

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**



**"If God expects us to love everyone
then why did he make brothers?"**

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

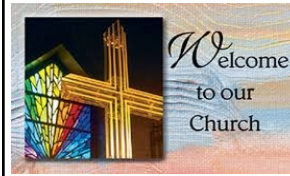
During the roof restoration work the church will be open for private prayer on Saturday and Sundays only.

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
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St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

Sunday 25th Oct. – 30th Sunday Year A

Website: www.monkstownparish.ie

UPSTAIRS-DOWNSTAIRS

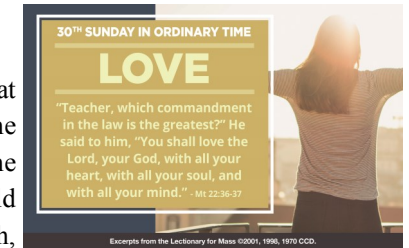
There is an English waterside town that underwent great growth in the middle of the nineteenth century. As the rather affluent people made their homes in the area, the Church began to cater for their needs and to build churches where they could worship. In one such parish, where the families were not short of a penny, they decided to build another smaller church. This was not really needed, but it catered for their servants!

The Christian message is that, whatever arrangements society may make, in the Church there can be no upstairs-downstairs divisions. In fact, although we might be tempted to think that loving our neighbour means just that, the Bible is quick to point out that our neighbour may be someone quite removed from us.

So when Jesus demanded that to love God we must love our neighbour as ourselves, he was not thinking of inviting over the Sherrington-Holroyds for afternoon tea. He would have been only too aware of how the Jewish scriptures returned time and time again to three categories of "neighbour" as the yardsticks for our love of God: strangers, widows and orphans.

Strangers (or foreigners) couldn't speak the language, were disoriented from being in a different culture, and often were cheated by money exchangers. Widows and orphans were not only objects of genuine pity but were defenceless. In a male dominated society they had no one to speak up for them, depended on charity and carried no clout when it came to getting justice.

The only way we can be sure of loving God is by loving our neighbour as ourselves, by treating them in exactly the same way as we would want to be treated. And the measuring stick that is used for this love is how we treat the most vulnerable of our world (strangers, widows and orphans), those whom it is not fashionable to champion, those who can offer us nothing in return. The Bible tells us to love "one of them". Maybe even the Sherrington-Holroyds



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.

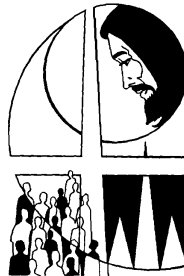
Envelopes are also available in the church and can be dropped in to Fr. Kevin's house or to the parish office. Thanks for your continued support.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST



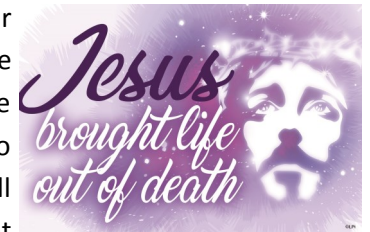
We are currently compiling the Altar List of the Dead for the year ahead. The names on the list are remembered at the First Friday Mass throughout the year and at all weekend masses in November. If you would like to

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.

Nora, Daniel Michael O'Shea (A)

Edward & Gerard Brazil (A)

Michael Heir (A)

Bridget & Thomas Donoghue (A)

Nancy Nebel (A)



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS All Saints



First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4,9-14 : John describes his vision: those who have endured the trials worship the Lamb .

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 : We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 : Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.