



Mass Times

Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

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

Church Collections

Common Fund Collection; Christmas & Easter Dues

This is the 1st collection taken up at Masses on Sunday and Holydays. Christmas and Easter Dues are collected by means of an envelope. These collections are centralised and go to make up the wages of priests working in the diocese. Pensions of retired priests and those no longer able to work due to illness are also paid from this fund.

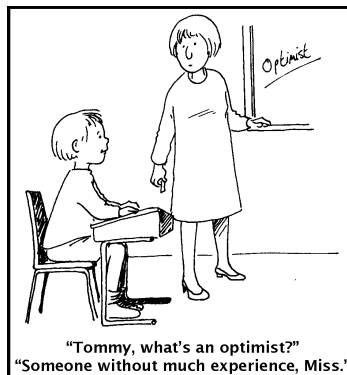
Share Collection

This is normally the 2nd collection taken up at Masses on Sundays and Holydays. This collection is also centralised and goes to the Diocesan central office. The monies are used to assist parishes in the building and maintenance of Churches and other parish property where a parish cannot afford the outlay from its own resources.

Envelope Collection (Family Offering), Maintenance Fund Envelope

This money is used to meet the running expenses of the parish, e.g. lighting, heating, etc. It is also used to maintain and repair the Churches and Parish houses. Employees' wages are also paid from this fund. These are the ONLY monies available to the Parish to finance this expenditure. If you would like to obtain a box of envelopes please leave your name and address into the Sacristy or Parish Office. Payment may also be made by Direct Debit Forms are available from Parish Office.

We have not had a regular income since this pandemic began and the church closed in March and we have had quite a considerable expense preparing the church to reopen so we ask that you be as generous as you can to support the parish and the diocese. Thank you



St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 5th July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WORRYING TIMES?

The current rise in prices is getting on top of Maureen. She's on a fixed income and every time she goes to the supermarket she despairs. Everything seems to be pushing her into a corner and she's not sure just how long she can manage to feed the kids and pay the bills now that she's been widowed. She doesn't know where to turn to.

Ken never seems to settle these days. Several years ago he was convicted of fraud and went to gaol for two years. He recently moved into the parish with his family and set up home. They got jobs locally and their children go to the nearby school. He's deeply ashamed of what he did. He'd do anything to turn the clock back. He feels tied up in knots and his worst nightmare would be if everything went public.

Annie has been a parishioner all her life. People comment on how you can set your clock by Annie's arrival in church with her prayer book and rosary beads. But in her heart she's just going through the motions. Inside she feels spiritually dry and it's hard to get enthusiastic about anything to do with her faith. It's as if in the last years of her life God is taking all comfort of faith away from her.

Tom is the local GP. He seems to spend hours in his surgery and he loves his job but he's beginning to feel worn out. With all the paper work on top of his medical work he's wondering how long he can go on for. He never lets his patients know how he feels, but it's getting to the point where his lifelong desire to help people in their moments of need is starting to wane. He spends his days telling others not to live such a hectic lifestyle but he knows he's just as guilty himself.

Joan and Alan are having marriage problems. They got back together after Alan got involved with another woman at work. Things seem a bit better now but there's also the problem of their three teenage children. If there's any way they can rebel they'll find it. Joan's sick of being called to the school where they're causing disruption, and Alan's convinced that one of these days the call will be from the police.

On Sunday morning when Maureen, Ken, Annie, Tom, Joan and Alan settle into their places in church they all hear the same words of Jesus in the gospel: *"Come to me all you who are overburdened and I will give you rest"*.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Anyone in need of assistance please call 8550022



Return to Church

Dear Parishioner,

It is a cause of great joy for all of us that during the past week our beautiful church opened its doors for a public Mass., now that the Corona Virus, Covid-19 seems to be in remission. However, we will not be returning to normal, things will be very different from what we have been used to.

We share these few thoughts with you to help you prepare for and embrace the new emerging norms, at least for the time being. **The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended for the duration of this pandemic.**

You may wish to attend Mass on a weekday instead of Sunday.

If you are experiencing the weight of years that time brings to us all or if you have an underlying illness of any kind, you are advised not to come to Church, (we find it very difficult to suggest this to some parishioners, particularly as we have spent large parts of our lives trying to encourage people to come to Mass).

As we write the number of people who can be present in the Church at any one time stands at fifty (50) and that figure has to include all Church personnel. This restriction of numbers means that we need to think of others who will wish to get to Mass from time to time. The number inside the Church is absolute and there can be no discretion.

A significant amount of hard work and preparation has gone into getting ready for the reopening of our Church. Please follow the directions of the Church Stewards as your normal seat may not be available due to Social Distancing restrictions. Please arrive early to allow time to follow the new guidelines that are in place. Please use the sanitisation facilities available as you enter and exit the Church.

Do not come to the Mass if you have a cough/cold or feel unwell

For Holy Communion, maintain social distancing & receive by hand only.



Collection boxes for all collections will be available at the back of the Church as we cannot pass the baskets as we used to for fear of spreading the virus. We express a very grateful "Thank You" to all who have been very generous during this period. Although this all sounds very complicated, I am hopeful that with your cooperation, everything will run very smoothly and we will soon be back to 'some kind of normal' very soon. I am really looking forward to welcoming you back to the church again after this very long absence.

**We Remember all those who died
during this Pandemic and
especially those whose funerals
took place from our own church:**

SANDRA CHAMBERS

ANNE POWER

RICHARD GAFFNEY

NIAMH CONROY

HELEN SMITH

LAURENCE WHELAN

JAMES NUGENT

VERONICA TOAL

ANTHONY (TONY) BYRNE

PAULINE O'TOOLE

FRANCES BLAIR

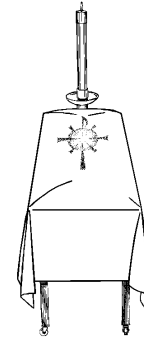
MARGARET GOLDEN

FINBARR THOMAS NOLAN

NUALA BURNS

PATRICK KELLY

May they rest in Peace



Breaking News



This week we have completed the installation of a webcam into our beautiful church you can follow mass from our parish by logging on to

www.churchservices.tv/monkstown

Contact Details

Fr. Kevin Rowan P.P. 01 5382542
087 2242230

e-mail: revkevmonkstown1@gmail.com

Rev Eric Cooney (Deacon) 087 6683499
e-mail: eric.g.cooney@gmail.com

The Parish Office

Located at the side of the Parochial House. Phone 01 5382542

Opening hours: 9:15 – 1:00pm Monday to Friday

e-mail: secretary@monkstownparish.ie

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Margaret Golden (Month's Mind)



Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Sarah Duffy (1st A) Carmel Downey (A)
Eddie Downey (Month's Mind) Vera O'Leary (A)

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Jack Kavanagh (A) Sheila Murphy (A)

Please pray for: Nancy Maher (A)
Hilary Slattery (1st A) Edward Sweeney (A) Runa McCann (1st A) Brendan Lawler (A)