

**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  
assistance please call 8550022



### Day for Life

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a

day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

This year's Day for Life is celebrated here this Sunday 4 October and will focus on the theme: **'Choose Life'.**

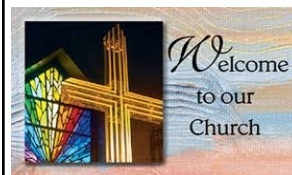
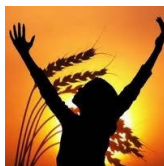
A leaflet from the Irish Conference of Bishops is available at the back of the church.

### CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

**Monday to Friday from after  
the 10:00 a.m. Mass until  
4:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday from after the 11:30 a.m. mass  
until 4:00 p.m.**



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

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A**

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

### HENRY'S FARM

People who saw Henry Jenkins's farm would murmur to themselves. It was set in one of the most beautiful valleys in the area, with rolling fields that lolled into the distance and disappeared over the gentle inclines of the hills and mountains.

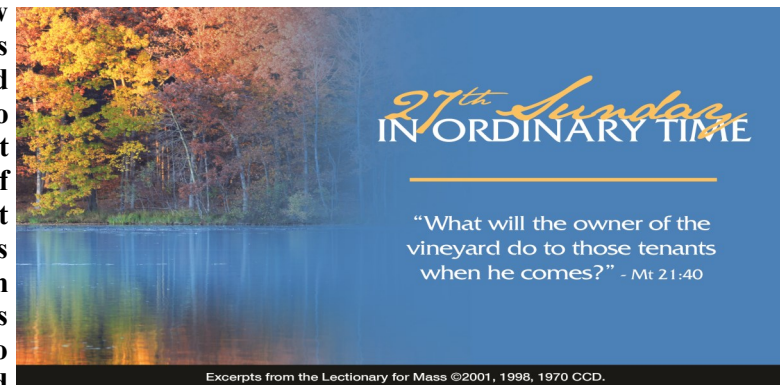
Although the farm was quite productive since Henry had a good herd of prize cattle and a flock of hardy sheep, there were one or two things that stood out as being rather bizarre.

The farmhouse was only just habitable. The rumour was that Henry had had a row with his family and when his father died Henry had been passed over and all the property had been bequeathed to Edward Jenkins, his younger brother with whom he didn't get on. Henry was allowed to stay in it until he died. But knowing that Edward would inherit the house and land, he had deliberately spent nothing on it and let it go to wrack and ruin. The roof leaked, the window frames were rotten and the wall was on the verge of toppling down.

The arable fields that once were vast swathes of corn and barley had been left to grow into brambles and briars. There was plenty of opportunity for the land to be productive, but this was yet another way for Henry to get back at Edward.

Henry didn't mind living in the place. He earned more than enough to live on from the animals and he couldn't be bothered to put himself out. A few buyers came and tried to offer him a large amount for the property, given its potential. But Henry wasn't interested and of course never mentioned it to Edward.

The sting in the tail came one November's evening. News arrived that his younger brother had died. And when the will was read, Edward had left the farmhouse and all the property to Henry.





## Update on Refurbishment of Church Roof

Contracts for the refurbishment of the church roof were signed during this past week. Work will commence during the week of the 5th of October and will last for approximately 24 weeks.

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>**

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).

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.



Thanks for Your Support!



## 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.

## Mass Intentions



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

Pat & Annie Murray (A)

Carmel O'Neill (A)

Jack Hutchinson (A)

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time



**First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10a : *The Lord will provide richly for his people .*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 : *Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.*

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14 : *Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.*