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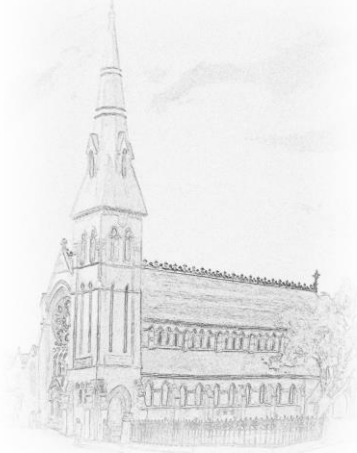
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Mass Times

Weekdays (Mon – Fri) @ 10 AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass @ 6 PM  
Sunday: 10 AM & 11:30 AM

Baptism

Normally on 2nd and 4th Sundays  
of the month at 12.30pm.  
Enquiries to the parish office.

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PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayer at mass this weekend the following whose anniversaries and month’s mind occur at this time:

- Peg McAteer (A)
- Eunan McAteer (A)
- Cyril McGann (A)
- Bryden Black (RD)
- Alice McCready (1<sup>st</sup> A)
- Edward Sweeney (A)
- Nancy Maher (A)
- John Fitzpatrick (1<sup>st</sup> A)

Lourdes Collection

There will be a collection to support the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes after mass this weekend (5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> July)



Parish Lotto

At the time of going to print this week, the parish lotto were not available. You can look up the results by visiting: .

[ourfundraiser.ie/org/monkstown](http://ourfundraiser.ie/org/monkstown)

DEANSGRANGE  
CEMETERY SUNDAY

The annual Mass and Blessing of Graves in Deansgrange will be held this **Sunday, July 6, at 3pm**



FEASTS & MEMORIAL DAYS

Feasts & Memorial Days for the coming week:

- Tue 8 - St. Kilian, Bishop, Martyr**  
**Fri 11 - St Benedict. Abbot,**  
**Co-Patron of Europe**



National Grandparents Day

The National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday, July 27th, 2025, coinciding with the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

The event will include Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2:30 PM, Mass at 3:00 PM, and a Rosary procession, weather permitting. You can watch online via the Knock shrine webcam.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

**There will be no mass in the parish on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** (nor will there be a Prayer Service). There is a 10 am mass in Kill-o-the-Grange and Newtownpark on Wednesday and also a mass in Blackrock @ 1:05 pm.

Mass Times In Our Parish Partnership as of April 2025

Day	Monkstown	Blackrock	Kill O the Grange	Newtownpark	Foxrock
Monday	10:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	No Mass	No Mass	10:00 a.m.	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday Vigil	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	No Mass	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12 Noon	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12 Noon	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

## Commentary on the readings

Today's readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, invite us to reflect on God's abundant care and comfort for His people.

### Isaiah (66:10-14c)

The first reading from Isaiah paints a beautiful image of Jerusalem as a nurturing mother, offering consolation and joy to her children. It reminds us that God's love is tender and overflowing, bringing peace and prosperity to those who trust in Him.

### Psalms 66

The responsorial psalm echoes this theme of rejoicing, calling all the earth to cry out to God with joy. It celebrates His mighty deeds and invites us to recognize His presence in our lives.

### Galatians 6:14-18

In the second reading St. Paul emphasizes that our true identity is found in Christ, not in external rituals. He speaks of the transformative power of the cross, urging us to embrace the new creation that comes through faith.

### Gospel (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)

Finally, the Gospel recounts Jesus sending out seventy-two disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God. He instructs them to travel lightly, relying on God's providence, and to bring peace to those they encounter.

Their mission reminds us that evangelization is not just about words but about living in trust and simplicity, sharing God's love with others.

As we reflect on these readings, may we find comfort in God's presence, rejoice in His blessings, and embrace our calling to be messengers of His peace.

## "carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals"



## Fr Kevin's Reflection for the 14<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

Henri Nouwen was a best-selling author and retreat leader. At one point he was invited to spend some time with friends at Toronto's Daybreak community - a "family" of six mentally challenged individuals and the four adults who lived with them. There he met a resident called Adam, who had a deep impact on him.

He wrote about it: "Adam is a 25-year-old man who can't speak, can't dress or undress himself, can't walk alone, can't eat without help. He does not cry or laugh. He suffers from severe epilepsy and, despite heavy medication, sees few days without major seizures."

Initially Henri was afraid of Adam, but he goes on to say: "As my fears gradually lessened, a love emerged in me so full of tender affection that most of my other tasks seemed boring and superficial compared with the hours spent with Adam. Out of his broken body and broken mind emerged a most beautiful human being offering me a greater gift than I would ever offer him."

"[My career was] so marked by rivalry and competition, so pervaded with compulsion and obsession, so spotted with moments of suspicion, jealousy, resentment and revenge." But Adam, in his total vulnerability, taught him the gift of simplicity and peace, rooted more in being than in doing and more in the heart than in the mind.

Today's gospel call to "carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals" is a call to simplicity, to get back to what is really essential.

Adam didn't have much choice, his life was stripped down to its essentials by circumstance, but in that he was able to find the most important thing of all - a sense of his true worth and the deep peace that that brings.

We run the danger of not finding that, of getting wrapped up in making the right impression, fulfilling other people's expectations, performing at the right level, measuring up to other people, getting the right things. We can live our lives as if these things define our worth, who we are, and we can forget that our worth ultimately comes from somewhere much deeper. All these things ultimately don't matter - they are not essential, you are essential.

There is an interesting word that comes up a lot in religious literature - the word "relinquish". I came across it so often that I looked it up in a footnote in the bible. It said "relinquish - literally to relax one's grip". Maybe that's what we need to do - to relax our grip on all the things that preoccupy us so much, to make room to step back, to find that deeper sense of value that is there before all these things and to find the peace that comes with it.

The Lord's challenge to us this day is "Unpack your bags and see what you really need for this once-in-a-lifetime journey you're on. See what's slowing you down and wearing you out and keeping you from bringing to completion the good work the Lord has given you." Get rid of that excess baggage and then get back on the road. The Lord will be with you and will be enough for you.

You will finish your journey well. And you will make your little piece of the earth bloom!