



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

Supporting Pope Francis' Covid19 Emergency Fund

World Missions Ireland

In response to the worldwide pandemic, Pope Francis has announced a COVID-19 Emergency Fund to help assist fragile mission communities in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. He has opened the fund by contributing \$750,000, and all monies raised will be distributed to these communities via the local churches.



The virus has forced many to isolate. Now lack of food is becoming the most urgent and fundamental need. The Fund is being used to help feed these hungry men, women, and children. In countries, like Sierra Leone and Chad, Health and Public Announcement systems are fragile. In those places a problem is the lack of information about the virus; how it spreads and its consequences. In response, the Fund is allowing the Church to use local radio to inform parishes about the virus and the simple precautions needed to take. Thank you for playing your part in making this happen. Your support and prayers for our overseas missionaries and the people they serve are always appreciated and greatly needed.

To donate go to www.wmi.ie/covid-fund or call Fiona on 01 497 2035.

Last Weekends Collections



First Collection: € 643

In support of the priests of the parish

Share € 250

Diocesan Development fund

Parish Envelopes: € 500



St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 9th August -19th Sunday in Ordinary Time-

Website: www.monkstownparish.ie

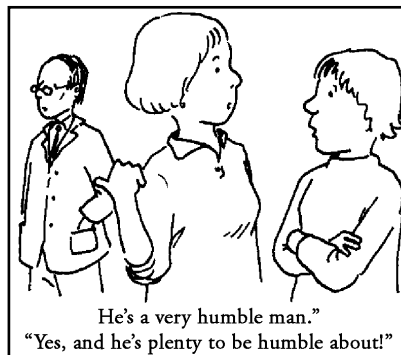
Jesus invites us to find spaces for prayer



In her book **Hope Will Find You**, Naomi Levy tells of the wisdom she has learned from her daughter Noa, who struggles with a debilitating degenerative disease. One morning in early September, little Noa woke up with a terrible bout of ataxia, the inability to keep her balance. Noa was teetering like someone who was severely drunk. Her mother wanted to keep her home from school, but Noa, just in her second week in second class, would not hear of it. Noa told her mother, "If I pray for a while I'll be OK."

So Noa picked herself up, held on to the wall, made her way to her room, stood before the mirror, and starting singing her morning prayers in Hebrew. Her mother Naomi remembers:

"She sang with great joy and purity. I was watching from a distance, not wanting to disturb her or make her self-conscious. A serenity started to flow through her body. I could see it. Her mood changed, her posture changed, her expression changed. When she was done singing, she walked straight up to me with strength and steadiness and said, 'I'm ready for school now.' And she was. Prayer could do that for her."



We tend to approach prayer as either trying to wrest what we need from an unwilling God or the reciting of formulas that express our religious identity. But prayer is to recognize God's love in our lives, to find our bearings in the life of God. Little Noa understands that: her morning prayer helps her focus on God's presence in every struggle of her day. Just as Jesus withdraws to the mountain at the beginning of today's Gospel, we, too, need sacred time where and when we can withdraw to listen to the voice of God in the quiet

of our hearts, to know the joy of doing simple, humble things for others. Jesus invites us to find spaces for prayer and make quiet time in our days in order to re-centre our lives in the reality of God's love, to hear again God's voice calling us to lives of joyful gratitude and meaningful service.

Church Roof Refurbishment Project



St. Patrick's church has served the people of Monkstown for over 150 years. Most from this area will remember with joy celebrating the first great big events of their lives there – receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

As adults, others will remember coming to St. Patrick's Church to be married. And still others will remember in sadness the Requiem Masses celebrated there for loved ones before they were brought to their place of rest: Glad they had such a sacred place to commend their dead to the Lord – and to give thanksgiving for the gift they were to their own kin. Indeed many from the area not from the Roman Catholic tradition have fond memories of just dropping in to spend a while in quiet prayer or to light a candle.

This parish church located in the heart of Monkstown is now facing the biggest struggle of its existence. Its roof needs total refurbishment. The consultant Engineers involved have warned: “if the work is not tackled immediately the extent of damage will increase along with the cost of the work – and pose health and safety issues...” This work is going to cost over €900,000 to complete.

Some weeks ago we said that we had submitted the tender reports on the project to refurbish the roof of our beautiful church to the relevant Diocesan committee for consideration and advice. We have now heard back from them with their recommendations and it is hoped to begin the refurbishment work at the end of this month. After considering the various options it was agreed to begin the work on a phased basis beginning with the upper roof and ironwork which poses the greatest risk from a health and safety point of view. The cost of this phase with the approved professional fees is in excess of €650,000. We have enough to begin this work, from the sale of the parish house on Richmond Avenue, but not to complete it and so we seek your help and support. Any amount that you can contribute would be much appreciated.

We know that this is probably not the best of times to be beginning this project but given the professional advice we have received it is felt that we cannot put it off to a later date. It is indeed a decision to either do the work or to close the church because of the health and safety issues arising from the corroding metal on the upper roof. We will be truly grateful for any donations received in ensuring that St. Patrick's parish will remain a centre of Christian worship – and whose building will continue to shine out over Monkstown, bringing God's protection to future generations.



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 **JUST 4 YOUTH!** exclusive access code. Registration and access is FREE, as always at Youth 2000.

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.



Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Rosaleen Sheppard (Month's Mind)
Charles, Mary & Joe McGrath (A)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

John Hume (RD)

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Cyril McGann (Month's Mind)

Please Pray For:

Margaret & Patrick Brennan (A)

Mary Murphy (A)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

20th Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A



First Reading:

Isaiah 56:1,6-7 : The Lord reveals his salvation to all

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32 : God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28 :

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.