



Mass Times

Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

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SEA SUNDAY (July 12th)

For Seafarers

Almighty God, hold in your arms those who work at sea. Give them patience to endure the hardships of their work and keep hope alive so that, although they endure great hardships, they shall know that they are not forgotten either by you or by us whose lives are enriched through their labours.



Remembering Seafarers' Families

Merciful Father, we remember those who are left at home when seafarers join their ships. Grant them strength, wisdom, peace and patience. We pray for those who feel the acute pain of separation and who are sometimes afraid and uncertain; grant them comfort and hope as they wait long months to be reunited with their loved ones.

For the Crew

We rejoice, O God, that seafarers of many backgrounds can work in harmony on the world's 40,000 merchant

ships. We thank you that you have given your Holy Spirit so that unity may be experienced on the earth. Please give to all crews the unity that is needed to promote safety and wellbeing.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Anyone in need of assistance please call 8550022

St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 12th July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Website: www.monkstownparish.ie

Broken Soil

Every farmer and gardener knows that good soil is broken soil: soil that is tilled and turned to break through the winter cold and hardness so that the spring rain can nourish it; soil that has cracks and ridges into which seeds can take root in the rich nutrients of the wet, dark earth.



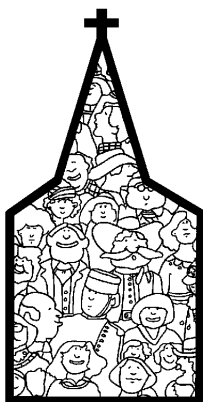
The mother who has experienced the death of a child now serves as an advocate and support for other moms and dads living that same nightmare. **Good soil is broken soil.**

The secondary school student who has been homeless, who has been the object of ridicule because of his religion or culture, who has endured the pain and indignity of racism, helps younger kids at his school cope with those same issues in their lives. **Good soil is broken soil.**

The retired business professional who remembers all too well the risks and near-catastrophes of launching a company gives his time mentoring a new generation of small business owners: helping them negotiate the perils of arranging financing, managing a work force, and effectively marketing their products and services. **Good soil is broken soil.**

As happens, their paths crossed. Her grace and kindness transformed his often-cynical outlook into an optimism that uncovered his own generosity and openness of heart; his "we can fix this" attitude lifted her out of the sadness and fear rooted in her difficult childhood and family life. **Theirs is a love story of broken soil that is good soil.**

Each of us, in our own way, is broken soil, ploughed and turned over in all kinds of ways. We see our brokenness as something that diminishes us, that we try to hide, that somehow makes us unlovable or incapable of loving. But, if we embrace the faith and trust of the Gospel sower, our brokenness becomes the very means through which the seed of God's love takes root and grows and is harvested in the midst of family, friends, community and church. In Christ, no one is "bad soil" - whatever has broken us can be the means to realizing the harvest of the resurrection. We are called to follow Jesus and his example of loving others regardless of the hardness or barrenness of their "soil," trusting in the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit to reap the life of his compassion and peace in everyone's "ground."



A Big Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to all who prepared the church for reopening last weekend and to the volunteers who took on the role of stewards and cleaners in between masses. Thank you for your service and keep up the good work.

Thanks also to the parishioners who joined in our celebration of the Eucharist either in person or on our webcam.

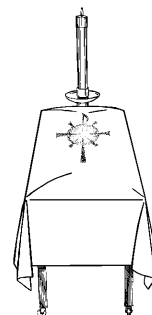
Church Collections

Because of COVID19 it is not possible to pass the collection baskets in the church. We have set up a box at the back of the church clearly marked for **First Collection** (in support of the priests) and **Share** (Diocesan Development Fund), envelopes for the parish can be placed in either. We would ask you to be as generous as you can be.



As you know neither the parish nor the diocese have had a regular income since March and we are really feeling its effect. As a parish we have incurred quite a bit of expense getting the church safe for reopening, providing hand sanitisers, and the extra cleaning material to name a few. So anything you can afford to contribute would be much appreciated. Donations to the parish can be made by the envelopes that are at the back of the church or if you would like to set up a standing order the form for that is available on our website www.monkstownparish.ie

Thank You for your support



MAY ETERNAL LIGHT SHINE ON THEM

We pray for those from our Parish who have died this past week and we offer our sympathies to their bereaved families and loved ones.

Cyril McGann

(Carrickbrennan Lawn)

Rosaleen (Roe) Sheppard

(Monkstown Farm)

Patricia Cosgrave

(Dalky)

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Donal O'Kelly (A) May & Michael Lee (A) Nuala Burns (Month's Mind)



Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Fr Seamus Hatton (A) James Hatton (A) Kay Lee (A) Margaret & Tom O'Carroll (A)

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

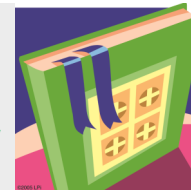
Maura Mullen (A) Liam Rigney (Month's Mind)

Please pray for:

John McLoughlin (RD) Margaret Barnett (RD) Brenda & Reg O'Neill (A)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

16th Sunday
Ordinary Time Year
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First Reading:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19 : *God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.*

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27 : *The Spirit intercedes for us with God.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43 :

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.