



MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday at 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Please note that there is a limit to 50 people at each mass and face coverings must be worn.

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"Well, at least he'll be brought up in a stable home!"



Thanks for Your Support!

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

1st Collection €965

Share €599

Parish Envelopes €465

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Anyone in need of Assistance please call 01 8550022



St. Patrick's Parish, Monkstown

13th December 2020 3rd Sunday of Advent

POINTING BEYOND THE OBVIOUS



The Sports Personality of the Year has broken with tradition and decided to award a prize for someone who has won no sporting achievement. The award goes to the best back-room person, the best supporting act. So technically it could go to a caddie, to someone who paints the lines on the pitch, someone who drives the swimmers to the pool or someone who washes the kit. It's good to recognise that it's OK to be Number Two. That's because these people all make it possible for their friends to be Number One.

John the Baptist would have been in the reckoning for this year's award. The whole purpose of his life was to play second fiddle to his cousin, Jesus. His preaching and his ministry pointed to someone whose shoes he wasn't even worthy to undo. He was a witness to someone greater than himself. Yet his own work prepared the way for the Lamb of God.

John the Baptist knew who he wasn't. He made it clear that he was not the Messiah. He also knew who he was. When they asked him who he was he could have built himself up: a great prophet, a wonder-preacher etc. But he simply said that he was a voice. Voices come and go, and some of them are never heard. Jesus is described as the "Word", the "message" of God that has existed from all eternity the fullness of God's plan for humanity. But John says he is simply a passing voice that points to the "Word".

In the run-up to Christmas we are challenged as Christians. And our challenge is to be the voice of our time that points to something and someone that the world might not see. We are called to be witnesses to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. And in particular we are called to bear witness to the fact that behind all the shallow glossiness of the season and the one-dimensional celebration of indulgence there lies a reality that shocks some and thrills others: our God has taken flesh and become one of us so that he might teach us how to be like him. This is what we prepare for during Advent and celebrate at Christmas. And while we do so we point beyond the obvious to someone and something that only faith can see.

PARISH WEBSITE: WWW.MONKSTOWNPARISH.IE

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

THIS WEEKEND 12TH & 13TH DECEMBER



SVP will be conducting our Giving Sunday collection on Sunday 13th December. Our Conferences visit many families and people in need across communities in Ireland.

The funds raised will be spent in the local community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs throughout the winter and beyond. SVP rely almost entirely on the support of generous parishioners.

You can also donate directly to our Conferences at svp.ie/ donate or calling 0818 176 176.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous support throughout the years.

HELP NEEDED AT MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

Due to the Government restrictions of a maximum of 50 people attending mass, we plan to celebrate six masses, three on Christmas Eve and three on Christmas Day. **This will only be possible if we have sufficient volunteers to assist with the stewarding and sanitising of the church after each mass.** The schedule planned is as follows:

Christmas Eve (Thursday 24th)

First Mass of Christmas: 5:30 pm

Vigil Mass 7:00 pm

Night Mass 8:30 pm

Christmas Day (Friday 25th)

Dawn Mass of Christmas 8:30 am

Morning Masses 10:00 am and 11:30 am

We need

YOU!



We would like to have six volunteers per mass. If you feel you can safely help for any of the masses and have any free time please get in touch with Deacon Eric by Text, WhatsApp or email: Eric can be contacted as follows:

Text / WhatsApp: (087) 668 3499,

Email: eric.g.cooney@gmail.com

Alternatively you can call into the Parish Office and leave your details with Ann.



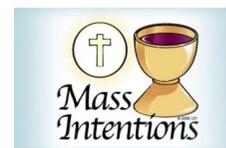
NEW LEVEL THREE COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

The church is open for mass at 10:00 am (Mon - Fri), but will continue to close for the remainder of the day from after mass on weekdays due to the works on the roof. The church will be open for private prayer on Saturdays and Sundays.

PLEASE NOTE

Attendance is restricted to 50 people, but for funerals this remains at 25 people. In the event of a funeral we ask parishioners to participate via the Webcam to ensure all 25 spaces are available for the bereaved family.

COVID guidelines apply regarding wearing of masks, social distancing etc.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.

Frances McClelland (M.M.)

Olive & Fredrick Hudson (A)

Lily Horan (A)

SUNDAY: 10:00 A.M.

Patrick Walsh (A)

Paul Delahunty (A)

11:30 A.M.

William McCoy (A)

Dave O'Leary (A)

Sarah & Gerard O'Toole (A)



Next Sunday's Readings

4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16:



The Lord promises David that he will raise from his descendants a kingdom that will endure forever.

Second Reading:

Romans 16:25-27

Paul praises God for making his revelation known.

Gospel:

Luke 1:26-38:

The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

