

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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**St. Vincent
de Paul**



Anyone in need of assistance please call 8550022



HELP

SENIOR LINE

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. **Freefone 1800 80 45 91**

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

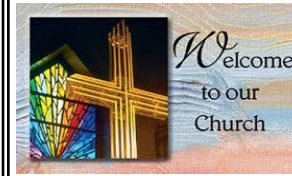
During the roof restoration work the church will be open for private prayer on Saturday and Sundays only.

Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Sunday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED DURING THE LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS

For all parish queries contact Fr. Kevin on 0872242230 or by email revkevmonkstown1@gmail.com



St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 1st Nov. – Feast of All Saints

Website: www.monkstownparish.ie

A LITANY OF SAINTS

The COVID-19 pandemic is most frequently portrayed in numbers: the number of new cases a day, the number of hospitalizations, the number of deaths.



But some of us know all too painfully that every one of those numbers is a human being: someone who loved and was loved, someone whose life was a story worth telling and remembering. A new Twitter feed has been set up to tell those stories. @FacesofCovid combs newspapers — collecting the stories of the thousands who have died of the coronavirus. It reads like a litany of saints:

Margaret, the loving mother and grandmother, remembered by family and friends for her selflessness and generosity. Michael, a 33-year veteran volunteer firefighter and EMT in his community who died after contracting COVID-19 during a response to a residence where the patient had a known case of the virus. Ashlee, 34, a middle-school special-ed teacher, adored by her students, who was known to use her own money to pay for whatever a student needed, from school supplies to clothes. Maria, 63, known as the “mother” of the emergency room where she worked as head nurse. One of her four adult daughters — all of whom are nurses — said of her mom, “She showed me how to be selfless.” @FacesofCovid is the work of Alex Goldstein, a communications company executive. “I think it is very easy in moments like this to allow ourselves to become numb to the statistics and not see the faces that are behind these numbers.” @FacesOfCOVID has been up and running on Twitter since the end of March. With the help of his friend Scott Zoback, Goldstein spends some time each day scouring the websites of about 40 top regional newspapers across the country. They read every story so they can add a thread about the individual's life — and how family and community were blessed by his or her presence. **Their work is a “litany of saints” for this difficult time.**

Today we celebrate the feast of all the saints — not just the “official” saints like the Elizabeth Setons and the Francises and the Thomas Mores and the Mother Teresas — but the saints we have known and who have lived among us, the “blessed” of the Gospel through whom God touches us and our world. Today we honour the holy men and women who have walked among us and who have touched our lives by the example of their humility and selflessness, their generosity and compassion. **Let us remember with gratitude today the blessings they have been to us; may the lives of our own “litany of saints” inspire us to follow the example of their grace-filled lives so that, one day, we may join their company in the dwelling place of God.**

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. At the beginning of the first lockdown in March the priests of the Diocese agreed to a 25% salary reduction however the finances of the diocese are in such a precarious state that this may not even be sufficient to get us through this difficult period.

The parish has also been missing out on the regular income that came from the envelope collection. Contributions to the parish are down nearly 60% since March but the cost of running the parish has not decreased to the same extent. We urgently need your financial support to see us through this period of forced shutdown.

To facilitate parishioners who would like to make a donation online, we have provided this facility on our website www.monkstownparish.ie.

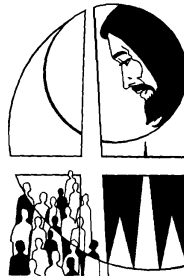
Envelopes are also available in the church and can be dropped in to Fr. Kevin's house or to the parish office. Thanks for your continued support.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST



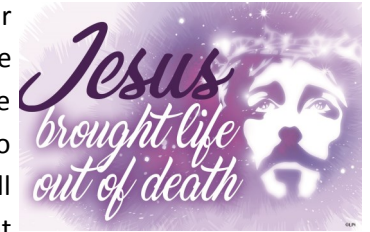
We are currently compiling the Altar List of the Dead for the year ahead. The names on the list are remembered at the First Friday Mass throughout the year and at all weekend masses in November. If you would like to

have a loved ones name included on the list please collect an envelope and sheet from the back of the church on a Saturday or Sunday and return it to either Fr. Kevin's house or the parish office.



PARISH MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Each year we have a mass when we remember those who have died during the previous twelve months. Usually we invite the families of the deceased to gather with us for the mass to remember their loved ones. This of course will not be possible this year because of the current



COVID restrictions. However on the last Sunday of the church year **Sunday 22nd of November** we invite you to join us via the parish webcam for a mass of remembrance at 11:30 a.m. when the names of all those who have died during the year will be read out and a candle lit in their memory. If you have a loved one whose funeral took place in the past twelve months outside the parish and you wish to have them included please email the name to Fr. Kevin revkevmonkstown1@gmail.com before the 15th of November.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Jack & Fein Willis (A)
Wesley Acres (A)
Dermott Baker (1st A)

Jimmy Slevin (R.D.)
Paul Doyle (R.D.)



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 32nd Sunday of the Year



First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 : *Wisdom will come to those who seek it.*

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 : *God will raise all those who have died.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13 : *Jesus teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.*