continued
support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results /08/2026
Numbers Drawn
Next Weeks Jackpot €
No Winner

Winners Promoter
€20
€20
€20 CANCELLED
€20
€20

Next draw: /08/2026.
Thanks for your continued
support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Results:
07/08/2026

1st John Robinson Online
2nd Steven McLoughlin Ben
3rd Brianna Kaye Earley's
4th Peg Morrissey Steven

Seller: Online

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



AUGUST 15
THE ASSUMPTION
OF MARY

Today we celebrate the glorious moment when
Mary, Mother of Jesus, was taken body and
soul into Heaven.

Her Assumption is a sign of victory over death,
a promise of eternal life, and a call for us to
live in holiness and faith.

O Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome into the
Christian Community,
Babies, Lily Maggie Pender &
Sadie Rose Browne who were
baptised by Fr John
Fitzpatrick on
Saturday 8th of August.



ANGEL BABY
REMEMBRANCE

The Annual Angel Baby Remembrance will
take place on **Saturday 22nd August** at
7.30pm in St. Evin's Cemetery,
Monasterevin. We
remember all babies and angels gone too
soon by miscarriage, stillbirth,
infancy or later years.

If you would like us to mention your
Angel, please contact Claire on 085
7200761 or Sandra on 087 6879407. Feel
free to join us at the
Remembrance and to join our private
Facebook Group 'Angel
Baby Remembrance
Monasterevin'. All Angel names given to
date will be automatically mentioned
every year.



Discover the River Barrow: A
Sensory Mapping Workshop

Join Blueway Art Studio this
Water Heritage Day (**August**
23rd) to explore the River
Barrows local heritage and
changing moods by mapping
through our 5 senses. Spaces
are free but limited. **Book via**
Eventbrite or
hello@bluewayartstudio.ie

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 Mar-
tin 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**

RAINBOWS PEER
SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Places available for September
offering a nine week
programme of weekly one hour
sessions of peer support to
children aged 7 and older
experiencing loss through
bereavement or parental
separation. Please contact the
co-ordinator on 087 1256199 or
rainbows.carlowtown
@gmail.com

C E SCHEME
VACANCIES

2 Care Assistants
Monasterevin Day Care
Centre Ref: CES52452584.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
May almighty God have mercy on us.....
Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 have prepared for those
who love you good things which no eye
can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with
the warmth of your love, so that, loving
you in all things and above all things, we
may attain your promises, which surpass
every human desire.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 56: 1, 6 - 7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for
justice, act with integrity, for soon my
salvation will come and my integrity be
manifest.

Foreigners who have attached
themselves to the Lord to serve him and
to love his name and be his servants - all
who observe the sabbath, not profaning
it, and cling to my covenant - these I will
bring to my holy mountain. I will make
them joyful in my house of prayer. Their
holocausts and their sacrifices will be
accepted on my altar, for my house will
be called a house of prayer for all the
peoples.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

**R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

- O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R)**
- Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R)**
- Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him **(R)**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13 - 15, 29 - 32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I
am proud of being sent, but the purpose
of it is to make my own people envious
of you, and in this way save some of
them. Since their rejection meant the
reconciliation of the world, do you know
what their admission will mean? Nothing
less than a resurrection from the dead!
God never takes back his gifts or revokes
his choice.

Just as you changed from being
disobedient to God, and now enjoy
mercy because of their disobedience,
so those who are disobedient now - and
only because of the mercy shown to
you - will also enjoy mercy eventually.
God has imprisoned all men in their own
disobedience only to show mercy to all
mankind

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed
the Good News of the kingdom, and
cured all kinds of sickness among the
people. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21-28*

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

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to
the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out
came a Canaanite woman from that
district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of
David, take pity on me. My daughter is
tormented by a devil.' But he answered

her not a word. And his disciples went
and pleaded with him. 'Give her what
she wants,' they said 'because she is
shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was
sent only to the lost sheep of the House
of Israel.' But the woman had come up
and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she
said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to
take the children's food and throw it to the
house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir;
but even house-dogs can eat the scraps
that fall from their master's table.' Then
Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have
great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And
from that moment her daughter was well
again.

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,

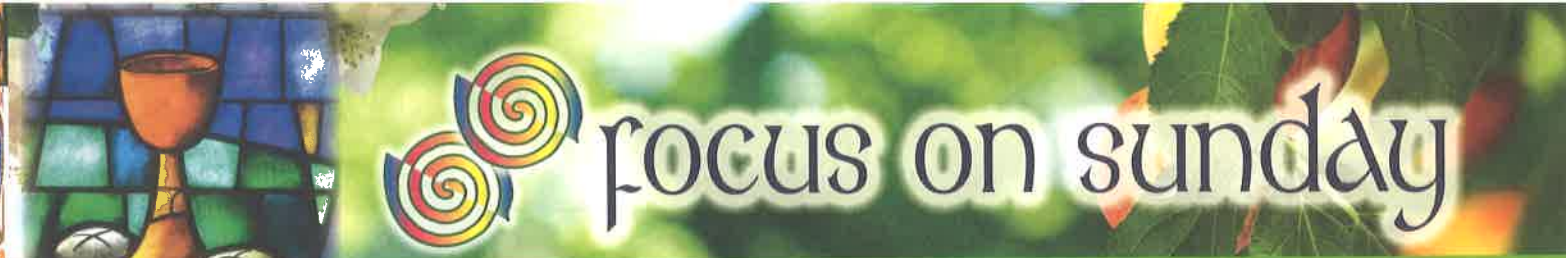
All bow for following three lines:

