



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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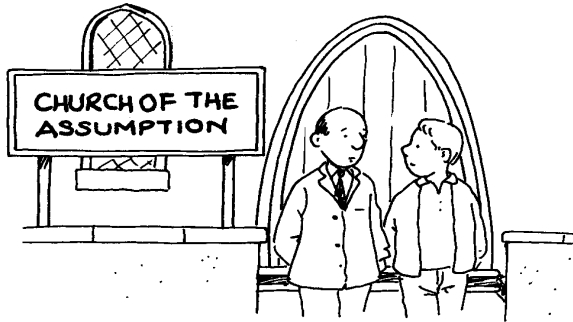
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"The new priest is very suited to this place.
He takes a lot for granted."

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.

Last Weekends Collections



First Collection: € 750

In support of the priests of the parish

Share € 240

Diocesan Development fund

Parish Envelopes: € 700



Society of St.
Vincent de
Paul

Anyone in need of
assistance please call 8550022



St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 23rd August – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Website: www.monkstownparish.ie

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL



Today's scriptures are all about keys. Keys are taken from Shebna and given to Hilkiah, a sign that God is transferring authority from one person to another, and Peter is promised the keys of the kingdom of heaven by Jesus.

Keys, of course, symbolise authority. And when we listen to Jesus's words we are left in no doubt that Peter, and in fact the Church itself, is being invested with an enormous responsibility, that of exercising authority over the things of God on earth. Whatever you decide, says Jesus, will be agreed in heaven too. And the powers of hell will never get

the better of you.

Our experience of authority is often so negative that we think about it only as people telling others what to do, what not to do, how to behave, where not to go etc. Authority becomes one person exercising control over another, being the boss and giving the orders.

But true authority is very different. The word authority comes from a Latin word that is all about growing and increasing (augere/auctoritas). If I exercise authority properly then I deal with people in such a way as to help them reach maturity, so that they grow in stature and increase in wisdom or skill.

The temptation for the Church is to use its authority to castigate others. History has seen periods in which we have excommunicated those who opposed us, and even today there are those who speak about the moral authority of the Church as if it were some sort of set of beliefs to whip people into shape with.

If the Church has the keys of authority, then it is so that the door of salvation may be opened to those who seek it. Our authority should consist in helping people to see that the Gospel message is the one sure way to grow humanly, to increase in love and compassion, to mature in wisdom. **The keys of authority work much better when instead of closing doors they unlock potential.**





Parish Office

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Normal hours on Monday, Thursday and Friday 9:15 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Congratulations to our New Eucharistic Ministers



At the 11:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday Fr. Kevin Commissioned three new Ministers of the Eucharist for service in our parish we thank



Domitalla Fagan, Henry Roche, and Moira O'Donovan for putting their names forward for service and we wish them every blessing in their ministry.

Tell no one

At a new job I took years ago, everyone I met in my first days mentioned how the general manager of the organization was a genius. They spoke of him in awed tones. And so when I met him, I was disappointed. I expected him to perform great feats of intelligence and management mastery right before my eyes. Instead he was quiet, unassuming, and down-to-earth. Mostly what he did was listen.



In the few meetings I attended with him at that time I came away annoyed that I wasn't seeing in this man what I thought everyone else was seeing. After all the build-up, I had expectations of who he ought to be and how he ought to act, and he wasn't meeting those expectations. And so, for a long time I missed seeing what later came to be quite obvious—his own brand of quiet genius. He was not one to make a big splash. His gift was being able to see the essence of things and to keep our organization focused on what mattered most. Expecting one thing, I almost missed what I had.

So when I hear Jesus advise the apostles to tell no one he was the Christ, I can finally understand his point. Perhaps what he's saying is, "Let them discover this truth fresh for themselves." After all, if they start with wrong expectations of who Jesus ought to be, they might just miss the opportunity to encounter the Living Christ.

Reflection by: Tom McGrath a veteran Catholic publisher author of Raising Faith-Filled Kids and The Meal Box.

COVID-19 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 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. **The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**



Mass Intentions



Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Alan Smyth & Martin Joyce (RD)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Michael Mannion (A)

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Bernadette Ward & Cyril McGann (RD)

Please Pray For:

Margaret Henihan (Months Mind)

Quotes for 21st Sunday

The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other people the conviction and will to carry on. *(Walter J Lippman)*

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. *(Martin Luther King)*

You cannot be a leader, and ask other people to follow you, unless you know how to follow, too. *(Sam Rayburn)*



"I preferred it when we had the old-fashioned keys to the kingdom."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time



First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 : Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name .

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 : Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God .

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27 : Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection .