

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

18th October 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:

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Adrienne M^cCormack
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Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9.00am to 4.30pm

Friday:
9.00am to 1.00pm

Closed for Lunch 1.00pm- 1.30pm

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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
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Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 17th October, 2026 6.30pm Mass

Noel Maher (Months Mind), Denis Dempsey, Mountrice, Monasterevin, John Fitzgerald, Dingle, Co. Kerry. Mary Harrison, 1 Kill Hill, William Doyle, Lughill & deceased members of the Doyle & Whitty Families, Bernard McEvoy, Alfie Byrne, High Bridge, Monasterevin, Shaun Carney, England, Monica Duffy, Clogheen, Mary Nolan (Birthday Rem.), Pass Bridge, Tony Dillon, Rita Preece, Tony McCormack, Jimmy McCormack, Liam McCormack, Lea Portarlinton, Michael Christie, Winnie Christie, Paddy & Margaret Christie & deceased members of the Christie family, Seamie Dillon, Margaret Dillon, Betty Dillon & deceased members of the Dillon family, Fiona McGlynn, Killenure, Liz Moran, Kildangan, Jenny Dunne, Kildangan, Eddie Prendergast and deceased members of the Prendergast family. Patrick Clancy & deceased members of the Clancy and McDonagh Families.

Sunday 18th October, 2026 9.00am Mass

Mary Nolan (Birthday Rem.), Pass Bridge, Brigid Meredith, Laurence (Larry) Keegan, Old Grange.

Sunday 18th October, 2026 11.30am Mass

Harry & Julia Butler & their son Nicholas, Kildangan, Dominic Spencer, John Joe Quinn, St Evin's Park, Mary Nolan (Birthday Rem.), Pass Bridge, Matty Murphy (Birthday Rem.), Maura Behan, Ard Mhuire & her husband Peter & son's Michael, Peter & Christopher.

Tuesday 20th October, 2026 10.00am Mass

John Joe Quinn, St Evin's Park, Darina White,

Wednesday 21st October, 2026 10.00am Mass

Andy Mahon, Grange, Mooreabbey.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 270.00
Baskets Collection: €740.00

CHOIR

Saturday 24th October '26
6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 25th October '26
11.30am: Gospel Choir

LOTTO 20/10/2026

TEAM: B
Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

READERS

Saturday 24th October '26
6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

Sunday 25th October '26
9.00am: Jarleth Kileen
11.30am: Ann Fearon

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 24th October '26
6.30pm: Pat Molloy,
Ger Harrison, Jackie Kennedy, Teresa Martin

Sunday 25th October '26
9.00am: Davina Weldon, Sr.
Angela, Andrew Mahon, Lily Donoghue

11.30am: James Forde, Anne Whelan,
Fiona Behan, Ann Lonergan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 8th November 2026

TEAM A
Sr. Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 13/10/2026

Numbers Drawn

5, 10, 12, 19

Next Weeks Jackpot €15,800

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Brendan Brereton G. H

€20 Damien McCormack G. H

€20 Ivor Donegan M. Doyle

€20 Linda McNamee G. H

€20 Lisa Whelehan R. McDonnell

Next Draw: 20/10/2026

Thanks for your continued

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results 12/10/2026

Numbers Drawn

6, 13, 17, 26

Next Weeks Jackpot € 6,800

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Shellie Nugent Online

€20 Kathleen Merrins M. Hanlon

€20 Elaine & Fiona R. McD.

€20 Samantha & Leo S. Ryan

€20 Bridies grandkids G. Harrison

€20 Galen Broughall G. Broughall

Next draw: 19/10/2026.

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Results:

09/10/2026

€100 H, E & A Earleys

€50 A & J Harrison D.Ransome

€25 Attracta Harrison Bellyard

€25 Jenny Butler Bingo

Seller: €25 Earleys

PEOPLE'S MARKET

Monasterevin Community
Centre

Saturday 31st October
Twilight Market from 2 to 6
pm

Afternoon tea from 2.30 to support fundraising for community defibrillators. Not just a Halloween Market, A Pre-Christmas Market. Support Local.

Support Community. See our FB page for Competitions and more details.



REMEMBRANCE MASSES FOR NOVEMBER

Mass of Remembrance for Deceased Parishioners in the past year taking place on
Saturday 7th November
@6.30pm and Sunday 8th
November @ 11.30am.

'The Little Ones' Mass will take place on Saturday 14th November @ 6.30pm for all babies and children who passed away.

Prayers in the Cemetery will take place on Sunday 15th November @ 3pm

St Paul's Deceased Staff and Pupils Remembrance Mass will take place on
Saturday 21st November @ 6.30pm.



CHURCH DEVELOPMENT BOXES

Boxes that were not collected are available at the back of the Church. Please take yours if not already done so.

THANK YOU.

PARISH OFFICE

We have a beautiful new Arrangement of various Gifts and Cards in stock for Special Occasions. We also have some sale items on offer.

Call in and our friendly staff will be delighted to look after you

SALE

MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday 2026 will be celebrated today
October 18th, marking the historic 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

Theme: "One in Christ, united in Mission".

Pope Leo XIV issued a message focusing on the foundation of mission through unity in Christ and the calling of every baptised person to participate in evangelization.



NOTICE

Visit our Farmers Market at Tir Lán Monasterevin (W34PF50). Come along and discover a great range of quality products from local suppliers and surrounding areas.

Taking place on Sunday 25th October from 12-4pm. Jams, baking, veg and more.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.



CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome into the Christian Community Babies, Terry Morgan Hannon, Ben Patrick McCormack and Liam Edward McCormack.

Who were baptised by Fr Liam Merrigan on Saturday 10th October 2026



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday October 19th
Feast of St. Paul the Cross. St. Paul the Apostle was a Roman citizen, a tentmaker by trade and the author of nearly half the books of the New Testament.



