



MONKSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th Sunday Ordinary Time

14th September 2025

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Mass Times

Weekdays (Mon – Fri) @ 10 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass @ 6 PM

Sunday: 10 AM & 11:30 AM

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Mass Intentions

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

- Joe and Angela Kelly (A)
- Rita Moran (A)
- Patrick Lowe Junior (A)
- Joanne Sheehan (1st A)
- Peter Cassidy (A)
- Alice O'Brien (1st A)
- Kevin Boylan (A)

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers;
Jacqueline Baker whose funeral took place this week.

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community
Blaise Clancy who will be baptised by Deacon Eric on Sunday 14th September.

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co. Mayo

5th October, €799 pps. Price includes return train/bus, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

VENERABLE EDEL QUINN

1907 – 1944

Legion of Mary envoy to East Africa
burred in Nairobi
Celebrate her memory and her life.

**Deansgrange Cemetery
@ 3 pm on Sunday 14th September**

An opportunity to thank God for her life
and for her Beatification.

Blackrock Hospice Coffee Morning

The annual coffee morning for Blackrock Hospice will be held on **Thurs 25th Sept @ 10:15.**

The guest speaker is Deirdre O'Kane.

Number limited –

RSVP – Tina Connell (01) 206 4043

PARISH LOTTO

Katrina and Ian Counihan are the winners of this weeks Lotto draw.

CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION September 20 / 21

CROSSCARE will hold its Annual Appeal for those most in need next weekend. This will replace the Share collection at all Masses.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our local St. Vincent de Paul conference will take up their monthly church collection after all masses this weekend. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.



Adult Faith Formation in Spirituality, Theology and Scripture

Courses commence in the Lumen Dominican Centre (Sion Hill, Blackrock). They are run in the daytime (Tuesday to Friday) and one evening a week. Subjects range from ballet, yoga, sacred dance, languages to art history, philosophy and the Bible. To book visit the website lumenop.ie or call the centre at 01-2882075. All are welcome.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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St Helena was, for a time, wife of Emperor Constantius and was the mother of Emperor Constantine I – the first emperor to become a Christian. With her son's approval she travelled to the Holy Land in search of the sacred places and relics associated with our Lord. Among the relics she discovered was the True Cross which she is said to have discovered on this day in 320 and in 335 had churches dedicated on Calvary and the True Cross venerated there. This annual feast is a chance for us – outside of the Easter Season – to reflect on the significance of the cross in our lives and of the redemption which Christ won for us by his death and resurrection.

Numbers 21:4-9;

The first reading from the Book of Numbers recalls how the people in the wilderness had complained against God. For their ungratefulness, the Lord sent serpents among the people to punish them. Moses fashioned a bronze serpent to save those who were bitten by the serpents.

Philippians 2:6-11

The second reading from the letter to the Philippians is one of the most beautiful passages in scripture for it tells us of how Christ humbled himself to become one of us in order to save us. Through his humility he was raised above all other creatures and won our salvation.

John 3:13-17

In the gospel, Jesus tells us that he had to be raised high, just as Moses raised the serpent, so that all peoples may be saved and brought to eternal life. In the cross is our salvation and the salvation of all peoples and it is this redemption which we celebrate today.



Take up your cross . . follow me . .

Fr Kevin's Reflection for the
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



- It may be the mountain of laundry you face every day or your child's tuition bill.
- It could take the form of the textbooks you use to teach your students, the tools you wield at the construction site, the computer that produces the reports and graphics that keep your business humming along.
- For some, it's the wheelchair required to manoeuvre through life or the medicine needed to even have a life.
- Yours may be the soup you make and serve at the local soup kitchen or the ball you use to coach a team of excited six- and seven-year-olds.

Some of the most beautiful ones are the ear that is always ready to listen to a soul in crisis, the shoulder always available for the grieving to cry on, the smile that readily comforts, the heart that never fails to break with another's. Believe it or not, spouses are sometimes big ones for one another; good friends readily accept each other as one.

Sometimes the most challenging and shattering experiences later become extraordinary ones. What we learn from them can later be the source of transformative wisdom and understanding for ourselves and others.

They are all crosses — crosses we take up in the spirit of Jesus.

We tend to think of crosses as burdens, things — and people! — that demand so much energy and time from us. We see our sufferings and our brokenness as “crosses” that condemn us to incomplete and unfulfilled lives of sadness and despair. Most days we want to lay those crosses aside and never pick them up again. But our real crosses — the crosses God places on our shoulders and Christ bears with us — can become sources of hope, of joy, of discovery, of life, of resurrection. They are not the extent of our lives but the means to living lives to the fullest, the vehicles for discovering the meaning and purpose of this journey God has set us on.

Today's feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates several events in the development of the early Christian movement, including Empress Helena's discovery of Jesus' cross in Jerusalem between the years 326 and 328 AD and the dedication of churches built by her son Emperor Constantine at the sites of Jesus' crucifixion and burial. While Good Friday focuses on the passion of Jesus, today's feast challenges us to consider the cross itself: the instrument that can be the means to new life. Clearly, our crosses pale in the shadow of Christ's but, as the wood of his cross becomes the tree of Easter life, our crosses, when taken up in his spirit of humility and hope, can be the first light of Easter for ourselves and others.

Feast days this week

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows:

On 15th September, the Church honours **Our Lady of Sorrows**, recalling Mary's deep union with her Son's suffering, especially as she stood at the foot of the Cross (Jn 19:25-27).

Saint Cornelius and Saint Cyprian,

On 16th September, we honour Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Saint Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage — steadfast shepherds of the early Church. Amid fierce persecution, Cornelius upheld unity and mercy, while Cyprian defended the faith with courage and clarity. Both gave their lives as martyrs for Christ. Their witness calls us to stand firm in truth, live in charity, and remain united in the Body of Christ.

