



## 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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## The Parish Office

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Monday to Friday

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**Society of St.  
Vincent de  
Paul**

Anyone in need of  
assistance please call 8550022



**National Grandparents Pilgrimage**

**Sunday 13th September 2020**  
**BROADCAST LIVE 3PM**  
**KNOCK BASILICA**

**Children's Prayer Appeal**  
We invite all children to send a prayer and a hug to their Grandparents

**Grandparents National Pilgrimage 2020**  
Taking place virtually at 3pm, Sunday 13th September  
at Knock Basilica

**This year due to COVID-19 restrictions,  
Capacity will be very limited in the Basilica**

We invite Grandparents and their families everywhere  
to join in praying for, and with, each other.

**PLEASE JOIN US ONLINE AT**  
**www.knockshrine.ie/watch**

Email: info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com  
Web: www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org Tel: 085 8704722

## Last Weekends Collections



**First Collection: € 732**

**In support of the priests of the parish**

**Share € 333**

**Diocesan Development fund**

**Parish Envelopes: € 1480**



**St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Website: [www.monkstownparish.ie](http://www.monkstownparish.ie)**

## Your song



In his book *Wisdom of the Heart*, Alan Cohen recounts that: When a woman in a certain African tribe knows she is pregnant, she goes out into the wilderness with a few friends and together they pray and meditate until they "hear" the "song" of the child. They recognize that every soul has its own vibration that expresses its unique purpose and essence. When the women become attuned to the song, they sing it out loud. Then they return to the tribe and teach the song to everyone else.



When the child is born, the community gathers and sings the child's song to him or her. Later, when the child begins his or her education, the village gathers and chants the child's song. When the child passes through the initiation to adulthood, the people again come together to sing. At the time of marriage, the young spouses hear their songs. And, finally, when the soul is about to pass from this world to the next, family and friends gather at the individual's bedside and, just as they sang at the dying individual's birth, they sing the person into the afterlife. There is one other occasion when these African villagers sing to the child. If, at any time during his or her life, the individual commits a crime or aberrant social act, the individual is called to the centre of the village and the people in the community form a circle around him or her. Then they sing the child's song to them. The tribe realizes that the correction for antisocial behaviour is not punishment; it is love and the remembrance of identity. When you recognize your own song, you have no desire or need to do anything that would hurt another. A friend is someone who knows your "song" and "sings" it to you when you have forgotten it. Those who love you are not fooled by mistakes you have made or dark images you hold about yourself. They remember your beauty when you feel ugly; your wholeness when you are broken; your innocence when you feel guilty; and your purpose when you are confused.

Though we do not belong to an African tribe that "sings" one another's "song" at crucial transitions in our lives, every life is, nonetheless, a constant challenge to be in "tune" with both the good and bad, to be in sync with the many communities we are a part of: family, school, community, church. That awareness is Jesus' point in today's Gospel: **God asks us to call out the best in one another, to celebrate what unites us - singing and listening to the "song" that expresses the meaning and values of our individual lives.** Gospel-centred reconciliation is not about punishing those who wrong us but confronting those misunderstandings and issues that divide us, grieve us and embitter us in order to repair broken relationships and rebuild community in the compassion and peace of God.

## Be a leader – make a difference in your world.



The **Foundational Leadership Programme** offers participants a unique opportunity to explore and develop Gospel transformational leadership Skills. These skills can be readily applied to the participants own context. The programme is a mix of input from highly experienced experts, reflective practices, mentoring, journaling, spiritual accompaniment, workshops and social immersion. Participants are required to produce a learning log as part of an overall portfolio to serve as a framework for integrative practice. This programme endeavours to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to be Gospel centred transformational leaders and change agents within their own parishes, communities. The Foundational Leadership Programme is run jointly between the Catholic and Church of Ireland Dioceses of Dublin. It will be **based mainly in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay**. It is uniquely placed to nurture and mission a new generation of faith leaders. Commitment will be **one Saturday per month starting in October 2020** (and will comply with Covid-19 measures) For more information, or online registration see [www.evangelisation.ie/2020/08/11/foundational-leadership-programme-sign-up-2020](http://www.evangelisation.ie/2020/08/11/foundational-leadership-programme-sign-up-2020) or contact Gerard Gallagher - Office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism, Email: [gerard.gallagher@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:gerard.gallagher@dublindiocese.ie), [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie) Phone – 087 2347220

## Praying the First Reading



**Ezekiel 33:7-9**

*You, son of man, I have appointed*

*watchman for the house of Israel.*

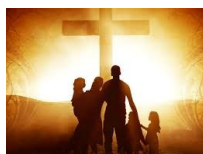
**Lord,  
make us watchers.**

**Help us to watch,  
in love, over our brothers and  
sisters.**

**Let us help them lay their hands on  
what is justly theirs:  
food, shelter, freedom, schooling,  
health care,  
and human rights.**

## Spiritual Communion:

**My Jesus, I believe  
that you are present in  
the Most Holy  
Sacrament. I love You  
above all things, and I desire to receive  
You into my soul. Since I cannot at this  
moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already  
there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from  
You. Amen.**



This prayer may be recited with the intention of receiving Holy Communion when one cannot attend Mass and/or when one is viewing Mass on the webcam

## 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.**



## Online Theology Courses – The Priory Institute



The Priory Institute are now taking registrations now for autumn online theology courses. The courses are up to degree level and are subsidised by the Irish Dominicans. If you are interested in looking at the 'big' questions of life - then these courses could be just the thing as the nights draw in and we look to an uncertain winter for more. For more information and list of courses go to: <https://www.prioryinstitute.com>

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time



**First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:9** *Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.*

**Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9** : *We belong to the Lord.*

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35** : Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

## Mass Intentions



**Saturday 6:00 p.m.**

Evelyn Corrigan (A)

Marie English & John Terry (RD)

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

Sheila Buckley and Maureen McAllister (RD)

**Sunday 11:30 a.m.**

Denis & Elizabeth Healy (A)

Eithna Duffy (A)



*"When I got home late last night my wife went hysterical."  
"Don't you mean hysterical?"  
"No. She went on about everything I've ever done wrong!"*