

MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

11th 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.

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Monday - Thursday
9.00am to 4.30pm

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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 10th October, 2026 6.30pm Mass

Brendan White (Months Mind), Spain/Oghill, Stephen Nash, Woodview, Joe Melia, St Evins Pk (Birthday Rem), Jack Miller, Old Grange, Alice McLoughlin, St. Evins Park, Billy & Ollie Leigh, Gurteenooona, Bill, Jane, John Rutch Holligan, Barradera, Simon Ridge, London, Jacqueline Mullen, Michael & Lill Ryan, Gurteenooona, Michael Forde, Cowpasture, Angela Eustace, St. Evins Pk, Johnny & Kathleen Boylan, Kilberry, Rose & Matthew Keogh, Nurney.

Sunday 11th October, 2026 9.00am Mass

Fr. Denis O' Sullivan, Jim Carroll Snr., Kylbeg Terrace, Jimmy Byrne, Athy Rd., Christopher Pender, Grangenolvin, Athy formerly Kylbeg Terrace, Michael & Margaret Kelly, Kildare Rd, Paddy & Teresa Johnston, Kildare Rd, Sean & Peg Mullen, Lughill, Sr. Teresa Bridgid & Angela Kelly, Newtown, Rathangan, Pat McKeown, Arklow, Michael & Mary Jane Nelligan, Kildare Rd, Paddy & Mrs. Kelly, Newtown, Rathangan, Behan Family, Tierhogar, Tom, Jim & Stephen Connolly,

Sunday 11th October, 2026 11.30am Mass

William Donoghue (1st Anniversary) Anthony & Kathleen Connolly, Michael & Teresa Kevin, St. Evin's, Billy & Ollie Leigh, Gurteenooona, Christopher Dowling, Old Grange, Helen Byrne Rathangan & her sister Mary Connolly, Rathangan & Waterford, Mrs Margaret Smith, Ballagh, Paddy & Gretta Martin, Ballagh, Pat Donohar, Ballagh. Jacqueline Mullen.

Tuesday 13th October, 2026 10.00am Mass

Alice Kaye, Tipperary, Molly Bond, Kildangan, Josephine Cullen, Mountrice.

Thursday 15th October, 2026 10.00am Mass

Angela Eustace, St. Evin's Pk, Joe Dempsey & Mary Anne O' Brien, Lackagh.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 655.00
Baskets Collection: € 1290.00

CHOIR

Saturday 17th October '26
6.30pm: Family Choir

Sunday 18th October '26
11.30am: Parish Choir

LOTTO

13/10/2026

TEAM: A

Pauline Duffy, Lily Donoghue

READERS

Saturday 17th October '26
6.30pm: Rachel Farrell

Sunday 18th October '26
9.00am: Rachel Beattie
11.30am: Eileen O' Riordan

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 17th October '26
6.30pm: Fiona Farrell, Cathy Cullen, Mary Ryan

Sunday 18th October '26
9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Teresa Flood, Anne McLoughlin

11.30am: Ann Fearon, Rita McDonnell, Marie Lawless, Mary Lawlor

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 18th October 2026

TEAM B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Katie Walsh

Monasterevin Parish Lotto

Draw Results 6/10/2026

Numbers Drawn

1, 3, 4, 15

Next Weeks Jackpot € 15,600

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Jade Kelly G.Harrison

€20 Rita Callanan R. Callanan

€20 Josie Donohar Rita McD

€20 Tony Callanan R. Callanan

€20 Ellen McCormack G.H.

Next Draw 13/10/2026

Thanks for your continued support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto

Draw Results 05/09/2026

Numbers Drawn

2, 4, 19, 24

Next Weeks Jackpot € 6,600

No Winner

Winners Promoter

€20 Christopher McEvoy Online

€20 Marie Breen G. Harrison

€20 Heidi, Padge, Lottie G. H.

€20 Margaret Donohar S. Ryan

€20 John Coughlan D. Buckley

€20 Donna Hayes D. Buckley

Next draw: 12/10/2026.

Thanks for your continued support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.

Results:

02/10/2026

1st Gary Farrell c/o: Gary
2nd Ameila Ottley c/o: Bingo
3rd Luca Doyle c/o: Online
4th Evan Quinn c/o: C. Quinn
Seller: Gary Farrell

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.

MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH

The Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles will speak at all masses next weekend. A collection will take place. Please give generously.

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.

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

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

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Enrolment Mass for Confirmation

Saturday 17th October 2026 @ 6.30pm

Enrolment Mass for First Communion

Sunday 18th October 2026 @ 11.30am

All parents and children are asked to attend.

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.

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

Monasterevin Parish are organising a trip to Walk the Camino in Spain, Sarria to Santiago—the last 100km.

This guided walk will cover approximately 20kms per day,

finishing on the 6th day at The Tomb of St James the Apostle, Cathedral Compostela.

