MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

25th 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:

Fr. Liam Merrigan P.P.

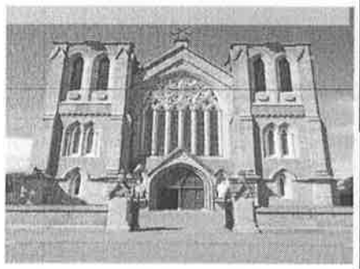
Parish Office
045 525346

Adrienne M°Cormack
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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
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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
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Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the soul's of Paul Dunne, Passlands Monasterevin, & Ballygar, Galway and Patricia (Pat) Donoher (née Dempsey), Umeras, Monasterevin whose funeral's took place during the week. R.I. P.

Saturday 24th October, 2026 6.30pm Mass
Sarah Clinton, Harbour View, (Months Mind), Liam Shortall, No. 1 Millstream (Birthday Rem.), Ger Hurley & Baby Majella Hurley, (Birthday Rem), 1252 St Evins Park, John & Helen Kenna, Main St., deceased members of Kenna, Delaney & Nolan Families, Kieran Drea, Kilkenny, Paddy & Úna Dempsey, Alicia Prendergast (née Fassnidge), George Fassnidge, Palmerstown, Joan Langley (née Fassnidge), London, Bernard (Benny) Kelly, Cloncarlin, Kathleen Byrne, Ballykelly, deceased members of the Byrne family, Ballykelly & Sligo, Sheila O'Connell, Quinsboro & Courtown.

Sunday 25th October, 2026 9.00am Mass
Ger Hurley & Baby Majella Hurley, (Birthday Rem), St Evins Park,

Sunday 25th October, 2026 11.30am Mass
Monnia McDonnell (Months Mind), Peter & Susan McDonnell, Dermot O'Loughlin, (Birthday Rem), Oghill, Ger Hurley & Baby Majella Hurley, (Birthday Rem), St Evins Park, Kathleen Byrne, Ballykelly, deceased members of the Byrne family, Ballykelly & Sligo, Kathleen & Michael Rodgers, Coole, Phyllis & Tony Woods, Old Grange, Margaret Walsh, Cowpasture.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €380.00
Baskets Collection: €2340.00

CHOIR
Saturday 31st October '26
6.30pm: Gary Farrell

Sunday 1st November '26
11.30am: Eugene Nolan

LOTTO
27/10/2026
TEAM: C
Rita McDonnell, Gertie Byrne, Ger Harrison

READERS
Saturday 31st October '26
6.30pm: Mary Sweeney

Sunday 1st November '26
9.00am: Jarlath Killeen
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 31st October '26
6.30pm: Fiona Farrell, Colette Walsh, Luke Walsh, Dan Clancy

Sunday 1st November '26
9.00am: Rachel Farrell, Sharon Hanley, Paddy Clarke, Teresa Flood

11.30am: Rita McDonnell, James Forde, Mary O'Leary, Marie Lawless

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Sunday 8th November 2026

TEAM A
Sr. Phil, Elaine Kavanagh, Jackie Quinn

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results: 20/10/2026
Numbers Drawn
Next Weeks Jackpot €16,000
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Evie Donoghue	L. Donoghue
€20 Brendan Heavey	G. Harrison
€20 Joe Hennessy	G. Harrison
€20 Ivor Donegan	M. Doyle
€20 Kathleen Lawlor	M. Doyle

Next Draw: 27/10/2026
Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results: 19/10/2026
Numbers Drawn
3, 8, 26, 27
Next Weeks Jackpot € 7,000
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Marie McCabe	Online
€20 Brianne Lawlor	P. Moore
€20 Sheila Brereton	M. Dowling
€20 Sheena Foy	A. Holligan
€20 Christina McHale	R. McD
€20 The Fitz Gang	B. Fitzgerald

Next draw: 26/10/2026.

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Results:
16/10/2026

€100 Pamela Coughlan	c/o: Online
€50 Bridie Byrne	c/o: Bingo
€25 Gary Farrell	c/o: Gary
€25 Peter Earley	c/o: Peter

Seller:€25

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 Facebook page for Competitions and more

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FLAG WEEKEND COLLECTION

31st of October 2026 @ SuperValu.
1st November 2026 in St. Peter & Paul's Church Collection at all Masses.

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

It is that time of year again when we remember our loved ones who have gone before us in a special way, for the "Month of the Souls", by placing their names on a special tree within our Church.

Name tags will be provided at the top of the Church on the Altar Rails.

