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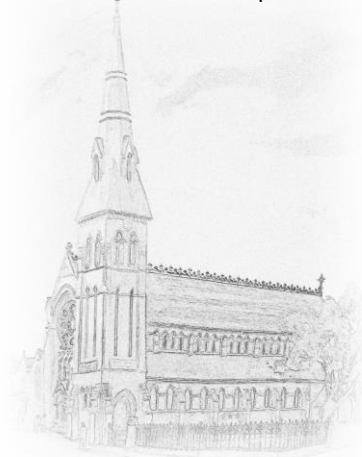
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### Mass Times

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:

- **Michael Hull** (1st Anniversary)
- **Ann Houlihan** (Anniversary)
- **Jack Kavanagh** (Anniversary)
- **Kay Heffernan** (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, those whose funerals took place this week.

- **Frances Thompson**
- **Richard Maher**

### Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community  
**Esmé O'Malley & Éanna Kelly**  
who will be baptised by Deacon Eric on  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

### No Mass Monday to Thursday Mass on Friday (Aug 1<sup>st</sup>) First Friday

As Fr Kevin will be away there will be no weekday mass on Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday & Thursday next week. Deacon Eric will lead a Prayer Service @ 10 am on those days. Fr Kevin will be back on Thursday night and will celebrate mass on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, which is the First Friday.

### Parish Lotto

The winner of this week's lotto draw is  
**Patrick Farren**

### MANRESA RETREATS

#### Oasis Day. Saturday, 16 August

Looking to pause and reconnect with God? Take time to pause with an Oasis Day – a gentle, one-day retreat of reflection and guided prayer, Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Clontarf, Dublin) is offering a quiet space for prayer, rest, and renewal. For further information on this and their other retreats visit: [www.manresa.ie](http://www.manresa.ie)



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

**"Blessed are those  
who have not lost hope"**

In recent years the Sunday closest to the **Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne** has been designated **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. Grandparents and the Elderly are central components of the life of every parish. Pope Leo XIV reminds us **"embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment"**. He calls on every parish/diocese/movement to become a "protagonist in a 'revolution' of gratitude and care". This is the fifth World Day, and the theme is **'Blessed are those who have not lost hope'** (Sir 14:2).

This year that Sunday falls on **July 27<sup>th</sup>**. The National Pilgrimage of the Catholic Grandparents Association takes place that day in Knock with chief celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy with mass at 3 pm. Those unable to attend in person can join online at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

### Readings For Mass

For those who would like to read the readings, they are available on our parish website. See the screen shot below. Just visit [monkstownparish.ie](http://monkstownparish.ie) and click on the **"Mass Readings"** menu. See below.



## Commentary on the readings

### Genesis 18:20-32

In our first reading from the Book of Genesis we see the Lord speaking with Abraham about the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and their sins. The Lord decides to wipe them off the face of the earth but Abraham asks the Lord to relent for not all the people are evil.

He begins by asking the Lord to spare them if there are fifty just men in the town and finally persuades the Lord to spare the people if there are but ten just men found there. The Lord listens to the pleas of Abraham and relents each time.

The Psalm is a hymn of thanksgiving to the Lord for listening to the cries of his servant.

### Luke 11:1-13

In our gospel text we see Jesus teaching the disciples how to pray and he gives them the 'Our Father.' He goes on to tell them – through an example – that if anyone calls on God their prayers will not go unanswered.

All too often people forget that 'no' is also an answer, as is silence. In answering our prayers the Lord does not always give us what we want because what we want might not be what we need or for our good.

### Colossians 2:12-14

St Paul tells us in the second reading that all our sins have been wiped away because they have been nailed to the cross with Christ whose sacrifice sets us free.

No matter what we do we always have the Lord on our side and he is ready to forgive our sins and to answer our prayers whenever we turn to him in faith and trust.

*The Introduction to the readings above are from the Irish Province of the Carmelites.  
[www.Carmelites.ie](http://www.Carmelites.ie)*

## Fr Kevin's Reflection

### Lord, teach us to pray

#### Luke 11 1-10



### To be a person of “prayerful-ness”

Most of us “say” prayers every day: prayers asking God to bless our loved ones and to guide us in the day ahead. We sometimes join our prayers with others, as we do each Sunday when we gather around this altar. “Saying” prayers in one thing, but it’s something else to be a person of “prayerful-ness.”

In her book **The Breath of a Soul**, Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister reflects on what it means to embrace an attitude of prayer:

- “Prayerfulness . . . is the capacity to walk in touch with God through everything in life. It is the internal awareness that God is with me — now, here, in this, always. It is an awareness of the continuing presence of God. It is my dialogue with the living God who inhabits my world in Spirit and in mind.
- “Prayerfulness sees God everywhere.
- “Prayerfulness talks to God everywhere.
- “Prayerfulness submits the uncertainties of the moment to the scrutiny of the internal eye of God. It trusts that no matter how malevolent the situation may be, I can walk through it unharmed because God is with me .
- “Prayerfulness is fostered by the simple consciousness that God is. That God is near us at all times. That God is closer to us than the breath we breathe. That God is available, a silence in the midst of chaos, a voice in the midst of confusion, a promise at the centre of the tumult.
- “If I ask and I listen and I reach out and fill my heart with the words of the One who is the Word, then I will be answered. Somehow the path will become clear.”

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus uses parables to help his hearers realize that God is a living presence in their midst, that God’s spirit of peace and justice is a reality in our homes and communities, that God reveals his compassion in the love and wisdom of the saints in our midst. Sister Joan Chittister calls this awareness “prayerfulness.”

May we develop a sense of awareness of God as a reality in the simple and ordinary course of our days; may we possess the perspective of “prayerfulness” that seeks to make our own the forgiveness of the prodigal Son’s father, the generosity of the widow who gives her last penny to God, the compassion of the Good Samaritan, the hope of the Sower as we work the soil of our lives.

### FEASTS & MEMORIAL DAYS

Feasts & Memorial Days for the coming week:

- Tue 29<sup>th</sup> July – Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July – St. Peter Chrysologus
- Thur 31<sup>st</sup> July – St Ignatius of Loyola
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Aug – St. Alphonsus Liguori

