

St Patrick's Parish Monkstown

Week Beginning Sunday 4th May

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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.

- **John O'Mara (A)**
- **Elizabeth & Finn Duane (A)**
- **Ita Macken (A)**
- **Daithi & Neill O'Donoghue (A)**
- **Maura Reilly (RD)**

RECENT PARISH FUNERALS

We remember in our prayers the following whose funerals took place this last week.

- **Maurice White** (Tue 29th April)
- **Gerry Roberts** (Wed 30th April)

We extend our deepest sympathy to their family, relatives and friends.

FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 5th - Blessed Edmund Rice
Sat 10th – St John of Avila



4 NIGHT JUBILEE TOUR

Knock Pilgrimages have arranged a four-night visit to Mayo commencing on 8th June. The tour includes a full day visit to the Knock Shrine, an evening with Marion Carroll who was cured at Knock, and visits to Kylemore Abbey & Croag Patrick. The total price is €699 pps. Accommodation is in the 4 Star Castlecourt Hotel in Westport.

Contact Patricia Ronane of Knock Pilgrimages for further information

Tel: 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236
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ST. PATRICK'S MONKSTOWN DONATION FOR UPKEEP OF PARISH

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NEW BLUE ENVELOPE

As you are aware, all money collected in the White envelopes (Share and Common Fund) as well as donations made by card payment on the two Tap & Go terminals go directly to the Diocese.

If you would like to make a donation towards the upkeep of the parish, we have introduced a new "Blue" envelope.

We encourage you to write your name and address on the envelope so that all donations by you can accumulated for tax relief purposes, should the total amount exceed €250 in a single year. Your support to the parish is greatly appreciated.

PARISH LOTTO

There was no winner of our parish lotto, which remains at €3,000. Each week that the prize is not won, there is a draw for €25. This week's winner of the weekly draw is **Bairbre Stewart**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children from Monkstown Park Junior School who will celebrate their First Holy Communion here in St. Patrick's on Sunday **18th May @ 10 am.**



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Commentary on the readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

*Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 29;
Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19*

In our first reading we see St Peter and the apostles being reprimanded by the authorities for preaching in Christ's name. But far from being cowed by them they are happy to have suffered for the sake of their Lord and continue to speak about him.

Our second reading comes again from St John's vision and in today's extract we see all living things giving praise and glory to the lamb of sacrifice. This is not the lamb that was offered up regularly in the Temple or even the lamb that secured freedom for the Jews in Egypt. It is Christ, the true Lamb who was sacrificed for all people and through whom all people are redeemed.

In our gospel text we read of another meeting between the disciples and the Risen Lord, this time while they are fishing. When they come ashore the Lord is there with breakfast ready and, when the meal is over, he asks Peter three times if he loves him. Peter replies that he does and becomes upset that the Lord asked him the same question three times – no doubt his triple denial of Jesus on Holy Thursday still worries him. But in response Jesus instructs Peter to look after and feed his sheep – he is to be a spiritual guide and leader for the faithful. The passage ends with Jesus giving an indication to Peter that Peter's life will not go as smoothly as he might like. Unlike Holy Thursday however, Peter will not turn his back on the Lord this time but will, ultimately, give his life for his Lord.

*The Introduction to the readings above are
from the Irish Province of the Carmelites.
www.Carmelites.ie*

Fr Kevin's Reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter



Today, we encounter an insightful moment in the Gospel of John, a narrative that speaks to the essence of Easter re-creation: the reconciliation between Jesus and Peter. It is a story of forgiveness and restoration, filled with deep emotion and spiritual significance.

In this passage, we witness Jesus appearing to His disciples by the Sea of Tiberius. Peter, deeply affected by his previous denial of Jesus, finds himself face-to-face with the risen Lord. Jesus does not condemn Peter for his past failures. Instead, He asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Each time, Peter responds with a heartfelt affirmation, each "Yes, Lord" echoing with sincerity and repentance.

This exchange carries profound symbolism. Three denials are met with three affirmations of love. Jesus does not merely seek Peter's confession but desires to reaffirm Peter's mission and calling. He entrusts Peter with the pastoral care of His flock, saying, "Feed my lambs, tend my sheep." This is not just a restoration of Peter's relationship with Jesus but a commissioning to continue the work of spreading the Gospel and caring for the Church.

The scene on the beach underscores a central theme of Easter: the power of forgiveness to heal and restore. Jesus, by offering Peter the opportunity to profess his love, invites him to participate in the reconciliation that Easter brings. It is a moment of grace where past mistakes are redeemed, where wounds are healed, and where relationships are renewed in love.

For each of us, this Gospel challenges us to reflect on our own lives. How often have we, like Peter, denied Christ through our words, actions, or omissions? How often have we felt unworthy of His mercy and forgiveness? Yet, just as Jesus did not abandon Peter in his moment of weakness, He does not abandon us. He invites us to encounter Him anew, to receive His forgiveness, and to embrace our call to love and serve others. As we continue our journey through the Easter season, let us be inspired by the example of Peter. Let us approach Jesus with humility and contrition, trusting in His abundant mercy. Let us allow His love to transform our hearts and empower us to be instruments of reconciliation and peace in our families, communities, and the world.

May this Gospel passage remind us that Easter is not just a celebration of Christ's resurrection but a profound invitation to participate in His mission of love and forgiveness. Let us respond to this invitation with faith and gratitude, knowing that through Christ, we are offered the gift of new life and everlasting hope.