



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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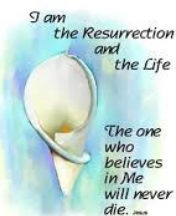
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The Irish Hospice Foundation - National Freephone Service



Have you been impacted
by a bereavement during
COVID-19? Are you
finding it difficult to cope
with a bereavement at

this time? Would it help to talk to
someone in
confidence about
your loss? The Irish
Hospice
Foundation
Bereavement
Support Line is a
national **Freephone service - 1800 80 70 77**
- available from 10.00am to 1.00pm,
Monday to Friday.



May Jesus' words
console you,
strengthen you
and fill you with peace.

The one
who believes
in Me
will never
die. John 11:25

Last Weekends Collections



First Collection: € 590

In support of the priests of the parish

Share € 235

Diocesan Development fund

Parish Envelopes: € 1000



**Society of St.
Vincent de
Paul**

Anyone in need of
assistance please call 8550022



St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 26th July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

Website: www.monkstownparish.ie



NONE THE WISER?

There are lots of jokes about the genie in the bottle who offers people three wishes. Whatever the joke, the punch-line is always the same: the people end up squandering their good fortune or getting more than they bargained for.

What made Solomon wise was the fact that he knew his own weaknesses and sought to make himself a better person. He didn't ask for fame or wealth. Knowing that he was young and unskilled in government, he asked God to make him into a really good king for his people.

For wisdom isn't about being worldly wise or streetwise. It's not a question of intelligence or even being a clever person. Wisdom is about looking at yourself and the world and seeing what God sees. And when you look at yourself and see what is missing, it's about doing something to make up the gap.

Jesus knew only too well that people set their priorities in all sorts of different directions. Yet he tells them that if they were really wise they would forget about all the trivialities of life and seek to live in the kingdom of God. To know the importance of this is to possess a pearl of great price. A pearl of such price, he says, that we ought to be prepared to lose everything else in order to possess it.

Some people don't know where to look for this pearl of great price. So their search takes them to Tarot cards and Feng Shui and they end up none the wiser. Others have glimpsed the pearl but were unaware of its value, so they stop going to church because they have to take their children to sport on Sunday mornings. And then there are those who know how valuable a gift lies within their grasp and they struggle daily to possess it. Which are you?



"Nobody loves me and everyone hates me!"
"That's not true, Grandma.
Some people don't even know you."

Prayer based on the readings of the day



Gracious and Holy Father, grant us the intellect to understand You, reason to discern You, diligence to seek You, wisdom to find You, a spirit to know You and a heart to meditate on You.

May our ears hear You, may our eyes behold You and may our tongues proclaim You.

Give us grace that our way of life may be pleasing to You, that we may have the patience to wait for You and the perseverance to look for You.

Grant us a perfect end, Your holy presence, a blessed resurrection and life everlasting. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— St. Benedict



MAY ETERNAL LIGHT SHINE ON THEM

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

Margaret Henihan (Summergrove The Hill)

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

A Big Thank You

We say a big thank you to the teams of volunteers who help to steward and sanitise the church at the weekend masses. Thanks to you we are able to continue to have public worship at the weekends.



For those attending we offer these guidelines:

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is suspended.
- Do your best not to block the doors entering and leaving.
- Do your best to respect physical distancing. Sanitize your hands on entry.
- There is no physical Sign of Peace until further notice.
- Please leave patiently and promptly after Mass.
- Try to keep the lighting of candles at shrines to private visits to your Church when it is open at times other than for Mass.
- Remember that hand sanitiser can be flammable, so ensure your hands are completely dry before lighting candles.



Time spent at the beach: priceless

As the long days of summer stretch out before us, do yourself a favour and spend time on a beach—a quiet beach, a beach made for long walks and deep thoughts. If you give yourself the rare treat of sun, sand, and solitude, you will eventually uncover treasures buried deep within you.



But be sure to heed this advice from Anne Morrow Lindbergh writing in Gift from the

Sea: “The sea does not reward those who are too anxious, too greedy, or too impatient. To dig for treasures shows not only impatience and greed, but lack of faith. Patience, patience, patience, is what the sea teaches. Patience and faith. One should lie empty, open, as a beach—waiting for a gift from the sea.”



So slow down and let go of the jumbled mix that makes up a modern life. Let the world drift by. Do nothing beyond soaking in the sights, sounds, and smells of the beach. Then, like a pristine seashell that grabs your attention, you will stumble upon pearls of divine wisdom, and you will see the way ahead with perfect clarity.

Reflection by: Patrice Tuohy, co-founder of TrueQuest Communications



Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Cyril McGann (RD)

Dorothy O'Driscoll (RD)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Ellen & Elizabeth Powell (A)



Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Ethne Kehoe (RD)

Ben O'Connor (1st A)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

18th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A



First Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-3 : The Lord will renew his covenant with the descendants of David.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35,37-39 : Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21 :

Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish.