

Mass Times Services are only available on the webcam because of COVID restrictions



Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m.

Sunday 11:30 a.m.



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**Society of St.
Vincent de
Paul**

Anyone in need of
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World Mission Sunday Collection:

Sunday October 18th

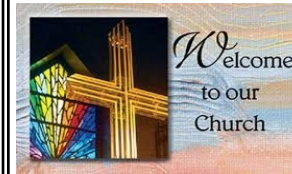
World Mission Sunday celebrations take place over the weekend of the 18th of October. In basic terms, World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual direct appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of missionaries can continue.



This year's theme **Together we can do more – blessed are the peacemakers**, reminds us that the Universal Church family is a global community that must stand together if it is to do more. It also recognises overseas missionaries as peacemakers, who like Jesus Christ, emulate love and harmony as they attempt to reunite fragile people from fractured communities, with God and each other.

Last Weekends Collections

As you are aware with no public masses there are no collections however the cost of keeping the church open for private prayer continues. Please support the parish by taking an envelope available at the back of the church and return it either to the office or to Fr. Kevin's house. Thank you.



St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 27th Sept. – 26th Sunday Year A

Website: www.monkstownparish.ie

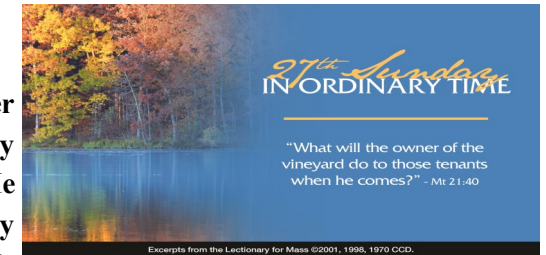
What sin can teach you

One evening at a party, shortly after they met, he said something really dumb and needlessly cruel. He thought he was being clever and funny when he was really being drunk. He has never forgotten the look of hurt on her face - and it changed him profoundly. He is a more sensitive and loving husband as a result of that horrible evening.

The twelve-year old got caught shoplifting from the small grocery store at the corner. The owner refused to press charges, on the condition that she work in the store to make restitution. In the course of the afternoons she worked sweeping and restocking shelves, she saw how hard the owner work to make a go of the little store. The youngster finished her work with a deep respect for the hard and determined work of such small-business owners.

The two couples were good friends - or so they thought. But when one couple went through a tough time, the other couple kept their distance, not wanting to get caught up in their issues. The friendship disintegrated. Then the second couple experienced a tough time themselves - and felt the loneliness and isolation they had inflicted on their one-time friends.

Father Richard Rohr, in his book **Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life**, writes that our sins can teach us, that conversion is to learn from the wrong we do and understand that all sin has real consequences for both ourselves and others. Such is the grace experienced by those who respond to John's message of righteousness: in realizing their failings and accepting responsibility for their sins, they learned compassion, forgiveness and justice. May we possess the wisdom of God's grace to learn from the bad choices we make and transform our own sins into experiences of resurrection.



Diocesan Safeguarding Day, Sunday 27th September 2020

Letter from Archbishop Martin

Sunday 27 September is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. As your Archbishop, I have made the safety and protection from abuse of the children and vulnerable members of Archdiocese a particular priority. It has been a challenge to all of us to face up to our responsibility to make reparation for the failures of the past. This year we face a different set of challenges and we do so in a situation of considerable uncertainty.

Given our uncertain financial future, we will have to learn to use our declining resources sparingly and wisely. You will be aware that it has been necessary to reduce the number employed by the Diocese including a number of people employed in the Child Safeguarding and Protection Service. However, our commitment to safeguarding and to support of victim/ survivors of abuse remains undiminished. We need to consider the implications of working with less and the opportunities this presents to look at how we share what we have. As parishes learn to work closely together, good safeguarding practice can be passed from one parish to another, for example, without always having to rely on CSPS.

Given the uncertainty surrounding bringing people together, we will have to consider how best we approach things like delivering safeguarding training. Information technology presents us with new opportunities, while also presenting challenges for those not used to using computers.

There is a third uncertainty which I wish to address. I cannot say for how much longer I will serve as your Archbishop. As I near the end of my time with you, I want to say a particular thank you for all of the work you have been doing to make the Church in Dublin a safer place for children and for vulnerable adults. Our parish clergy, already under pressure due to declining numbers, have had to accept additional responsibilities in this area, such as ensuring that those involved in public ministry are vetted. I wish to thank them all for this. I wish to thank also the hundreds of parish safeguarding representatives and the thousands who have attended safeguarding training. I wish to thank all of our parishioners who have kept faith with us through this difficult time. I wish also to acknowledge the courage of those who have spoken of their experiences of abuse in the Church. Their stories have been difficult for us to hear but they have helped us to face up to the truth and we must honour their contribution by making our parishes not just safe places but also welcoming and nurturing places for all children and vulnerable persons.

I ask you also to remember those who were abused and to pray for them

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+ Diarmuid Martin

Archbishop of Dublin

Let us pray for Vocations



**“He humbled Himself
and became obedient....”**

Philippians 2: 8

If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Speak to your local priest, or contact Dublin Vocations' Director by email at vocations@dublindiocese.ie, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Update on Refurbishment of Church Roof

This is just to say that at last we think we have sorted out the contract details for the repair and renewal of our church roof and we hope to sign contracts next week. Which will mean that work will begin around the 5th of October. We will hopefully be in a position to give you more details in next weeks newsletter.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Michael McCoy (A)

Matthew & Elizabeth
O'Sullivan (A)

Anna O'Sullivan (A)

Elizabeth, Pat & Peg O'Sullivan (A)

Michael Cleary (A)

Fr Maurice O'Moore (1st A)

James Collins (A)



St. Vincent de Paul Collections

Because of COVID19 the usual outdoor collections for the local conference of St. Vincent de Paul are unable to take place however the demand for their service has not diminished. If you would like to support them in their work envelopes are available at the back of the church.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 27th Sunday Ordinary Time



First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 : *The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard .*

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 : *Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43 : *Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.*