MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

8th November 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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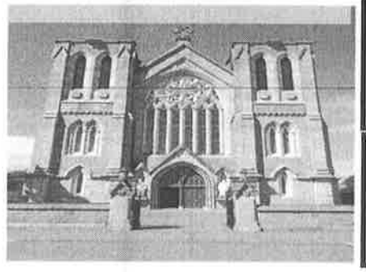
Parish Office
045 525346

Adrienne M^{c}Cormack
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 :
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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

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul's of Mary Harrison (née Allen), Cush, Kildangan and Richard Browne, Buttercup Avenue, Esker Hills, Portlaoise/ Monasterevin, Kildare, who were interred during the week. R.I. P.

Saturday 7th November, 2026 6.30pm Mass
John & Sadie Harrison, late of Rathangan Road. Moira McCabe, Kildare Rd, Jack & Lil Henry, Athlone & deceased members of the Mcabe Family, Kildare Rd., Pat Dunne, Lughill, Alice & PJ Brennan, Rathangan, Matt Colgan, Andrew Colgan & Rachel Colgan, St Evins Park, Patrick Franey, Brendan Hanlon, Clogheen, Josie Hughes & deceased members of the Dunne & Hughes Families, Matt Lonergan, Old Grange, Patrick Lonergan, St Evins Park, Sarah Connolly, Thurles & deceased members of the Lonergan & Connolly Families, James & Elizabeth Behan, Naas & deceased members of the Behan Family, Mary McEnerney, Lackagh, Seamus McEnerney, Kilcullen, Keith Dunne, Ballyteague, Hubert & Julie Davis, Gurteenoona, Robert & Teresa
Harrison, Gurteenoona & deceased members of the Harrison family, Gurteenoona, Teresa (Dolly) Connolly, Drogheda St., Stephen O' Rourke, Old Grange, Seamus & Kathleen O' Rourke, Old Grange, Joe & Mary Whyte, Rowanville, Joe Whyte, Barraderra, Molly Ryan, Drogheda St., Ken & Eileen Buckley & their sons Stephen & Ken Jnr., Kathleen Ransome,
Ballyfarsoon, Michael Collins, Gurteenoona, Bumps & Bridie Murphy, St Evins Pk., Marie & John Shortall, Michael Knight and deceased members of the Knight family, Ballyfarsoon, Patrick Quinn, George Byrne, Ballykelly & deceased members of the Byrne family, Ballykelly & Sligo, Alice McLoughlin (Birthday Rem).

Sunday 8th November, 2026 9.00am Mass
Francis Kelly Snr., Kylebeg Terrace, Francis Kelly Jnr., Bridget Moody, Patrick Moody, Meath, Joseph (Joe) Bond, England, Michael Kelly Snr., England formerly Passlands, Dick Somers, Johnny Harrison, Old Grange, Sadie Ready, Larch Hill., Alice McLoughlin, (Birthday Rem)

Sunday 8th November 2026 11.30am Mass
Edward (Eddie) O'Loughlin, Mountrice, (1st Anniversary), Sean Duffy, Monica, John & Mary Duffy, John, Mary, Maisie & Jack Dunne. Josie Hughes & deceased members of the Dunne & Hughes Families, Catherine (Essie), John Donoher, The Cottage, Inchacooley, George Byrne, Ballykelly & deceased members of the Byrne family, Ballykelly & Sligo, Michael Cullen, late of Old Grange & Dublin.

Tuesday 10th November 2026 10.00am Mass
Brendan Hanlon, Clogheen

Thursday 12th November 2026 10.00am Mass
Thomas Hanlon, Booleigh, Seamus Keogh (Birthday Rem.)

Friday 13th November, 2026 10.00am Mass
John O' Neill, Coolnaferagh

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: €515.00
Baskets Collection: €2085.00

CHOIR
Saturday 14th November'26
6.30pm: Dawn Broughan

Sunday 15th November '26
11.30am: Parish Choir

LOTTO
10/11/2026
TEAM: B
Mary Sweeney, Mary Doyle

READERS
Saturday 14th November
6.30pm: Sr. Phil

Sunday 15th November
9.00am: Sr. Angela
11.30am: Billy Cleary

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 14th November
6.30pm: Ger Harrison, Jackie Kennedy, Pat Molloy, Colette Walsh
Sunday 15th November
9.00am: Paddy Clarke, Sr. Angela, Sharon Hanley, Teresa Flood
11.30am: Mary O'Leary, Ann Lonergan, Mary Lawlor, Fiona Behan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Sunday 22nd November 2026
TEAM B
Sheelagh Murphy, Corina Kelly, Katie Walsh

