

MONKSTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

12th Week in Ordinary Time

Beginning Sunday 22nd June

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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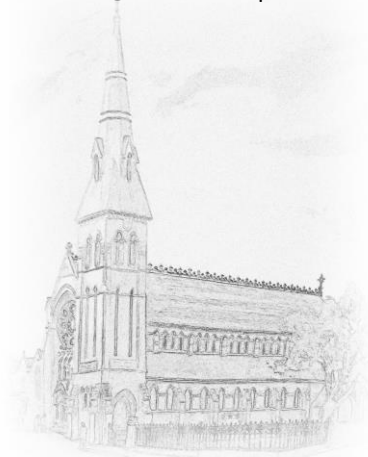
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Mass Times

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:

- **Margaret & Tommy Rogerson (A)**
- **David Ryan (A)**
- **Des & Gay Buggy (A)**
- **Brendan Cox (Month's Mind)**
- **Bernard Brandon (A)**

REMEMBRANCE

We remember and pray for those whose funerals took place in the parish in the last week.

- Moyra Kinaly (née Maguire)
- Jean Murray (née Webb)

BAPTISM

We welcome
Jordi Barker
and **Georgia Fleming**
who will be received into
the Christian community
this Sunday.



Parish Lotto

Séamus & Breda Walsh are the winners of this week's lotto draw. The jackpot has still to be won.

SVP COLLECTION



Our local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly collection after all masses this weekend.

FEASTS & MEMORIAL DAYS

Feast & Memorial Days for the coming week:

- **Sun 22nd: Corpus Christi**
- **Fri 27th: Most Sacred Heart Of Jesus**
- **Sat 28th: Immaculate Heart of Mary**

DEANSGRANGE CEMETERY SUNDAY

The annual Mass and Blessing of Graves in Deansgrange will be held on **Sunday, July 6, at 3pm**



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.

James Howley Talk

"An Architectural Appreciation"

James Howley will give a talk "An Architectural Appreciation" in All Saints Church, Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, at 3pm on Saturday 5th July. All welcome. Entrance free.

CAMINO & FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Nourishing Body & Spirit

This September join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart on a special fundraising walk on the Camino Frances.

This special pilgrimage will end with two days in Fatima. For details ring Valerie at 021 4543988 or e: Valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie

SACRED HEART CRUSDAE (KNOCK)

All are welcome to Knock Shrine on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 22nd, as Archbishop Eamon Martin consecrates Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The consecration will take place during the mass @ 3pm in Knock Basilica. There is a full programme of events for the day including uplifting talks, anointing of the sick and an opportunity to venerate relics. Details can be found on: knockshrine.ie/sacred-heart-crusade/ and you can watch online via their webcam.

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Commentary on the readings for Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

*Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 109;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17*

Today we celebrate the great solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ. Traditionally, this day was marked by processions with the Blessed Sacrament carried through towns and villages whose streets and neighbourhoods were cleaned up and decorated for the occasion.

The solemnity marks one of the great mysteries of our faith and with it one of the great gifts which God has given to his Church. We celebrate the fact that bread and wine become the very body and blood of Christ and which strengthen us and the Church along the path to salvation.

In the first reading from the Book of Genesis we see Melchizedek offering bread and wine to God in thanksgiving for the victories achieved with God's help. This bread and wine is a foreshadow of the bread and wine offered by Christ at the Passover meal.

The second reading from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the first Eucharist in the upper room on Holy Thursday night.

In the Gospel we have St Luke's account of the miracle of the loaves and fish in which Christ fed a multitude that was hungry. Christ has told us that he is the bread of life and that those who partake of his body and blood will want for nothing because his body and blood will strengthen and guide us.

It may be difficult to grasp how a small wafer or a drop of wine can be so important or undergo such a change, but faith is not dependent on proof and so we keep today's solemnity, asking the Lord to lead us toward our true homeland and to strengthen our faith in this most precious of sacraments.

*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 Body and Blood of Christ

You become aware of their hands.

You notice the look in their eyes.

You hear what is not said.

After you've been a priest or deacon or minister of the Eucharist for a while, you begin to notice the hands. The Body of Christ, you say as you place the host in his or her hands: Hands that are calloused and scarred from work. Hands that are gnarled and broken by illness. Hands that care for children, the sick, the elderly. Hands that make music, build boats, cook, plant, create beautiful things. All of these hands tell the stories of these people who have responded to God's invitation to come to this table. This bread is their connection with the God who authored their stories.

And after you've become more comfortable in the role of distributor of the consecrated bread, you start to look — even if just for a second — into their eyes. As you hold up the piece of bread, you see in the communicant's eyes the simple joy of receiving their Lord in the Eucharist. Some days you might detect a sadness or hurt in their eyes or hear a note of pain or grief in their Amen.

You understand that you are not a part of this moment. Whether gratitude or grief, relief or despair, this is Communion between God and this individual. God is just using your hands — and you're humbled to be of such use.

And when you return to the altar with the "fragments" in your ciborium, you realize the depth of God's love for all of us who come to this table of ours.

We come to the table with our joys, our thanks, our hurts, our doubts, our crises, our griefs. Some days we come with grateful hearts and some days we come broken and distraught; other times we come gratefully aware of God's presence in our lives — and at times we come wondering if God is really here.

But we come.

Because we know that every time we come, the miracle happens.

Jesus feeds the crowd — us.

Nora Gallagher writes in *The Sacred Meal*: "Communion is meant to be done together; it has to be done in community. You can pray alone and fast alone. You can even go on pilgrimage alone. But you can't take Communion alone . . . Communion forces us to be with others [and] stand with them . . . We are forced to be with strangers and people we don't like, persons of different colours and those with bad breath or breathing cheap alcohol . . . We are stuck with each other, at that altar, at least for a few minutes." And that's what enables the real miracle to happen: The Eucharist transforms us from a collection of diverse, disconnected souls into a community of faith. We come here with our struggles and doubts and pains and sorrows and, if the Eucharist is what Jesus intended it to be, we find support and compassion from those who come to the table with us. Today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates our call by Jesus who fed the multitudes to be both guest and waiter, participant and host at the banquet of God.