Dates: 7th-14th June 2027, Departing from Dublin to Santiago de Compostela. We will be forming a walking group in the coming weeks in preparation for this experience.

Limited to 30 places & application forms can be got in the Parish office. Closing date is Saturday 24th October 2026.

Cost: €1,185 pps/ €1,130pps (youth price)

Return Flights—Airport Transfers
Private accommodation with breakfast—5 Walk Days
Marion Pilgrimage Rep

BAKE SALE

Bake sale in aid of the Camino De Santiago Trip June 2027 to fundraise for the Young People who are travelling on the Camino, will take place on the week-end of Saturday the 17th October and Sunday the 18th October at all Masses.

All support greatly Appreciated.



CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome into the Christian Community, William O'Donoghue

Who was baptised by Fr Liam Merrigan on Thursday 1st October 2026



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the Students who received their Junior Cert results this week.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 12th October

Feast of St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint and patron saint of the internet and Gods Influencer.



Wednesday 14th October

Feast of St Callistus, Pope, who is the patron saint of Cemetery workers and Grave Diggers.



Thursday 15th October

Feast of St. Teresa of Avila, a Carmelite nun, prominent Spanish Mystic, and Spiritual Reformer.



Friday 16th October

Feast of St Gall, who is a famous Irish Missionary and companion of St Columban. A great Scholar, Preacher, Musician and Linguist.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you
is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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....

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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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 Isaiah 25: 6 - 10

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah.
On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare
for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of
fine wines, of food rich and juicy,
of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said:
See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has
saved us; for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.22

**R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. [R]
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. [R]
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. [R]
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. [R]

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians**

I know how to be poor and I know how
to be rich too. I have been through my
initiation and now I am ready for anything
anywhere: full stomach or empty
stomach, poverty or plenty. There is
nothing I cannot master with the help of
the One who gives me strength. All the
same, it was good of you to share with
me in my hardships. In return my God will
fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God,
our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh and lived
among us; to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of
God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 1-14 (*shorter form 22:1-10)

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

*Jesus said to the chief priests and elders
of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a king who gave
a feast for his son's wedding. He sent
his servants to call those who had been
invited, but they would not come. Next he
sent some more servants. "Tell those who
have been invited" he said "that I have
my banquet all prepared, my oxen and
fatted cattle have been slaughtered,
everything is ready. Come to the wedding."

But they were not interested: one went off
to his farm, another to his business, and
the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was
furious. He despatched his troops,
destroyed those murderers and burnt
their town. Then he said to his servants,
"The wedding is ready; but as those who
were invited proved to be unworthy, go
to the crossroads in the town and invite
everyone you can find to the wedding."
So these servants went out on to the
roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and
the wedding hall was filled with guests.*
When the king came in to look at the
guests he noticed one man who was not
wearing a wedding garment, and said to
him, "How did you get in here, my friend,
without a wedding garment?" And the
man was silent. Then the king said to the
attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and
throw him out into the dark, where there
will be weeping and grinding of teeth."
For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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.**



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11th October 2026 Year A

Prisoners' Sunday

**God is generous to his people; his is the gift of life and love, of
reconciliation and of justice. He expects us to be generous in
return so that others may know his generosity.**



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
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.
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

**The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly,
O Lord, that, as you feed us with the
nourishment which comes from the most
holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine
nature.
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.



Today is prisoner Sunday and the Church asks us to reflect
on this most marginalised and often despised section of our
population. Many accept, without reflection, that our prisons are
full of dangerous, violent criminals. While there are certainly some
dangerous people in prison, 80% of those convicted are sentenced
to 12 months or less, suggesting that their crimes are less serious (accepting that
even less serious crimes can be upsetting or even traumatic for the victim). 70% of
prisoners have an addiction but our addiction services have long waiting lists. The
Government plan to provide 1,500 extra prison places to combat the overcrowding
in our prisons, but it might actually be more effective to provide 1,500 extra drug
treatment places. 70% have mental health issues and our mental health services
are generally recognised as very inadequate. Our prisons are overcrowded, full
of drugs and increasingly violent places, making rehabilitation almost impossible.
Some are on remand with bail set at €50 or €100, but they haven't got it, so they
remain in prison simply because they are poor. Others have bail, but because they
cannot provide an address, they remain in prison because they are homeless. Most
people who commit crime grow out of it. Many tell me that they gave up crime
because they fell in love, or had a child, or found employment, and that now they
have a reason, for the first time in their lives, not to go to jail. Perhaps it is the
system, just as much as prisoners, which needs rehabilitation!

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Heaven, seeing The Face of God, Is like a happy birthday party. Everyone
is invited. Everyone is happy. St.Peter will meet us at The Door of Heaven,
and give us a big welcome. We don't need to bring any presents to heaven.
We need only empty hands to receive all God's gifts.