Monasterevin Parish Lotto
Draw Results 03/11/2026
Numbers Drawn
2, 9, 14, 19
Next Weeks Jackpot €16,400
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Joanne O'Connell	M. Doyle
€20 Carol Siney	R. McD
€20 Ticket No.2837	M. Doyle
€20 Chris McHale	G. Harrison
€20 Ronan Stynes	G. Harrison

Next Draw 10/11/2026
Thanks for your support

Ballykelly G.F.C. lotto
Draw Results 02/11/2026
Numbers Drawn
Next Weeks Jackpot € 7,400
No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Shirley Matter	Online
€20 Wayne Dowling	M. Dowling
€20 Theresa Foley	R. McDonnell
€20 Jayden, Teddy	J. Moore
€20 Mary Moore	M. Dowling
€20 Brigid, Paul Stafford	R. S.

Next draw: 09/11/2026.
Thanks for your support

MONASTEREVIN G.F.C.
Results:
30/10/2026

€100 Stephen Morrissey	Stephen
€50 Brendan Fahy	Jenny
€25 D+ B Ransome	D. Ransome
€25 Sadie & Claire	Bingo

Seller: €25 Stephen Morrissey

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 Monasterevin 045 525143 or contact your local Intreo Office

THE LITTLE WAY CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

A Movember Coffee Morning, taking place in Clane Parish Centre on Friday 13th November 2026 from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

This will be a coffee morning with a difference. Attendees will have the opportunity to take part in a gentle movement session, enjoy live music and hear from special guest speakers Niall Quinn and John Wall.
The event aims to promote men's health and wellbeing while encouraging open conversations about looking after your physical and mental health.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Join us on **Saturday 14th November** 2026, for the Little Way Cancer Support Way Centre's Festive Pop-Up Shop.
All funds raised go directly towards providing cancer support services to the Kildare community.

PRESENTATION CONGREGATION

Ever wondered if Religious Life could be for you?

We invite you to join us for a day of listening exploring and reflection (for women age 20-45 years)
When: Saturday 28th November 2026 at 10.30am—4.00pm (light lunch provided)
Where: Mount St. Annes Retreat & Conference Ct, Killenard, Portarlington, Co. Laois, R32 WN59.
RSVP: please register before **18th November 2026**
Email:
secertary@mountstannes.com

Tel: **057 862 6153 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday**

HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will take place in **Our Lady of Victories Church, Kildangan** on **Thursday 12th November** at 7.30pm.

All welcome to attend.

I THOUGHT OF YOU TODAY

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.

I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.

I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.

All I have are memories and a picture frame.

Your memory is a keepsake, with which I'll never part.

God has you in His keeping.
I have you in my Heart.

REMEMBRANCE MASSES FOR NOVEMBER

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

We will have a speaker on the night. Candles will be lit in remembrance of **'The Little One's'** and a balloon release after mass to end a beautiful service.



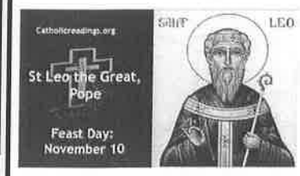
Prayers in the Cemetery will take place **on Sunday 15th November@ 3pm**

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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 9th November the **Dedication of the Latern Bascilica.** It Commemorates the consecration of the **Arch Basilica of St. John Lateran** in Rome. It serves as the Official Episcopal Seat of the Pope as the Bishop of Rome rather than St. Peters Basilica.

Tuesday 10th November is the **Feast Day of St. Leo the Great (Pope).**



Wednesday 11th November is the **Feast Day of St Martin of Tours.** He is the patron saint of Soldiers, the poor, beggars, tailors, winemakers and France.



Saturday 14th November is the **Feast Day of St. Laurence O' Toole.** He is the Patron Saint of the Arch Diocese of Dublin. He was a key Peacemaker during the Norman Invasion. His heart is preserved at Christchurch Cathedral in Dublin.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
The Lord be with you.
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

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body
alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ…..

