

MONKSTOWN PARISH

NEWSLETTER 18th Week in Ordinary Time Beginning Sunday 3rd August 2025

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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:

- **Patrick Howlett (A)**
- **Kathryn O'Reilly (A)**
- **Michael Murphy (A)**
- **Elizabeth Traynor (A)**



Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, those whose funerals took place this week.

- **Kathleen Algar (née Duffy)**
- **Margaret (Peggy) Robinson**

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community
Kaia O'Leary who will be baptised by
Deacon Eric on Sunday 3rd August.

Parish Partnership

In a recent conversation with a parishioner, I referenced the parish partnership that we are in. They were surprised to hear that Monkstown was part of a partnership of parishes.

As part of the "Building Hope" programme, the archbishop has put all parishes in the Diocese into groupings so that we can work together to share resources and prepare for a situation where a partnership may have only two or three priests to cover 5 parishes. We are in a partnership of five parishes:

1. **Foxrock**
2. **Newtownpark**
3. **Kill-O-the-Grange**
4. **Blackrock**
5. **Monkstown**

Parish Lotto

Mary Keegan is the winner of this week's Lotto draw.



Koins for Kids

DONATE COINS

CHANGE FOR GOOD

Koins for Kids Ireland is a small voluntary charity putting all its efforts into providing an MRI machine (scanner) for the New Children's Hospital, once the building is complete. They are asking you to donate any unwanted **Non-Euro Coin and Currencies** and accumulations of 1 & 2 cent coins that may be lying around your house or business. To date they have raised in excess of €700,000 on a completely voluntary basis. The MRI machine will save Children's lives decades into the future. If you have any of this unwanted foreign currency, please leave it into Ann Acres in the Parish office.

For further information the charity's website is: www.koinsforkids.ie

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

Rally For Gaza

A Rally for Gaza is held every Sunday from 18:00 to 18:30 at the Triangle in Monkstown. There is poetry, song, testimonies, updates about what's happening in Gaza etc.

Walk For Gaza

Every Wednesday there is a "Walk for Gaza" on the East Pier at 20:00.

Your attendance can make a difference.



Commentary on the readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Psalm 89; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Our first reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes is a stark reminder to us that all that we work for in life will go to someone else when our time on this earth is over. No matter how much we amass in this life it will not go with us beyond the grave.

Psalm 89

The Psalm reminds us of how short life is.

Luke 12:13-21

This theme is also found in the gospel where we see Jesus teaching people about the futility of amassing worldly wealth. The only wealth that is of real use to us is in the Spirit. This is not to say that we shouldn't work in this life but rather that we should have our goal fixed firmly on eternal life rather than on our bank balance.

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

The second reading too tells us that our thoughts should be on heavenly things rather than on the things of this earth. Only then can we inherit the kingdom and really reach out to our fellow men and women and lead them towards our true homeland in heaven.

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

Fr Kevin's Reflection for the 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Many parents keep "baby books," journals that record all of a child's first things: first tooth, first word, first step, first day of school, First Communion. They're all memories to treasure.

But there is another collection of memories that are just as precious — call it "Your Child's Book of Lasts": the last time you push your child on a swing, the last time the two of you play catch, the last time you rock your child to sleep, the last time you take your child fishing. Most of the time you're unaware that this will be the last time until you realize one day you that you aren't doing those things anymore. When you weren't looking, your child outgrew them. You realize that somewhere back there was the very last time.

Had you known, you would have savoured every one of those moments: you would have lingered a little longer at the swing; you'd have thrown that ball back and forth until your arm was about to fall off; you would have held your child forever.

We tend to live our lives as if there will always be time "later" to do the things our demanding schedules force us to put off: we believe we can always make it up to our loved ones tomorrow or this weekend or during vacation; as soon as this project is done we think we will be able to relax — but another project begins immediately. But as today's Gospel makes clear, our days are numbered, our time is limited.

Like the rich farmer, we can be so self-centred and so self-sufficient that we shut ourselves off from life's most enriching and important moments. Faith is the constant awareness that life is a journey of discovery of the holy in our midst as we make our way to God's dwelling place.

FEASTS & MEMORIAL DAYS

Feasts & Memorial Days for the coming week:

Mon 4 th	St Jean-Baptiste Marie Vianney (Curé of Ars)
Tue 5 th	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Wed 6 th	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thurs 7 th	Pope Sixtus II and his companions
Fri 8 th	St. Dominic
Sat 9 th	St Teresa Benedict of the Cross (Edith Stein)



ST. JOHN VIANNEY 1786 – 1859 (CURÉ OF ARS)

Saint John Vianney (Saint Jean-Baptiste Marie Vianney), also known as the Curé d'Ars, is considered the patron saint of parish priests. His feast day is celebrated on the 4th August. He is known for his deep devotion to the Church and his dedication to the sacrament of confession. His life inspires all priests, as he exemplified a genuinely holy priest through his humility, selflessness, and unwavering faith.

He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meagre formal schooling which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies. His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained.

His work as a confessor is his most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months, he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless the man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation he could not have endured this giving of self day after day

As his fame spread, more hours were consumed in serving God's people. Who, but a man with vision, could keep going with ever increasing strength? In 2009 Pope Benedict XIV named him the patron of all priests worldwide.

