

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

13th September 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

Saturday 12th September 2026, 6.30 pm Mass

Marie Heavey (months mind), Denis Dempsey, Mountrice, Nancy Dempsey, Mountrice,
(Birthday Rem), Mary O' Connor, Kilberry, Bernard Kelly, Lough House, Rathangan,
Valerie Earnshaw, England, Sheila Nolan, St. Evin's Pk, Bill Kaye, Tipperary, Loreto
McDonald, Joseph Shortall, Chelsea, London.

Sunday 13th September 2026, 9.00 am Mass

Con Noons, Northampton (Months Mind), Michael & Elizabeth Freeman, Clogheen, Patrick
& Mary McLoughlin, Clogheen, Fr. Denis O' Sullivan, Francis Kelly Jnr., John Joe Quinn, St.
Evin's Pk, Bridget & Patrick Moody, Meath, Georgie & Breda McDermott, Newbridge.

Sunday 13th September 2026, 11.30 am Mass

John J. Cleary, Togher Grove & Main Street, Sheila Nolan, St. Evins Park,
Michael (Meo) Byrne, Ballykelly/ Sligo, Michael Byrne Jnr, Sligo, George, Babs,
& Kathleen Byrne, Ballykelly, Sylvester & Bridget Dunne, Kilpatrick, Kildangan,
Carmel & Denis Lawlor, Fassagh, Maureen & Tom Dunne, Kilpatrick,
Kildangan, Peter, Mag & Cyril Dunne, Kill, Josie Hughes, Nurney Rd.

Tuesday 15th September 2026, 10.00 am Mass

John Lalor, Clogheen.

Friday 18th September 2026, 10.00 am Mass

Mick Barry, Doneaney, Winnie Mahon, Gurteenoon.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 330.00
Baskets Collection: € 1290.00

CHOIR

Saturday 19th September
6.30pm: Family Choir

Sunday 20th September
11.30am: Parish Choir

LOTTO 15/09/2026

TEAM: C
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne,
Ger Harrison

READERS

Saturday 19th September
6.30pm: Ger Harrison

Sunday 20th September
9.00am: Tom Fitzgerald
11.30am: Sabrina Kelly

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 19th September
6.30pm: Jackie Kennedy, Cathy
Cullen, Fiona Farrell

Sunday 20th September
9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Teresa
Flood, Sr. Angela
11.30am: Anne Whelan, Ann
Fearon, Mary Lawlor

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 20th September 2026
TEAM B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly,
Katie Walsh

Monasterevin Parish Lotto Draw Results 08/09/2026

Numbers Drawn

4, 9, 21, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot €14,800

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Jamie Donovan R. Callanan

€20 Colette Walsh M. Doyle

€20 Teresa Direen G. Harrison

€20 Breda, Michael M. Doyle

€20 Rose Prendergast R. McD.

Next Draw: 15/09/2026

Thanks for your continued

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto Draw Results 07/08/2026

Numbers Drawn

9, 17, 27, 28

Next Weeks Jackpot € 5,800

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Bridie Kaye Online

€20 Katie Lawless G. Broughall

€20 Ger Martin G. Martin

€20 John Coughlan J. Coughlan

€20 Owen Whelan A. Holligan

€20 Colin Grattan M. Dowling

Next draw: 14/09/2026.

Thanks for your continued

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Results: 04/08/2026

€100 Rita McD. c/o Willoughbys

€ 50 Lily Daffy c/o: Earley's

€ 25 Shane Molloy c/o: Online

€ 25 Red White c/o: Bellyard

Seller: € 25 Willoughbys

PARISH VOLUNTEERS MEETING

Wednesday
16TH OF September
@ 7.30 pm
In the Parish Centre

All those who expressed
interest in our recent request
for volunteering are
welcome to attend.



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS



The Irish Cancer Society is
seeking compassionate volunteer
drivers to join our pool of
drivers. As a Driver you would
be bringing patients undergoing
chemotherapy to the hospital and
back home.

If you can spare 2 days per
month, have a valid driving
license, and a safe, reliable
vehicle, you are the perfect
candidate. The Cancer Society
will provide you with training
before you start.