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Wisdom 6: 12 -16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 62:2-8*

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

1. O God, you are my God,
for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry,
weary land without water. *(R)*

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. *(R)*

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R)*

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *(R)*

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (*shorter form 4:13-14)

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25: 1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this:
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

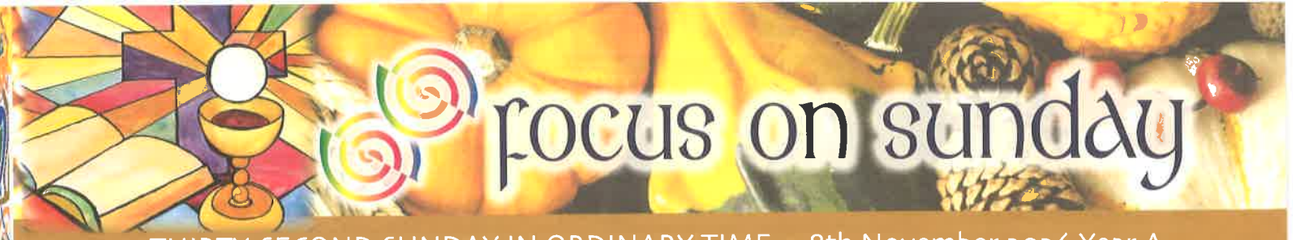
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

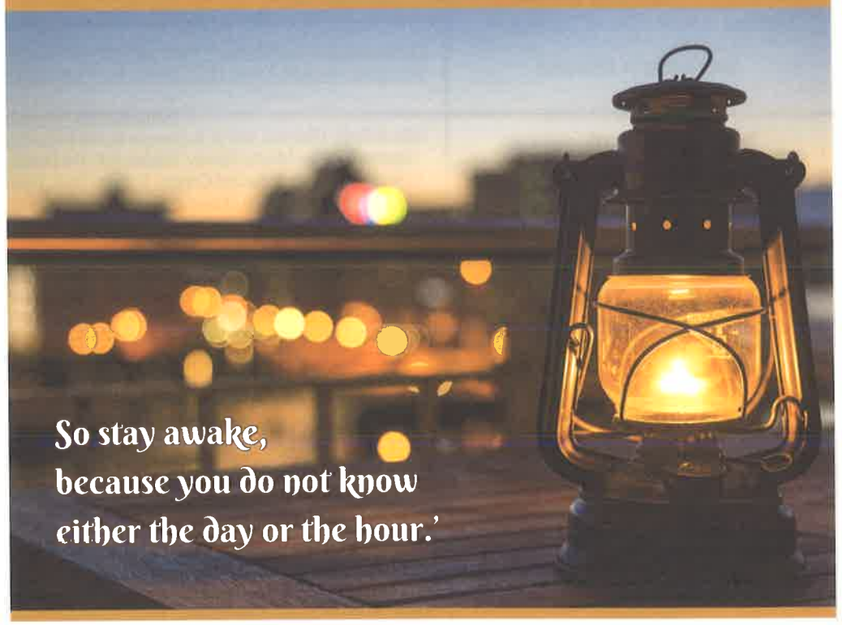
Pray brothers and sisters, ……
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.



focus on sunday

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8th November 2026 Year A

We are called to follow Jesus.
We are called in a way that will prepare
us for heaven and our eternal life of friendship with God.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion
of your Son, we may honour it with loving
devotion. 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.
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

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your
mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your
Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in
those your heavenly power has entered.
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.





We prepare in advance for things that are important to us in our lives. Whether these are holidays, exams, interviews, or meeting loved ones, our preparation indicates the value we place on what we are preparing for.

Today's Gospel paints five bridesmaids in a rather unfortunate light. In first-century Israel, wedding feasts were strictly guarded to prevent intruders and, once the wedding party entered, the door was locked. The wedding party were identified by their roles as light-bearing ushers, and the word lampas used in the Gospel referred to outdoor torches, which were long sticks with oil-soaked rags wrapped tightly around the top. They burned extremely quickly, needing large amounts of oil. Therefore, it would have been culturally inexplicable to come to the wedding without extra oil. The wise bridesmaids simply could not share their oil, as this risked all torches burning out, leaving the bridal walk to the groom's house in pitch darkness and disarray. Plus, without a lit lamp, one could not be identified as a member of the wedding party, resulting in the ultimate rebuttal in the words " I do not know you".

These words echo Peter's betrayal of Jesus. Betrayal is based on lack of trust and a loss of confidence. The five foolish bridesmaids were not prepared for the coming of the bridal party. What does this tell us about their values? What can it tell us about where we put our time and energy in our lives, and what we value?

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