

MONKSTOWN PARISH



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (11th / 12th October)

Mass Intentions

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

- Anthony Delahunty (A)
- Martin Kiely (A)
- Keith Fitzsimons (A)
- Jack Hutchinson (A)

WEEKDAY PRAYER SERVICES

As Fr. Kevin will be away for the next few weeks, there will be no weekday mass. Deacon Eric will lead a prayer service each morning (Mon – Fri) at 10 am.

Fr. Denis Sandham will join us at the weekends to celebrate mass on Saturday for the vigil mass @ 6pm and for the 10am and 11:30 am masses on the Sunday mornings.

SVP COLLECTION

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



Dilexi te ("I Have Loved You") is Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation, signed on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It places the poor at the heart of the Church's mission, urging us to see them not merely as recipients of charity but as active protagonists in the life of faith. Echoing the legacy of Pope Francis, it calls for a Church rooted in simplicity, justice, and mercy. Pope Leo invites all—especially young people—to live the Gospel as a courageous, joyful revolution of love, where every person's dignity is honoured and shared responsibility is embraced.



Building Hope

Partnership Name

A reminder - each parish partnership is being asked to choose a name that reflects its identity. If you have any suggestion for a name of our partnership email or text Deacon Eric. See contact details above.

GATHERING AT QUAKER MEETING HOUSE MONKSTOWN

October 18th from 12:45 to 4:15

Inner Development for Outward Change.

Reminder: Sue Saunders will speak next Saturday 18th October to the topic: "The development of inner growth to support the outward challenges of the 17 UN Sustainability Development Goals". Please ask anybody planning to attend to email: monkstownpm@gmail.com

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY !8 / 19 OCTOBER

In support of the Catholic Missions throughout the World the usual Share Collection next weekend (18/19 October) will be replaced by a special collection to support for the missionaries and the communities they serve. Your generosity, is deeply appreciated.

Memorials this week

Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

On Tuesday 14th, we honour **Pope Saint Callistus I**, a former slave who rose to become Bishop of Rome in the early 3rd century. Known for his radical mercy, he championed the forgiveness of even the gravest sins, laying the groundwork for the Church's ministry of reconciliation. Martyred for his faith, he is the patron saint of cemetery workers and a symbol of redemption.

Saint Teresa of Ávila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

On Wednesday 15th we celebrate **Saint Teresa of Ávila**, the great Carmelite mystic and reformer. Her writings, especially *The Interior Castle*, continue to guide souls in deepening their prayer life. Declared a Doctor of the Church, Teresa's fiery love for Christ and her spiritual wisdom remain a beacon for all seeking holiness.

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

On Thursday 16th, we remember **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque**, the humble Visitation nun who received visions of Christ's Sacred Heart. Through her devotion and perseverance, she helped spread the message of Christ's boundless love and mercy. Her legacy lives on in the First Friday devotion and the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Friday 17th - Saint Ignatius of Antioch was a disciple of the Apostles and an early Church Father whose letters still inspire Christian unity and courage. On his journey to martyrdom in Rome, he wrote passionately about the Eucharist and the role of bishops. His fearless witness reminds us to embrace Christ even in suffering.

Saint Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

On Saturday 18th we celebrate the Feast of **Saint Luke**, the beloved physician and author of the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. His writings offer a compassionate portrait of Christ and highlight the role of the Holy Spirit in the early Church. Patron of artists and doctors, Luke's legacy is one of healing, storytelling, and faith.

PARTNERSHIP PARISHES

KILL O' THE GRANGE (Holy Family)

Mon – Sat @ 10 am
Sat Vigil 5 pm Sun 10 & 12
Web: www.holyfamilyparish.ie
Parish Office Tel: (01) 284 5299
Email: admin@holyfamily.ie

BLACKROCK (St. John the Baptist)

Mon – Fri @ 1:05 pm
Sat Vigil 6:30 pm Sun 10 & 12
Web: www.sjb.ie
Parish Office Tel: (01) 288 2104
Email: office@sjb.ie

NEWTOWNPARK (Guardian Angels)

Mon – Sat @ 10 am
Sun 9:30 10:45 & 12 noon
www.newtownparkparish.com
Parish Office Tel: (01) 283 2988
E: parishoffice@newtownparkparish.com

FOXROCK

(Our Lady of Perpetual Succor)

Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri @ 10 am
Sat Vigil 6 pm Sun 10 & 11:30
Web: www.foxrockparish.ie
Parish Office Tel: (01) 289 3492
Email: secretary@foxrockparish.ie



**Commentary on the readings
for the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
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2 Kings 5:14-17

In our first reading today from the second book of the Kings we read of the cure of the leper Naaman. He had come to the Prophet Elisha who told him to bathe seven times in the Jordan. Having been cured he returned to Elisha and proclaimed that he now believed in the one true God and that he would offer holocaust to none other.

