

Sunday 18th November 2018

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends, Pope Francis has designated Sunday 18th November as the first "World Day of the Poor". When we read the Scriptures, we find that, from Moses, through the Prophets, up to Jesus himself, and in the first Christian communities, there is always a special focus on the poor. This love of preference for the poor is the only way that we can respond with integrity to a God who has given us so much, even His own Son. Unfortunately, in our times, there tends to be an assumption that the poor, like everything and everyone else, will be looked after by the state. Not only does it not work, but it misses the point that our Christian responsibility is something interpersonal, which cannot be delegated as easily as that.

In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis explains his own motivation for establishing the World Day for the Poor. He says: *At the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, I wanted to offer the Church a World Day of the Poor, so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need.*

Fr. Kevin

Feast Days

- The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Wednesday*)
- St Cecilia, virgin & martyr (*Thursday*)
- St Columban, abbot & missionary (*Friday*)
- Sts Andrew Dũng-Lac, priest & companions, martyrs (*Saturday*)

Recently Deceased

Peadar Little

9.00 Sun 18th November

Theresa Ryan

Richard (Dick) Doyle

Anniversaries

Siobhan Barry (*1st A*)

Patrick Vincent Aherne

9.00 Sun 18th November

Deirdre Finn

10.30 Sun 18th November

Margaret (Rita) Brown

Pat Murray

Patsy Doyle

Richard Godley

12.00 Sun 18th November

Brian Wilson

PARISH OFFICE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS

01 5382542

Regular Notices:

- Eucharistic Adoration Monday - Monday 10.30am-5.00pm and Sat. 10.30am-12.45pm. All welcome.
- Confessions – Saturday after 10.00am mass.
- Christian Meditation Group (Quiet Prayer Group) next meeting will be on Wednesday **21st November** in the parochial house at 8.00pm. All welcome.
- Tea & Coffee available on Tuesday **20th November** and Friday **23rd November** after 10.00am mass.
- **Bethany Bereavement** support group can be contacted on 087 1626454.
- The **Legion of Mary** meets every Monday in the parish centre at 7.30pm. New members welcome.
- There are envelopes at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to make a donation to the church. They can be put in the collection baskets or left in the parish office.
- The Chalice on the table at the front of the altar rails is for people who are coeliac.
- **Society of St Vincent de Paul** – Anyone in need of assistance call 8550022.

Special notices:

- Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection for our local conference will be held after all masses this weekend. Please support.
- As its getting dark earlier the church will close at 4.00pm Monday to Friday.
- Building Refurbishment fund collection will be held after all masses next weekend **24th/25th November**.
- Down Syndrome Ireland's First Noel Christmas Concert will take place on Friday **7th December** at 7.30pm in Monkstown Parish Church. Tickets are €20 each. Full details in the church porch.
- The fifth National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018 held last weekend totalled **€1001**. Many thanks for your very generous support.
- Monkstown Old Folk annual church gate collection held last weekend totalled **€860**. Many thanks for your very generous support.
- Please note the new telephone number for the Parish Office is **01 5382542**.
- Confessions will be held on Saturdays after 10.00am mass.

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The Parish Office

Located at the side of the Parochial House.
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