SCOIL BHRIDE LACKAGH
Now accepting applications for Junior Infants for September 2027.
Forms available to download www.scoilbhridelackagh.ie or email the school office info@scoilbhridelackagh.ie
We are a small rural co-educational school close to Monasterevin, Kildare and Rathangan. Afterschool available from 2-3pm.
Phone no: 045 529 134
W34VW50
Dates for acceptance of applications 23rd October 2026 to 8th of January 2027

GUILD OF ST. PHILIP NERI

Members of the Guild of St. Philip Neri Portlaoise visit prisoners in Portlaoise and Midlands prisons as befriends/ listeners.
The Guild is a conference of St. Vincent De Paul Society.
To mark Prisons week the Guild is accepting applications from anyone interested in this work.
Please contact 086 0462405 for further information.
Thank you.

C E SCHEME VACANCIES

Caretaker Position in Monasterevin Community Centre
Ref CES2471191

Grounds Person Ballykelly Gaa
Ref CES2473373

Enviromental Workers Passlands Graveyard **Ref CES2473376**

Grounds Person Monasterevin Afc **Ref CES24775683**

To check your eligibility and to apply for the above, please contact the Community Employment Office in Parish Centre

REMEMBRANCE MASSES FOR NOVEMBER

Mass of Remembrance for Deceased Parishioners is taking place on **Saturday 7th November @ 6.30pm and Sunday 8th November @ 11.30am**
A candle will be lit for those who passed away during the year. For those who had a family member who passed during the year, from another parish, please feel free to drop in a photograph to the Parish Office, by **October 30th** for displaying on the Altar Rails and the Sacred Space for the month of November.



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

This Mass is to remember all those babies who died as a result of a still birth or as babies.

Candles will be lit in the church on the night.

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.**

SENIOR CITIZENS AGM

Tuesday 27th October 8pm in the Parish Centre
All Welcome

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 28th October
Feast of St Simon & St. Jude Apostles.
Two of the Twelve Apostles chosen by Jesus. St Simon is the Patron Saint of leather tanners while St. Jude is the Patron Saint of Hopeless Cases.



FR. LIAM'S RAMBLERS !

Every Wednesday night come and walk with Fr Liam and those preparing for the Camino de Compostela.

Walk starts at **7pm** from Parish Centre and we walk around the town.

We are hoping to build up by adding a little bit extra every week. Last week we did 4km.

All are welcome.
Walk finishes at **8pm.**



MARIE HEAVEY'S MONASTEREVIN DAYCARE CENTRE

On Behalf of Monasterevin Daycare Centre we would like to invite members of the community to attend an **Open Day** in the Daycare Centre to tour the facilities and learn about services available on **Monday 26th October 2026 from 12pm—2pm**

Staff will be on hand on the day to answer questions and light refreshments will be served.

Marie Heavey's plaque will be unveiled at 1.30pm

Come along, enjoy a cuppa and some food!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

GREETING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father. and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. 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

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you 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 *Exodus 22: 20 - 26*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.
"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.
"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity." '

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 17: 2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
[R]

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anolnted.
[R]

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1: 5 - 10
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 22: 34 - 40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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



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I boliove 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.



focus on sunday

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th October 2026 Year A

The commandment of God is to love him and love people: both are so interlinked that in loving people we love God.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
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, glorifying the Lord by your life. Thanks be to God.



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Let's sit with this for a bit: It's incredibly good news, isn't it?! Essentially, all we have to do is fall in love: In love with each other – especially the marginalised, excluded, poor and troubled. Fall in love with the world – especially the natural, created beauty all around us, As Pope Leo puts it in Magnifica Humanitas "care for our common home and our responsibility toward the poor' and (delight of delight!) fall in love with ourselves! In fact, this news is possibly so good, we don't really believe it; do we just not trust it? Here, we are told here to relax and enjoy like a small child.
This invitation to fall in love is multi-faceted like an amazing crystal: Love yourself; love your neighbour, love your stranger, with all your heart – that is, love ourselves and others emotionally, feel it. Love with your mind – in your thoughts, our calculations, your understandings and love them, even more powerfully, with your soul! Now that's loving with abandon! Sounds a little dangerous, doesn't it? But Christ you can trust. He promises this is the way to joy and peace. and we could do with that in the world right now! Let go of the fear that feeds suspicion and hate of difference. Christ is telling us it is safe. Trust Him.
Psychology has now proven that our capacity to fall in love with another depends on our awareness of our own goodness, and that doing violence and harm to others and ourselves, is a defensive reaction for survival. Christ is telling us here that the way 'home' to ourselves and each other is trusting the fact that we are loveable, loved and not alone. Enjoy!

Berny McMahon. BL. Rel Ed. MSSc

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Good Pope John The 23rd liked to ask Confirmation students: 'Why did God make you?' They answered "God made us to know, love and serve Him in this life, and be happy with Him forever in Heaven." The Pope then said 'You have left out an important line which is,"and also to tell others about God's Love and Blessings for us.' When we were baptised, our parents promised to tell The Story of Jesus to us. We tell the Story with words, but more often with actions of caring, kindness and respect.