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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.

For a full list of parish
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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:

- **Frances O'Flynn (A)**
- **Miceal Ross (A)**
- **Carolann Farrell (nee Barnes) (A)**
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Baptism



We welcome into the Christian community
Cameron Collins-O'Donnell
and **Willow Phelan** who were baptised
on on Sat 19th July

No Daily Mass Next Week

As Fr Kevin will be away there will be no weekday mass next week. Deacon Eric will lead a Prayer Service @ 10 am – Monday through Friday. There will be mass celebrated next weekend as normal.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

For Holy Communion at each Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday mornings, Deacon Eric will have a separate ciborium containing a low gluten hosts suitable for communicants with a coeliac condition. There is no need to queue separately - please just indicate to him that you wish to receive a low-gluten host.

SVP COLLECTION

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



Parish Lotto

The jackpot of €3,000 has still to be won. In our parish lotto. The winner of the weekly draw is: **Mike Hull**



Loop System (T-Loop System)

If you use hearing aids but still cannot hear clearly in the church, we have a hearing loop system (sometimes referred to as a T-Loop) installed in the church. This enables the audio from the church microphones to be picked directly up by your hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil) setting.

NEWCOMERS TO THE PARISH

We welcome all newcomers to the parish and offer you every good wish as you settle among us. If you would like to be actively involved in parish life, or if you need any information, please let us know, anytime, through our parish secretary Ann Acres in the Parish Office (01) 538 2542, or by email: secretary@monkstownparish.ie

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE – DUBLIN – 2ND AUGUST

There will be a one day Franciscan Pilgrimage around Dublin for the Jubilee year of Hope on 2nd August for young adults (18-35) It will start from the Pro-Cathedral at 12:15 with input from Fr. Alan Hilliard. Details and registration form can be found on the website: <https://pilgrimageofhope.eu/>

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th August

Join young people between 16 and 35 at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in **Dominican College, Nebridge**. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. The event is donation only and we have free buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to youth2000.ie

Commentary on the readings

*Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 14;
Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42*

Genesis 18:1-10;

In our Old Testament reading today we see Abraham at the Oak of Mamre when three men pass by. He recognises them as friends and invites them to break their journey for some refreshments with him, before hurrying off to prepare a lavish meal for them. They ask after Sarah and tell Abraham that when they pass again the following year, Sarah will have given birth. We know in fact, that Sarah was well on in years but that the promise made was fulfilled in the birth of Isaac.

Luke 10:38-42

In the gospel we see Jesus visiting the home of his friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus, though Lazarus is not mentioned in this passage. Mary sits down to listen to the Lord while Martha fusses over the hospitality. When she points this out to Jesus he tells her to follow Mary's example because while Mary is not being impolite about looking after her guest, she has recognised the importance of spending time with her Lord and listening to him as he speaks directly to her.

Colossians 1:24-28

We are told in the second reading from the letter to the Colossians that the message of God was a mystery which was hidden for centuries but which, in Christ, has been revealed for all to see.

If we are to see and understand this message then we must make time for the Lord when he passes our way, to prepare a place of welcome for him as did Abraham and to listen attentively to him as did Mary.

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



Choosing the "Better Part"

You're having coffee with friends. One member of your company mentions someone you all know. That sets off a discussion about the absent party — and the comments quickly become catty, gossipy and unkind. You want no part of this and prefer to keep quiet — but instead, you tell of an occasion when you experienced that person's graciousness and thoughtfulness. Your contribution changes the entire tone of the conversation. You choose compassion — the "better part."

He's not working out. The staff has given him every chance, but this has gone on long enough. Yeah, you agree, maybe it's time for him to move on. You call him in — his last cheque is sitting in your drawer to give him. But in talking with him, you realize that his real skills are not being utilized. So you offer to reassign him to another team and set him up with a wise and experienced supervisor to serve as his mentor. You choose reconciliation — the "better part."

You're reviewing your portfolio. Your finance advisor shares with you the prospectus of a company whose stock offerings are going through the roof. You have two kids heading to college in the next couple of years, so you're looking for investments that will perform. But this company's record in environmental issues is not good and its product line is suspect. So you pass. You choose justice — the "better part."

To choose the "better part" is to act as Jesus would act: not just avoiding the "wrong thing" but risking doing the "right thing," moving beyond our own wants and expectations in a situation to find the possibilities for grace in whatever the circumstances. As we all know too well, we can become so overwhelmed by the euros-and-cents demands on our lives that we unthinkingly sacrifice what is far more meaningful and valuable; we can become so caught up with agendas and schedules that we become blind to the presence of God in our lives. We have to consciously and intentionally choose and seek out "the better part": the justice, compassion and peace that is at heart of Jesus' call to all who would follow him.

Jesus invites each of us to choose the "better portion" of welcoming the joy and love of family and friends that enrich and give meaning to our lives -- despite the "mess," the warts, the disappointments and disorder they bring with them.

FEASTS & MEMORIAL DAYS

Feasts & Memorial Days for the coming week:

- Tue 22 St. Mary Magdalen (Feast)
- Wed 23 St Bridget of Sweden (Feast)
- Fri 25 – St James, Apostle (Feast)

