

MONKSTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

Week Beginning Sunday 18th May

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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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INAUGURATION OF POPE LEO XIV

May the Lord bless Pope Leo XIV as he begins his sacred ministry. May his leadership be guided by wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith. May his words bring hope, his actions inspire peace, and his heart remain steadfast in service to all. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayer at mass this week the following whose anniversaries and month's mind occur at this time:

- Jacqueline O'Mahony (1stA)
- Mick & Maureen Marah (A)
- Don Marah (A)
- Martin Ronan (A)
- Gretta Hynes (A)

- Josephine & Vincent Mullaney (A)
- Fred Treacy (A)
- Deceased members of the Mullaney & Treacy families
- Mary English (Recently Deceased)

RECENT PARISH FUNERALS

We remember in our prayers the following whose funerals took place this last week.

- **Brendan Cox** (Wed 14th May)

FUNERALS NEXT WEEK

We remember in our prayers the following whose funerals will take place this week.

- **Don Henihan** (Monday 19th @ 10 am)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children from Monkstown Park Junior School who will celebrate their First Holy Communion here in St. Patrick's on Sunday **18th May @ 10 am.**

CBC GRADUATION MASS

The students of CBC Monkstown Park will celebrate their Graduation Mass here on Saturday 17th @ 6 pm.

PARISH LOTTO

Aoife O'Shea is the winner of this week's lotto draw. The jackpot has still to be won.

SVP Monthly collection next weekend.

ENERGY IN YOUR HOME

Next Tuesday, May 20, at 7pm, the Diocese are providing an online event in conjunction with the **SEAI**. The event will offer an opportunity for parishioners to find out more about how to save energy at home – both through low-cost measures and through investing in energy upgrades with SEAI grants. This online event will provide an opportunity for homeowners to 'Ask the Expert' on grants and retrofitting.

To register for this free event, please visit the parish website or scan the QR code.



LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

This weekend (17/18 May) the share collection will be replaced by a special collection to support the growth of Lay Ministry in our Diocese.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The dates for the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are 4th to 9th September 2025, led by Archbishop Farrell. The Pilgrimage includes: direct return flight from Dublin to Lourdes, airport transfers between Lourdes Airport and the hotels, five nights' accommodation, meals, 20kg check-in luggage plus one small personal item in the cabin, and services of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives.

FURTHER INFORMATION

email: info@joewalshstours.ie
or phone Dublin: 01 241 0800

MASCAGNI CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA

Join **Dun Laoghaire Choral Society** for an evening of opera featuring **Mascagni Cavalleria Rusticana** and selected choruses. Sun 25th May @ 7:30 pm in Church of Ireland, Monkstown. Tickets €30 at Eventbrite.ie or at the door.

**Commentary on the readings
for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Revelations
21:1-5; John 13:31-35*

In the first reading we see Saints Paul and Barnabas going back to some of the places where they had earlier visited and brought the Word of God. As they travel they encourage the people to remain faithful to the message they had given them. The news of the faith of other groups encouraged the faithful and they in turn remained faithful.

In the second reading from St John's vision we are told about the New Jerusalem. It will be a place of peace and happiness for all eternity, will be created by God and he himself will live there. This is the new kingdom towards which we are all striving and about which Christ taught us.

In our gospel text we go back to the scene on Holy Thursday night just as Judas leaves the upper room.

Christ declares that the time for his glorification has now come and before he departs he gives the disciples a new commandment and tells them that **they must love one another in imitation of his love for them.** If we are to be the Lord's disciples and if we are to be worthy of heaven, the New Jerusalem, then we too must love one another.

If we live a life of love then others will see that we really are Christians and, through our example, their own faith may be renewed and strengthened as in the first reading.

*The Introduction to the readings above are
from the Irish Province of the Carmelites.
www.Carmelites.ie*

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tue 20th - St. Bernardine of Siena
Wed 21st - St Christopher Magallanes
& his Companions (Martyrs)

Fr Kevin's

**Reflection for the
Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**"I give you a new commandment, love one another.
By this love you have for one another will people know
that you are my disciples."**

In 1983 Kenneth Waters was sent to prison for the murder of a young woman in Ayer, Massachusetts. Despite his insistence that he had been at work the night of the killing, the jury found him guilty of first-degree murder and he was sentenced to life in prison.

His sister Betty Anne was convinced of her brother's innocence and she decided to go to law school. She was divorced with two young children to raise and support, and so she worked as a waitress on weekends to pay her way through College. She graduated in 1997, 14 years later, and was admitted to the bar at the age of 40. All the while she spoke to her brother three times a week and told him not to give up hope.

This new attorney called for a search of DNA evidence and secure the release of a sample of blood from the crime scene. She began the long process of getting the blood tested and compared to her brother's DNA. In February 2001, the results came back: Kenneth Water's DNA did not match the blood found at the crime scene.

On 15th March 2001 Kenneth Waters was released from prison. Upon his release, Kenneth, with tears in eyes, said with both pride and gratitude, "What about this sister of mine!" Bette Anne Waters did nothing less than put aside her own life for 18 years to save her brother.

A dramatic example, true, but maybe not so rare in another way. Often we see situations where people's love is stretched and great generosity is called for and given, day after day. You see it in families who nurse a loved one who can't care for themselves anymore, in people who care for those with alcohol or drug problems, with people who are very ill or severely handicapped. Love and generosity are called for and are given, every day.

And you see that love, that generosity, that service of others every day, in ordinary things: in all the time and care taken to cook meals, to wash and iron clothes, in work done to earn money so that children and spouses can be secure and happy, in work done properly and carefully so that it will be right, in thoughtful gestures, in asking how you feel, in remembering special occasions, in taking time to listen, comfort or encourage, in small little jobs that are hardly noticed but take time and are done for us.

All of our lives depend on and are enriched by the service of others, by people who give of their time and talent for us. Today, take time to appreciate them. Our world is built on little acts of love and also, to decide to make our own contribution to that world.

St Therese of Lisieux believed her vocation was not to be a great missionary or to do extraordinary things, but to follow what she called her "Little Way", of making her every act a service of others, of doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, of making her every act an act of love. Maybe we could make this week a week of choosing love by trying to follow her "Little Way."