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MONKSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday Ordinary Time

28th September 2025

Mass Intentions

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

- Noel & Dorothy Peart (A)
- Ciara Devlin (A)
- Brid Hogan (A)
- Michael McCoy (A)

Next Friday 3rd October – First Friday

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community J. Govern, Ezra John Cat Carson J O'Connor who be baptised on Sunday by Deacon Eric.



Parish Office
Reopens Tuesday 30th

Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend is **Safeguarding Sunday**. Please see the letter overleaf from Archbishop Dermot Farrell.



Introduction to today's readings

Amos 6:1, 4-7;

Through the Prophet Amos in the first reading we see the Lord warning the people that because of their faith in earthly things and their disloyalty to him they will suffer destruction – all that they have will be taken from them because of their fickleness. The Psalm reminds us of the faithfulness of God and of all that he does for his people.

Luke 16:19-31

In the gospel, Jesus gives us the story of the rich man, and the poor man named Lazarus. The rich man failed to really take notice of the poor man or to reach out to him and help him. As a result, the rich man went to Hades while the poor man went to heaven. Despite all the warnings and all the teachings from and about God the rich man failed to heed them and so suffers after his death for his misdeeds. The story is a reminder to us that we have all been given the Good News with its promise of eternal life, but it is now up to us to actually take those lessons on board and secure our place in heaven.

1 Timothy 6:11-16;

In the second reading from his first letter to Timothy, we see St Paul encouraging Timothy to be faithful to the teaching to which he has dedicated his life so that he may secure for himself eternal life

Friday Morning Tea & Coffee Resumes in October.



Having taken a break for summer, Tea and Coffee after 10 am mass will resume from next Friday 3rd October. All are welcome.

Memorials this week

Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels.

On Monday 29th September, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael—heavenly messengers and protectors. Michael defends us in spiritual battle, Gabriel brings divine announcements, and Raphael guides and heals. Their presence reminds us of God's care and the unseen help we receive. May we open our hearts to their guidance and live with faith and courage.

Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor

On Tuesday 30th September, we honour Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Renowned for his translation of the Bible into Latin (the Vulgate), Jerome's passion for Scripture and deep theological insight continue to inspire. His legacy reminds us to seek truth through God's Word and live with conviction rooted in faith and learning.

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus,

On Wednesday 1st October, we celebrate Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Known as "The Little Flower," she embraced a path of spiritual childhood, humility, and love. Her "little way" teaches us that holiness lies in simple acts done with great love. May her example inspire us to trust fully in God's mercy and grace.

The Holy Guardian Angels

On Thursday 2nd October, the Church celebrates the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels—heavenly companions entrusted by God to guide and protect us. These silent guardians walk with us daily, offering divine help, comfort, and strength. Let us renew our devotion to them, thanking God for their constant presence and praying to live under their watchful care and loving guidance.

Blessed Columba Marmion

On 3rd October, we commemorate Blessed Columba Marmion, a Benedictine monk and spiritual master whose writings continue to illuminate the path of divine adoption and Christ-centred living. Born in Dublin, he became Abbot of Maredsous Abbey in Belgium and was beatified in 2000. His legacy invites us to deepen our union with Christ through humility, mercy, and interior prayer



ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN

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Dear Parishioners

This year the theme of our diocesan Safeguarding Sunday is working to make our society safer for children and young people. We have been on a difficult and painful journey over the past 30 years or so towards making our Church a safer place for children and vulnerable adults. We have learned some lessons along the way that may be of benefit to the wider society to which we all belong.

Recently published data from the Central Statistics Office tell us that the incidence of the abuse of children and young people in Ireland has not lessened in recent times. In fact, the situation has disimproved in some respects. However, the risks to the safety of children and young people have changed. As a society we are highly aware of the abuse of children that occurred in institutions such as schools, sporting associations and faith communities. The CSO data suggest that that is less of a feature now than in the past. That is good news. It means that all the work that has been done in our parishes and other church organisations and the similar work that has been done in sports and recreational organisations has been effective in making these organisations safer places for children. We have learned from past failures and have applied the lessons to good effect. We must continue to do so.

The CSO data show a significant rise in peer abuse, that is, the abuse of children and young people by other children and young people. UK research has found that even very young children are exposed to violent and graphic images on their phones and electronic devices. This has been found to be associated with very distorted perceptions of relationships and sexuality. It is not hard to see how this is placing children and young people at greater risk of sexual violence.

We know from our experience that when people come together with determination to protect children, the results are positive. It is not enough to condemn: we have to act with purpose. There are ways in which we can help this situation, such as:

- Challenging societal misogyny and the debasement of women and girls;
- Supporting campaigns to curb the activities of companies that profit from children and young people having access to online pornography;
- Cooperating with other civil society groups who share our commitment to child protection and sharing resources with them where we can;
- Engaging with children and young people and involving them in the life of our parishes.

One of the saddest consequences of the scandal of child abuse is that the majority of children and young people no longer participate in church activities. We are concerned that our attempts to engage with children and young people will be misinterpreted or misconstrued. This, however, makes the world less safe for children and young people. Children and young people need responsible adults who can provide care and protection and model appropriate relationships for them.

I ask you to remember in prayer those who have suffered and continue to suffer as a consequence of abuse in childhood.

Yours sincerely,

✠ Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin