

MONKSTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER 11th Week in Ordinary Time Beginning Sunday 15th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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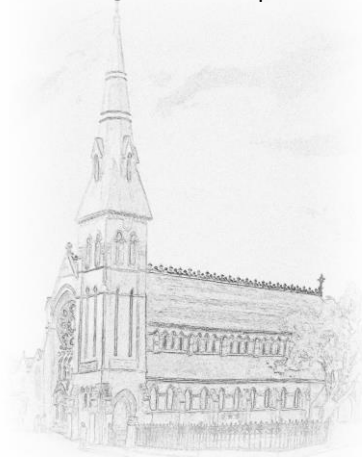
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Mass Times

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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PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- **Joseph and Annie Byrne (A)**
Deceased Members of the Byrne Family
- **Brendan Cox** (Month's Mind)
- **Frank & Kathleen O'Flynn (A)**
- **Helen Sweetman (RD)**

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

There will be no mass on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday this week. Deacon Eric will lead a prayer service on these mornings @ 10 am.

Monday 16th **Mass** @ 10 am
Tuesday 17th **Mass** @ 10 am
Wednesday 18th **Prayer Service** @ 10 am
Thursday 19th **Prayer Service** @ 10 am
Friday 20th **Prayer Service** @ 10 am



Gaza / Ukraine / Sudan

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE & HEALING

Deacon Eric will lead a Holy Hour of prayer and reflection **next Thursday 19th June, from 7 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Here in St. Patrick's Church, Monkstown.

Together as a parish community, we will gather before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for peace, an end to violence, and healing for all suffering from war, famine, and injustice—especially in Palestine, Gaza, Ukraine, and Sudan.

Let us stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world through the power of prayer.



**Clean Coasts Ireland
Summer Beach Clean Sat. 28th June**

Monkstown Village Tidy District (MVTD) in association with Clean Coasts Ireland will be cleaning the seashore from the Dun Laoghaire Pumping Station at Salthill Car Park to the bathing area at Seapoint.

We will assemble at Salthill & Monkstown Dart Station at 10.30am on Saturday 28th June and work until 11.45am. MVTD and Clean Coasts Ireland will provide gloves, pickers, hi-vis vests and instructions on the areas to be cleaned.

SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition 2025

MVTD is entering the SuperValu Tidy Towns competition for the first time in 2025. Judging commences on 7th June and we can be assessed by the judges at any time from that date until the end of August 2025. MVTD are calling on residents and business owners to play your part by keeping the area outside your home or premises litter and weed free during the judging period.

SVP COLLECTION



Our local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly collection after all masses next weekend (21st & 22nd June).

Parish Lotto

Marie Walsh is the winner of this week's lotto draw. The jackpot has still to be won.

ZOOM SUMMER SCHOOL ON THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom a Summer School on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary for 6 Sundays. Starting on Sunday the 22nd of June at 7:30pm. The series is a mixture of video and discussion. To join please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

**Commentary on the readings
for the Most Holy Trinity**

*Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8;
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15*

It is our firm belief that God is a Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – and even though we may not understand how this can be, today we celebrate that fact in the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Our readings for this solemnity reflect this Trinitarian aspect of God.

In the first reading from the Old Testament Book of Proverbs we see Wisdom telling us that she had existed before anything was created and she was at the Creator's side through all of creation.

Today, we understand Jesus to be the personification of Wisdom and so we believe that he was at the Father's side through all of creation.

In the Gospel reading from St John, we see Jesus telling his disciples that he has many things to say to them, though not enough time, but that the Spirit will guide them after he has returned to the Father. The word 'trinity' may not have been used by Christ but in this short passage all three persons are mentioned by him and all are clearly equal.

In our second reading from St Paul to the Romans, Paul too speaks of the Trinity because he tells us that through Christ, we draw close to the Father with the perseverance and hope given us by the Spirit. The Father wants us to be with him and his Son has shown us the way while the Spirit fortifies us for the journey.

All that remains is for us to accept that guidance and follow the path marked out by Christ.

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

**Fr Kevin's Reflection
for the Solemnity of
The Most Holy Trinity**

Pick up any musical instrument and play the note "A." That particular sound has been "A" since the beginning of time, it will be "A" today and tomorrow and next week, it will be "A" a thousand years from now. Whether it is heard in an aria from a Mozart opera, a Stephen Sondheim composition or a guitar riff from Eric Clapton, that singular sound is "A".

The most important tool in a good carpenter's toolbox or on a designer's drafting table is the T-square. This simple measuring device enables cutting wood at perfect 90-degree angles and drawing straight and plumb horizontal lines. Whether building a sandbox or skyscraper, whether designing a cottage or office building, the T-square makes every line and angle true.

Take a handful seeds and plant them in the ground; water and care for them, and soon a plant will sprout. Every seed has the potential to produce a bountiful harvest for the family table or a garden of great beauty and delight. Whether we use those seeds to feed the starving or amass great wealth for ourselves, a seed, carefully planted and nourished, holds within its seed coat the potential to produce a great harvest.

Think about the person you love most and who loves you most. In their eyes you will always find welcome, in their embrace you will always feel safe, in their presence you will always know joy. Relationships are risky — we risk rejection, vulnerability, being taken advantage of. But when we open ourselves to the possibilities, when we put aside our own wants and expectations, love grows, heals and fulfils.

Today's feast of the Trinity calls us to realize the lasting and eternal gifts of God: the beauty of inspiration, the wonders of nature, the constancy of science, the completeness of love. How we use and experience these things are the beginnings of finding God and discovering the purpose of this life God has given us. This Trinity Sunday we stop and ponder the many ways God makes his presence known to us: in the eternity of time, in the constancy of nature, in the wonders of science, in the life-giving and affirming experience of selfless love; we give thanks for the grace that is ours in God who is loving Father and Creator, God who is teacher and redeemer, God who is love that binds us to one another as family and community and church. May we give thanks for such extraordinary grace by the ordinary ways we reveal that grace in this time and place of ours.

DAY FOR LIFE – THIS SUNDAY – JUNE 15th

This year's **Day for Life, Sunday** is an invitation to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them like the Good Samaritan, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value. We see this closeness in the generous and fruitful service of healthcare professionals, whose mission continues even when there is no longer any prospect of physical healing. We see it in another way in families, carers and chaplains who support their brothers and sisters who are sick or frail or struggling with the many burdens of life. As Christians, we affirm them and hold out to them the hope of Jesus Christ who does not disappoint us.