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.**



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th August 2026 Year A

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive our oblation, O Lord,
by which is brought about a glorious
exchange, that, by offering what you have
given, we may merit to receive your very
self. 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

**With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these
Sacraments, we humbly implore your
mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image
on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in
heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

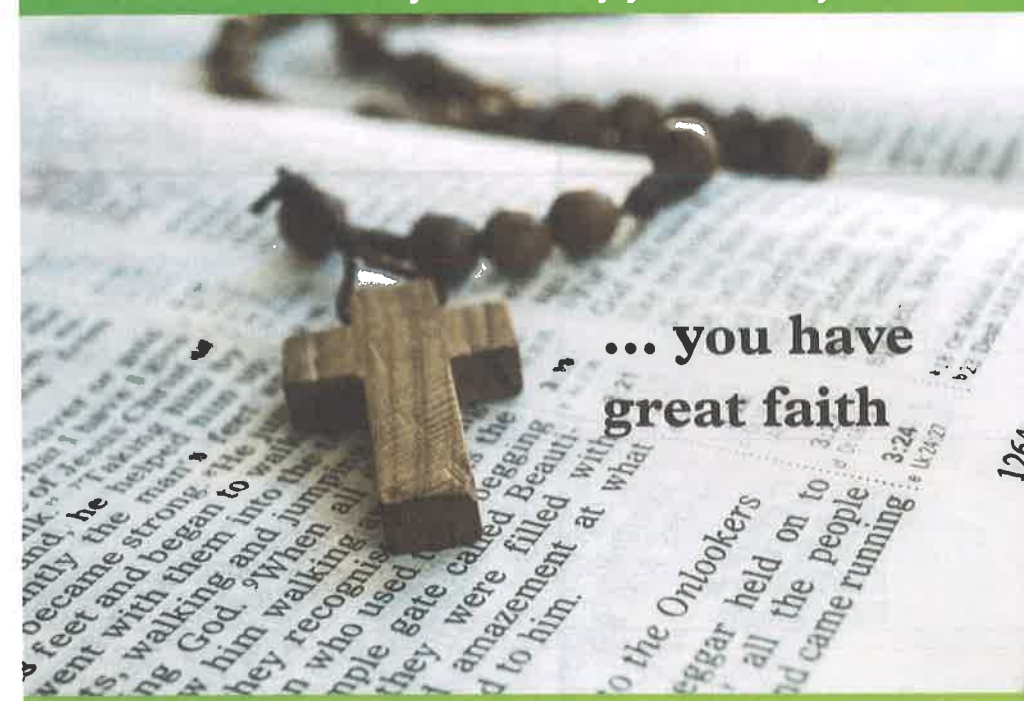
CONCLUDING RITE

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



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The gift of Jesus in the Eucharist is a promise of his company
forever in heaven. We share in his life now, and after our death
in a new and different way. This is the joy and certainty of our faith.



... you have
great faith



As you wish

Following an altercation with the religious leaders, Jesus
"left that place" and went to the area of Tyre and Sidon. The
geography in today's text is important because these areas
were a no-go for a respectable Jew. Relations between the Canaanites and
the Israelites were extremely hostile. By approaching Jesus, the Canaanite
woman in the Gospel crosses the boundary of ethnicity as well as gender. This
is a narrative on the extreme margins, in unfamiliar territory. The Canaanite
woman is the first woman to speak in Matthew's Gospel. She not only speaks,
she shouts at Jesus: "Lord, help me!"

The response of Jesus which follows has disturbed biblical scholars forever.
Was he joking? Was it the test of a good teacher to see how the disciples and
this woman would react? We just don't know. Is it possible that Jesus learned
from this encounter with this remarkable woman and gained a larger vision of
his calling? This might resonate with us - when have you been in an unfamiliar
place and found new life?

What we do know is that this incident is of huge importance for the community
that Matthew writes for as it concerns the expansion of Jesus' mission to the
Gentiles. The circle is broadened from this point onward, reaching out beyond
the boundaries set by the "house of Israel". The disciples want to "send her
away", the woman is an inconvenience to them and they are unable to handle
her. But she will not be silenced. This brave woman claims her place at the
table. This dialogue between Jesus and the woman is one that can only happen
in a space of honesty and acceptance. Through her persistence she stands up
for all those who are dismissed and in doing so she is praised for her "great
faith", and her daughter is healed.

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