



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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Please note Monday is a Bank Holiday and so the parish office will be closed all day. Open Tuesday to Friday 9:15a.m until 1:00 p.m.



Please note that the church will close after the 10:00 a.m mass on Monday. Every other day it is open from after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

until 4:00 p.m.

Articles for inclusion in the parish newsletter should be emailed to the office or to Fr.

Kevin before 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday.



Last Weekends Collections



First Collection: € 430

In support of the priests of the parish

Share € 250

Diocesan Development fund

Parish Envelopes: € 560



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Anyone in need of assistance please call 8550022



St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 2nd August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary

Time Website: www.monkstownparish.ie

ALL YOU CAN EAT

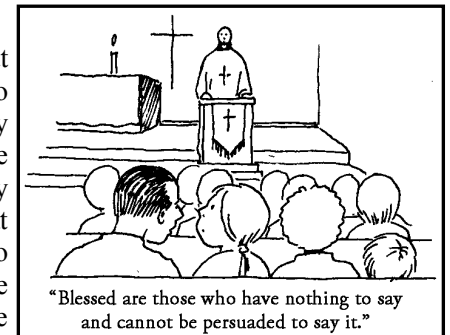


Forget the 5,000. It's not important how many people ate from the five loaves and the two fish that Jesus multiplied. If he'd managed to feed 500 it would have been a miracle, and even 50 would still have been wonderful.

It's not the quantity but the quality that's important. There's a very telling sentence at the end of Matthew's gospel story today. He says that when everyone had had enough, there were 12 basketfuls of scraps left over. And that, surely, is the point of the story. Everyone had had enough. They were satisfied and no one was left with that empty feeling in their stomach.

When Jesus preached he was feeding the hearts and minds of his hearers, but unlike other preachers he was able to target the deepest hunger within his audience. He knew what people really longed for out of life and his message was no empty promise, no mere intellectual system to play with, no clever set of rules and regulations. For Jesus told his listeners that he was sent from God and that if they followed his teaching they would know God as their Father and would be empowered to live life to the full in all its glorious promise. It was the quality of Jesus's message that struck people. This was no fast-food preaching. It was gourmet stuff.

Don't get caught up, says Jesus, in things that don't really satisfy when you have the chance to sample the feast of life. Don't waste your money on food and drink that may look good on the outside but which tastes insipid. For Christianity is about the things in life that matter. It's about the way we love and are loved, how we relate to even the most powerless of individuals, the manner in which we respond to the needy, the lonely and the unloved.



"Blessed are those who have nothing to say and cannot be persuaded to say it."

The 12 basketfuls of scraps were not there because people didn't like the food. They were there because God always gives us much more than we can ever dream of and would dare to ask for. Don't waste your money on what can never satisfy when Jesus offers you the food of eternal life. Yes, all you can eat.

God's
Love
Never
Fails

Are you prepared for love?

Today's gospel assures us that we will be fed and that nothing, not even Jesus' own grief, will separate us from God's love. Christ is always on call for us, ready to heal and console. How many of us can say the same?

Years ago a friend of mine had to take her son to the hospital after a nasty fall. As she sat in the crowded emergency room she quietly observed the people around her. Most stared at a blaring television set while a few others talked in low tones to companions. But one young woman's voice could be heard above the din, hushing and scolding her 4-year-old, who had a deep cut above her eye and a bloody nose. "Quit whining. Hold still. Put your head back. Wipe your eyes. Be quiet." The mother's harsh commands were relentless.

My friend wondered how the woman could be so mean to her little girl, who was obviously scared and uncomfortable. Eventually she heard the woman complain: "This is not how I planned my day."

"Her daughter's injury wasn't part of her schedule?" my friend questioned in disbelief. "Does she think the rest of us pencil in accidents on our calendars?"

The angry young mother, like many of us, had yet to learn that no plans are definite. The best we can do, if we want to follow Jesus, is to be prepared each day for a compassionate response—come what may.

Reflection by Patrice Tuohy, co-founder of TrueQuest Communications



"Of course I know God loves me.
I just can't work out what he sees in Grandma!"

The Priory Institute

Online Summer School

'Theology, Spirituality and Religious Experience'

We are taking registrations now for the second running of our online Summer School 'Theology, Spirituality and Religious Experience' starting on August 10, it also ran this July.

The course consists of 10 online lectures by Fr Pat Collins C.M. given over two weeks and we were delighted to receive hugely positive comments from participants who took part in July.

For further details and booking go to: <https://bit.ly/2BYPmXa>



Youth 2000 CATHOLIC E-FESTIVAL!



This will be the Youth 2000 Summer E-Festival 2020! , It will take place on 14th to 16th August 2020 and will be streamed live directly to you. As part of this unique event, Youth 2000 Ireland has received support and input from some of the largest Catholic Speakers worldwide, including Fr.



John Harris OP, Scott Hahn, John Pridmore and more. The Youth 2000 Summer E-Festival will be streamed live, you will be sent an email with a link to watch on the day of the E-Festival opening and the E-

Festival content will not be available post event. To be part of this you should register at www.youth2000.ie/summerfestival2020 to receive your welcome pack and your exclusive access code. Registration and access is FREE, as always at Youth 2000.



Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Kathryn O'Reilly (A)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Maeve Cleary (A), George Hipwell (RD),
Eoin O'Neill (RD), Niall McGarry (RD)

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Michael Ryan & Maureen Halligan (RD),
John & Catherine Carey (A)

Friday next is the First Friday when we will pray for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

19th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A



First Reading:

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a : The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 : Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 :

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God .