Luke 17:11-19

In the gospel we have the story of the ten lepers who were cured of their disease by Christ in answer to their request. Sadly, only one of the ten gave thanks for the cure and he, we are told, was a foreigner – someone who did not share the same faith as the Jews with Jesus. The story reminds us of Naaman in the first reading who was not a Jew but who gave thanks to God for his own cure. The point of the two stories is that we must give thanks to God for what we have because everything that we have comes from his bounty. All too often we take what we have for granted and it is only when others from outside the faith give thanks that we realise how arrogant we have really been.

2 Timothy 2:8-13;

In the second reading from his second letter to St Timothy, St Paul reminds us that God is always faithful. Even when we go astray and walk away from him, God is always there to welcome us back and to lead us home to paradise.

Quiet Prayer After Communion

*inspired by The Healing of the Ten Lepers
Luke 17:11-19*

Lord Jesus,
You have touched my soul with mercy,
as you once healed the ten
who cried out in need.
I come before you now,
not only healed but grateful.
Let my thanksgiving rise
from the silence of my heart,
and shape my life into a witness of your love.

Teach me to return to you daily,
not just in need, but in praise.
May this Communion deepen my faith,
and send me forth renewed in spirit,
ready to serve, ready to love,
always remembering the grace I've received.
Amen.

**Take up your cross . .
follow me . .**

Fr Kevin's Reflection for the
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, ‘Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they?’ ”

So what happened to the other nine lepers who had been healed?

Human nature being what it is, we can imagine:

One of the now-clean lepers went off to build a new life for himself. He busied himself seeking work, finding a new place to live, putting down roots for himself and, maybe someday, a family. Work became the driving force of his new life.

But another one of the lepers was overcome with anxiety: What do I do now? I can't beg anymore. I have to find work — but I haven't any skills. I've never learned to do anything. Who'll hire me? How will I eat? So worried and fearful was the once unclean leper for his future that he was paralyzed from doing anything and remained huddled at his old place by the city gate.

Still another leper, realizing that he was now clean, wanted revenge on the many passers-by who rejected him, condemned him as sinful and evil and inflicted so many cruelties and indignities on him because of his illness. They'll pay for what they did to me! he vowed. In the end, having the “last laugh” wasn't as satisfying as he imagined.

But one of the lepers, finally freed from his sufferings, ran as far away from that place as he could. All he wanted to do was forget his old life — and everyone and everything about it. He tried to make himself deaf to the cries of the suffering of others — but he could never run away far enough not to hear them. Far greater a disability than his leprosy was his lack of compassionate understanding for other lepers and those suffering similar illnesses. He could have been a source of solace and hope to others, but instead remained a leper to his self-absorption.

And, of course, there was one leper who went out and celebrated . . . and celebrated and celebrated. His newfound joy lasted as long as the spirits did. But once the wine and the camaraderie who came with it disappeared, he had to face a new life completely lost and alone.

There was one leper who didn't believe he was made clean. Why would anyone — least of all God! — want to do this for him? There had to be catch. So he did nothing; he just waited and waited for his leprosy to return. As far as he was concerned, he was never healed. And he wasn't.

And so the nine lepers went their separate ways. But without a sense of gratitude for the miracle they had experienced, the miracle didn't last very long, for their fears, their angers, their repressions, their scepticisms, their misplaced hopes and values just made them lepers all over again.

God has breathed his life into us and set us on this wonderful life. We did not nothing to merit or earn this life — we are all the recipients of our Creator's love. The only fitting response we can make is to stand humbly before God in quiet, humble thanks. Such a sense of gratitude can transform cynicism and despair into optimism and hope and make whatever good we do experiences of grace. But too often we let our obsessions with money and fame, our worries and fears, our disappointments and hurts overwhelm any sense of gratitude. Like the Samaritan who gives thanks for the miracle that has taken place, we, too, can be transformed by such joyful gratitude to God once we realize that, in Christ, we have been “made whole,” “made clean,” “restored” to completeness in his hope and love.