Thursday 22nd October
Feast of St. John Paul II (Pope)

The Patron Saint of World Youth Day, Young People and families. He was Pope from 1978 to 2005.



Saturday 24th October
Feast of St Anthony

Claret, patron saint of weavers, textile merchants, Catholic Press, savings and Credit Unions and his own religious congregation, the Claretians.



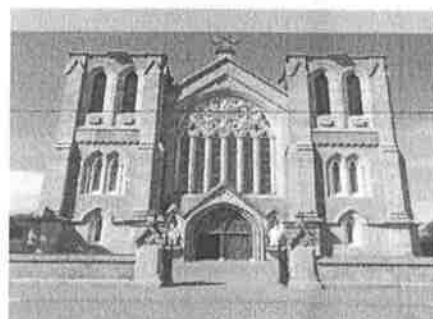
HALLOWEEN CAMP

WILD KIDS FOREST
SCHOOL
MOOREABBEY WOODS

Thurs 29th—Sat 31st
October
Time: 10am—2pm

For more information and sibling discount code email Wildkidsforestschooll@gmail.com

Time in nature, Bushcraft, Den building, Rope work, Arts & Crafts, Fire making and much more fun.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Tell among the nations his glory, and all his wonders among the peoples, for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

GREETING

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 came in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You came in glory with salvation for your people, 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

O God, you have willed that your Church be the sacrament of salvation for all nations, so that Christ's saving work may continue to the ends of the ages; stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful and grant that they may feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature, so that from all the peoples on earth one family and one people of your own may arise and increase. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 45:1.4-6**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I am you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and power.

1.O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R)**

2.The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R)**

3.Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R)**

4.Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R)**

SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 22:15-21**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar-and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

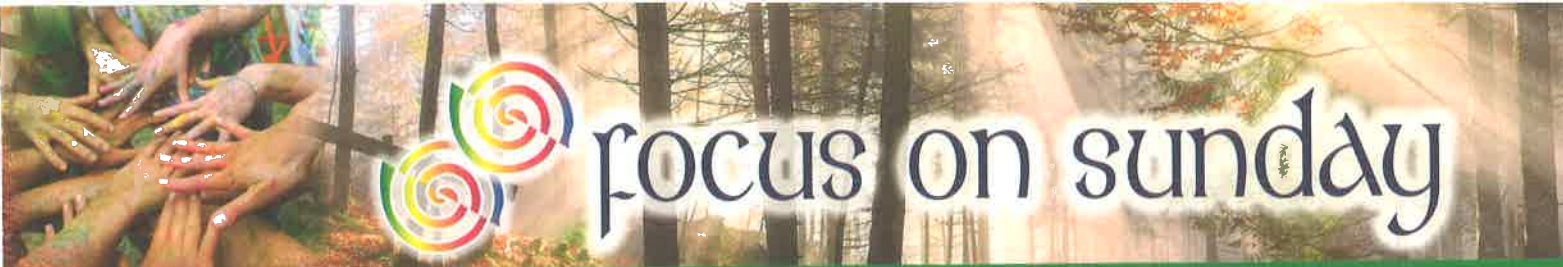
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 the offerings and prayers of your Church, O Lord, rise up in the sight of your majesty and gain acceptance, just as the glorious Passion of your Son was pleasing to you for the salvation of the whole world.

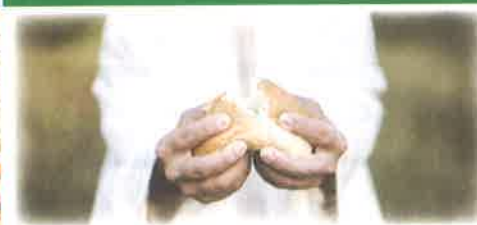
Through Christ our Lord.



MISSION SUNDAY: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18th October 2026 Year A

Theme: Hearts on fire, feet on the move

On this World Mission Sunday, we reach out and offer our love, our support, prayers and joy to all the Christian communities throughout the world.



EUCHARISTIC 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

O praise the Lord, all you nations; acclaim him, all you peoples!

For his merciful love has prevailed over us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May our participation at your table sanctify us, O Lord, we pray, and grant that through the Sacrament of your Church all nations may receive in rejoicing the salvation accomplished on the Cross by your Only Begotten Son.

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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **Thanks be to God.**



"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God".

The Pharisees are looking to Jesus for advice on their taxes. They try to flatter him first, ironically by speaking the truth about

him, but the tone is still disrespectful. This is a dangerous situation because in an unlikely alliance, the Pharisees have brought along the Herodians with them. The Herodians were great supporters of the Roman Empire, so tensions here would have been high. If Jesus answers "no" to their question about paying taxes to Caesar he risks being reported to the Roman authorities as a revolutionary; if he says "yes" then he may be accused of colluding with the occupying Empire and abandoning the people. Jesus sees through this "malice" and speaks truth to power. He invites us to explore another way, a third way, one that is not a revolt but neither does it lie down and submit to oppression. Yes, do your civic duty, but do not forget what belongs to God; this overrides any political power.

Sometimes kingdom values come into conflict with the status quo. We only have to glance at our newsfeeds to see this play out across our world right now.

The Gospel calls us to walk a different path. A path that is inclusive, that builds peace, not walls; that welcomes the stranger, that calls out injustice and speaks up for those who have no voice.

World Mission Sunday, marks a global effort to support missionary work across the world. The 2026 theme for the day is "One in Christ, united in mission," a theme which reflects Pope Leo's motto for his pontificate, although we are many, we are One in Christ. As we support Mission Sunday, how might each of us respond to this call to unity in our own communities?

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