For mor information and to
become a Volunteer Driver,
please contact Monica or Emily
at

volunteer@irishcancer.ie

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Catholic Marriage
Encounter in Ireland
invites married couples to a
residential Weekend from
Friday 2nd to
Sunday 4th October 2026 at
the Focolare Centre,
Curryhills,
Prosperous, Co. Kildare

**A WEEKEND LIKE NO
OTHER**

www.marriageencounter.ie

BIBLE GROUP

TIME:- 7pm Mondays.

VENUE: Parish Centre

Enquiries: 085 1690527



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

September 14th

Exaltation of the Cross,
the Feast of the Exaltation
of the Cross commemorates
the finding of the True Cross,
the dedication of the Church
to the Holy Sepulchre and the
recovery of the Cross from
the Persians.

September 15th

Our Lady of the Sorrows,
honours the deep grief during
the life, passion and death of
Jesus Christ.



September 16th

St Cornelius, Pope & St.
Cyprian, Bishop, were 3rd
Century Christian Martyrs
who supported one another in
times of persecution.

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**



AUTUMN ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Envelopes for the Autumn
Collection will be ready
from **Monday 14th**
September
from the Parish Office.

Envelopes will be taken up
at Masses on the
3rd & 4th October 2026.

A big Thank You to all our
collectors for taking the
time to distribute the
envelopes.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND BOXES

The Church Development fund
boxes are ready for
collection in the Parish
Office.

**We would like to thank you all
for your continued
support to the Church - it is
very much appreciated.**

ACTIVATOR POLE WALK

Join our free 4 weeks
Activator pole walk for a
fun , low-impact workout that
improves balance,
posture and strength.

Courtwood GAA,
R32H6T1.

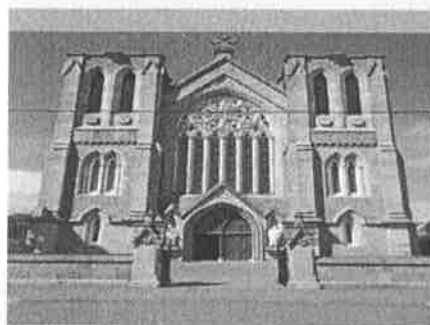
Starting Thursday 10th
September at 10.00 am.

Contact Catriona on
086 793 5234

CE SCHEME VACANCIES

Caretaker Mercy Convent
reference number
CES2467156

To check your eligibility and
to apply for the above, please
call into CE Office Parish
Centre Drogheda St.
Monasterevin or phone
045 525 143



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 - 28:7*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 102:1-4, 9-12*

R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **[R]**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **[R]**

3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **[R]**

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Romans 14: 7 - 9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 18: 21 - 35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he

happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13th September 2026 Year A

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 with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. 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 precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. 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..**

Through Christ's own blood we have been forgiven. We did not earn this forgiveness - It is God's gift to us. We in return must forgive in the same way - not with strings attached, not once only, but unconditionally, freely and always.

Forgive your brother

from your heart.



The parable is a story with Eastern exaggerations but it's making the point -about how God treats us - always forgiving. A parable is always about God, ourselves and life. A principal theme of this parable is the forgiveness of God.

It's hard sometimes to accept the forgiveness of God and that's what confession is about. No matter what we did, or how we feel about what we have done, God forgives. Not only forgiveness – but mercy. His nature is to be merciful. His love is bigger than any anger or dissatisfaction we may put on to him. Mercy covers sins.

We may find ourselves on a day here thinking over hurts and so on of our lives. Often we cannot meet a person to forgive or make up....they may have gone to God. Prayer helps us forgive.

We can thank God for God's forgiveness; and for the times we could let go of guilt, regrets, remorse. , and for times we were forgiven. It may happen bit by bit – allow it all happen in God's time and with God. And we know we are invited with God's help into the bright fragrant world of forgiveness.

That is the call and the grace and love of our God, always forgiving, always patient with us, letting us know compassion and forgiveness all our days. As the Lord forgives us, may we forgive each other.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

God cannot punish anyone, because we are God's loved children. But we can punish ourselves, and God wants to help us. There are false gods, who promise happiness from drugs, greed, and bullying, stealing, hurting others, and selfish ways that make us unhappy. Jesus' Spirit promises to help us. We light a candle, keep a pocket cross, and ask Mary Our Mother to pray for us.