

**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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### The Parish Office

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### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. Drivers with a free weekday availability and who can commit to driving twice a month. Please **email Gail at [gflinter@irishcancer.ie](mailto:gflinter@irishcancer.ie) or call 01 2310 566** for an application form. **Due to the impact of the Coronavirus we are seeking drivers under the age of 70 years.**



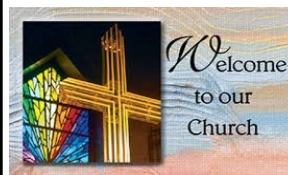
### St. Vincent de Paul Collections

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.



**Anyone in need of assistance please call 8550022**



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

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A**

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

### RETURN TO SENDER

To understand the parable about the wedding invitations we have to look back to Jesus' time and then forward to our own day.

The parable, about guests who turned down the invitation and about people off the street being welcomed in their place, was an explosive and revolutionary piece of preaching. It angered the chief priests and elders because it was clearly intended to point out that if the Jews refused to believe in Jesus, then their invitation to the kingdom of heaven would be sent elsewhere.

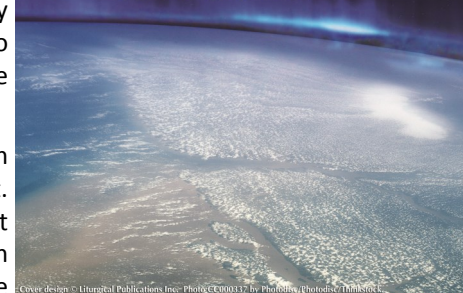
When we come to our own day we can rush in and think that we know what it's all about. Surely we are the people called in off the street who are given that chance of salvation which some of the Jews rejected? Maybe. But don't we run the same risk of being invited and failing to turn up for the wedding ourselves? We could be the original guests! None of the invited guests refused the invitation because they couldn't be bothered. They each had a plausible excuse: the farm needed tending, a pressing business appointment clashed with the date, etc.

Our greatest danger is not that we will send the invitation back marked "Return to Sender", but that we will never quite get round to answering it. And as the card stands on our spiritual mantelpiece we will glance at it from time to time and keep telling ourselves that we really must do something about it. Perhaps doing something about it might be going to see that person we know is sick and would love a visit, or curbing our sharp tongue, or stopping being slack at work, or taking the family out for once, or saying those prayers we know we need to, or... Whatever it is, we are unlikely to give God a flat refusal. We are more likely to "mean" to get round to it.

And what about that poor guest who was invited and then thrown out for not having the right wedding clothes? The only garment we are required to put on for the wedding is conversion. To turn up to the feast with no intention of changing our ways will simply get us ejected. Conversion, yes, I "meant" to get round to that too.

"Everything  
**we gain**  
comes from  
what **we give.**"

~ St. Teresa of Ávila





## Update on Refurbishment of Church Roof

During the refurbishment of the roof the church will be open (hopefully COVID restrictions lifted) for daily mass at 10:00 a.m. but will be closed after mass to allow the work to continue.

Up until this point because of the restriction of only 50 people being able to attend a mass we were having all funerals at 11:00 a.m. but this will not be possible during the work. Funerals will revert to 10:00 a.m. and our regular daily mass attendees will have to join us on webcam on those days. We will endeavour to give as much notice as we can of upcoming funerals and we pray for your understanding.



Sunday masses, weddings and baptisms will continue as normal.

## World Mission Sunday Collection:

**Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>**



**MISSION  
SUNDAY**

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.

## SUPPORTING THE PARISH FINANCIALLY DURING THE PANDEMIC

A frequently asked question posed by parishioners concerns how to support the parish financially at this time. Like so many individuals, organisations and businesses, COVID 19 is placing serious financial pressure upon our parish, especially in the absence of public Masses. To facilitate parishioners who would like to make a donation online, we have provided this facility on our website [www.monkstownparish.ie](http://www.monkstownparish.ie).



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

Envelopes are also available in the church and can be dropped in to Fr. Kevin's house or to the parish office. Thanks for your continued support.

## Mass Intentions

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

Nora Granville & Jean Brown (A)

Jim & Rita Brown & Michael King (A)

Noel & Dorothy Peart & Anthony Delahunty (A)

**Please Pray for:**

Alan Smurfit & Helen Grace (RD)



## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time



**First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6** : *The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.*

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b** : *Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.*

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21** : *The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.*