



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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**Society of St.
Vincent de
Paul**

Anyone in need of
assistance please call 8550022

Help Wanted



Can you spare an hour
or two on a Monday
morning to join the volunteer team that count the
money for the parish. They are in need of
volunteers and if you can help please leave your
name and contact details with Ann in the office.



A NEW PILGRIMAGE ON LOUGH DERG'S LAKESHORE



Walk and Pray in the Lough
Derg tradition on **16, 18, 22,
26 & 30 August**. At times in the 1600's and 1700's
when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws,
pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the
lough shore. Walk in their footsteps. **Contact 071
9861518 or info@loughderg.org** for details.
Numbers are limited. **Advance booking essential.**

Last Weekends Collections



First Collection: € 485

In support of the priests of the parish

Share € 344

Diocesan Development fund

Parish Envelopes: € 1510



St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 16th August – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Website: www.monkstownparish.ie

DRESS CODES



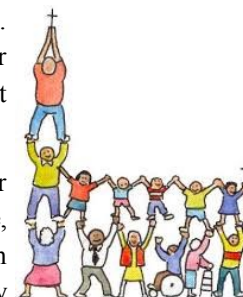
A sign on the shop door at the beach read, “No shirt: No
Shoes: No Service”. The message was simple enough.
They had decided the sort of people they wanted in their
store and they dictated even the way the people were to
dress.

Christians are very good at dress codes. We like to create
religious dress codes so that we know who we are, and
we not only do it with clothes but with people. But
scripture shows that it's not so easy to say who's in or
out of favour with God. Isaiah reports today that God will fill his house with heathen
foreigners; Paul says that God is showing his mercy to the pagans and Jesus, after ignoring
the Canaanite woman for a while, suddenly relents and shows favour to her although she
had completely failed the dress code.

The Church has never been made up of the “right sort” of people. Hardly surprising, you
might think, since it was never intended for good, respectable and upright citizens. The
Church was founded for a bunch of sinners who know how weak they are but who
desperately want to be made better. For the Church is not a club.
It's a community of those whom God has chosen to raise from their
poverty, to enrich their brokenness with the luxury of his word, that
they may respond with the service of their lives.

So never be ashamed of being part of the Church and never
consider yourself to be a second class member. The worse you are,
the more you qualify. Samaritans and Canaanites, people whom
others look down on, are the backbone of Christ's Church. For only
the mercy of God can qualify us to enter the building. Only because God cares does he
constantly offer us his Word of Life and only through his persistent seduction are we drawn
to his altar.

It is God who calls us to be Church, not we the Church who invite him to be our God.



Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Having met with rejection from the Pharisees, Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters unexpected faith in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people, so this now adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?



The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection, but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you?

In our days, welcoming the stranger is a challenge – we are more comfortable with our own. What difference has it made when you were able to offer a friendly, welcoming face to a stranger?

Who are the 'Canaanite women' who call out for attention today – people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?

John Byrne OSA

Email jpb Byrneosa@gmail.com

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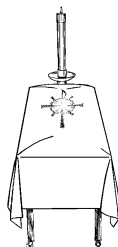


Because of COVID19 it is not possible to pass the collection baskets in the church. We have set up a box at the back of the church clearly marked for **First Collection** (in support of the priests) and **Share** (Diocesan Development Fund), envelopes for the parish can be placed in either. We would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

Thank You for your support

MAY ETERNAL LIGHT SHINE ON HER

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.



Hilda Conroy

(Glenageary Ave formerly of this parish)

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Deadline For Inclusion in Newsletter



Articles for inclusion in the parish newsletter should be emailed to the office or to Fr. Kevin before 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Church Open For Private Prayer



The church is open for private prayer **Monday to Friday from after the 10:00 a.m. Mass until 3:00 p.m.**

On **Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until after the 6:00 p.m. mass.** On **Sundays** the church will close after the 11:30 a.m. mass.



We would ask you to **please observe the no access barriers** that are

in place. These are in place for your safety and to help minimise the cleaning required due to COVID19. Failure to observe these restrictions may require the church to remain closed except for public worship which would be a shame.

GOD'S AMAZING CREATION : A BIRD'S FEATHER

This morning on the lawn, I found a bird's feather, perfectly formed, beautiful too, also simple, and complex, embracing both aerodynamics and aeronautical design.

From a small egg, the bird grew, with feathered wings, and fantastic flying skills,

It could spare a feather, and leave to show you and me, God's amazing creation !

Seán Quinn, Monkstown, 2020



Mass Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Mary Aileen O'Kelly & Frank Martin (A))

Sunday 10:00 a.m.



Bill Barrett, Mildred Dunne & Joan Lavin (RD)

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Owen O'Neill (RD)

Michelle Sullivan, Tommy & Peg McAteer, & Ray Fitzgerald (A)

Please Pray For:

Dec. Members of the Norton, Conlon & Lyddy Family

Kathleen, James & Patricia Brown , & Patrick Rafferty (A)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading:

Isaiah 22:19-23 : God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.



Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36 : Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20 :

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven .