

Sunday 16th February 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends, We hear today's Gospel about "teaching these commandments" and we instinctively think of formal instruction by professional teachers, deacons and priests. But throughout the Gospel, Jesus appeals to our sense of righteousness and altruism - that God's Spirit of justice and compassion is a more creative and effective force in our lives than any self-centred cost-benefit calculation. Faith begins in the heart, Jesus says. What we say, what we do, what we decide, are all responses to the God who speaks to us in the depths of our hearts, the God in whose image and likeness we have been created. While the scribes and Pharisees were obsessed with the meticulous keeping of the letter of the Law, Jesus taught the importance of the more difficult task of embracing the Spirit of love and humility that endows all just laws with their purpose and meaning. Christ speaks not of rules and regulations but the much deeper and profound values of the human heart. "What else are the laws of God," St. Augustine said, "but the very presence of the Holy Spirit."

Fr Kevin

Feast Days

- The Chair of St Peter, apostle (*Saturday*)

Recently Deceased

Matayo Kabanba

Liam Rigney

Anniversaries

Sean O'Connell

Kevin & Joan Daly

Babette Kelly

Jack Grant

Saturday 15th February 6.00pm

Edward Murphy (1st A)

Sunday 16th February 10.00am

Ann Brady

Cornelius Sheehan

Moya Quinlan (1st A)

Sunday 16th February 11.30am

Edward & Violet Mahon

For details of why work is needed on our church roof there is a YouTube presentation named *Church Roof Restoration 2020*.

Regular Notices:

- Eucharistic Adoration – First Friday of the month from after 10.00am mass to 4.00pm.
- Confessions – Saturday at 5.30pm.
- Christian Meditation Group (Quite Prayer Group) next meeting will be on Wednesday **19th February** in the parochial house at 8.00pm. All welcome.
- Tea & Coffee morning Tuesday **18th February** and Friday **21st February** after 10.00am mass.
- 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:

- The Annual collection of ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage & the Family will replace the SHARE collection this weekend. Please support.
- **Reminder** – If you wish to volunteer to do minister of the Eucharist can you please return your form.
- **Women's World Day of Prayer 2020** will take place on Friday **6th March** at 3pm in Monkstown Parish Church. This year the service is prepared by the women of Zimbabwe.
- Building Refurbishment fund collection will be held after all masses next weekend **22nd/23rd February**.
- Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection held last weekend totalled **€898**. Thank you for your very generous support.
- **Sacristan in Monkstown Parish** – We are looking to recruit a Sacristan for the parish. The role involves opening and closing the church, preparing the altar for daily mass and other liturgical services. Full details in church porch.

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