

# St Patrick's Parish Monkstown

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### Mass Times

Weekdays (Mon – Fri) @ 10 AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass @ 6 PM  
Sunday: 10 AM & 11:30 AM

### Baptism

Normally on 2nd and 4th Sundays  
of the month at 12.30pm.  
Enquiries to the parish office.

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notices visit  
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# Week Beginning Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 **PALM SUNDAY**

## Communal Reconciliation Services in our Parish Grouping



**Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Kill O the Grange Parish**  
(Church of the Holy Family)  
Penitential Service @ **7:00 pm.**

**Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Foxrock Parish**  
(Our Lady of Perpetual Succour)  
Penitential Service @ **7:30 pm**

## Monkstown Parish - St. Patrick's Church

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Sacrament of Confession available from 12:30 until 1 pm**

## Parish Schedule for Easter Triduum



### HOLY THURSDAY (April 17)

**No Morning Mass**

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
9:00 p.m. – 10 p.m. Watch & Pray

### GOOD FRIDAY (April 18)

12:00 p.m. Children's Stations of the Cross  
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY (April 19)

**No Morning Mass**

8:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY (April 20)

10:00 a.m. Mass & 11:30 a.m. Mass

### EASTER WEEK (Mon 21<sup>st</sup> to Fri 25<sup>th</sup>)

10:00 a.m. Mass

## Mass Times In Our Parish Partnership as of April 2025

Day	Monkstown	Blackrock	Kill O the Grange	Newtownpark	Foxrock
Monday	10:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	No Mass	No Mass	10:00 a.m.	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday Vigil	6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	No Mass	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12 Noon	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12 Noon	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

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## ANNIVERSARIES

We remember and pray  
for the following whose anniversaries  
occur at this time.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 6 pm Vigil Mass**  
Jenny Delahunty (A)

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 10 AM Mass**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April - 11:30 AM Mass**

Leslie O'Brien (A)  
Frank Peterson (A)  
Mary Timmons (A)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen

## BAPTISM

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - Baby: Louis Dunne

## Notices

### PRO TERRA SANTCA COLLECTION

Following a request from the Holy  
See, Archbishop Farrell has this year  
again asked that we take up  
a **collection on Good Friday for the  
Holy Land, Pro Terra Sancta.**

This collection takes place in  
dioceses throughout the world. We  
are invited to pray and to collect  
funds for the Catholic community in  
the Holy Land and for the  
maintenance of the Holy Places  
there.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Calling all children of  
Monkstown. Hop over to  
The Old Schoolhouse on  
Easter Sunday @ 11:30 for  
an Easter Egg Hunt.



### PARISH LOTTO

This week's lotto numbers were  
**9 - 10 17 - 18**

The Lotto prize remains at €3,000  
The winner of the weekly draw for €25 is  
**Séamus Cannon**

## Fr Kevin's Reflection for Palm Sunday - 2025

For many, the pandemic is not over. Many suffer from "long COVID" and it's devastating symptoms: a constant state of exhaustion, an inability to process intellectually, constant headaches and hallucinations.

Phillip Hoover has suffered from long-term COVID for more than two years. In an essay in The Times [January 31, 2025], the 37-year-old screenwriter writes about the effects his illness has had on his marriage to his wife, Lauren:

"Loving your partner 'in sickness' sounds noble, romantic even. In reality, its gut wrenching. For Lauren, it meant having to smile through a Zoom meeting one minute then talk me down from an epic anxiety spiral the next. It meant becoming our sole breadwinner while also taking on the cooking (which was my thing), cleaning and everything else. Sometimes I would hear her in the bathroom, door shut and tap running to drown out the sound of her crying. That's what loving me in sickness meant . . ."

Worst of all, Philip writes, the couple stopped "talking about becoming parents or traveling or planning for anything beyond what we would have for dinner, because it was hard to believe in a future where any of it was possible."

For help with Philip's care, the couple moved in with his parents. On his 38<sup>th</sup> birthday, Philip found himself sobbing helplessly on the couch in his parent's home. So one night, Philip told the person who meant more to him than anything in the world "that she should move on" without him.

Lauren countered: "It's not up to you to decide how much I can take. That's my choice."

"I don't know where this will leave me," Philip said.

"I know," Lauren replied.

"If you found someone else, I'd forgive you."

"But they wouldn't be **you.**"

**You.**

"Her words made me see something for the first time," Phillip writes.

"Where I saw a person I no longer recognized, Lauren saw the same man she loved, who happened to be suffering from an illness. She reminded me that, beneath my symptoms, I was still me.

"I had projected my worst fear onto her. Yes, my health had dragged her through hell. But she was steadfast. She was by my side through the multiple trips to the A&E. She was there to rub my back when my pain flared, to pull a blanket over me when my fatigue glued me to the couch. Lauren had already grieved our old life and opened herself up to the possibilities of our new one. She was just waiting for me to catch up . . ."

In a moment recorded only in Luke's Gospel, Jesus becomes the entry point for the condemned thief to make his way to Paradise, the dwelling place of God. In much the same way, Lauren's constant, uncompromising love becomes the entry point for Philip to experience hope and optimism despite the "cross" of his long COVID.

"Today you will be with me in Paradise" — every act of generosity and mercy resonates with this promise and springs from the same source. In imitating Christ's mercy, in taking up his work of reconciliation, in becoming agents of his peace, we profess our hope that Paradise not only exists in the future but exists now, hidden in the present — and we can be the entry way for others to experience Paradise in this time and place as well as the next.