

MONKSTOWN PARISH



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (25th / 26th October)

Mass Intentions

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

- **Jimmy Slevin (A)**
- **Michael King (A)**
- **Denis Carey (RD)**
- **Christopher Hehir (A)**
- **Michael Hehir (A)**
- **Kitty McEvoy (A)**
- **Josephine Smith (A)**
- **Fidelma Neville (A)**
- **Jerry Neville (1st A)**

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian community **Eve Cashin Enright** who will be baptised by Deacon Eric on Sunday 26th October.

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.

On behalf of Pope Leo, thank you for supporting Mission Sunday. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. Please donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on (01) 497 2035.




HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

For the Faithful Departed

Sunday 2nd November Feast of All Souls
4 pm to 5 pm
St. Patrick's Church, Monkstown

Next Sunday 2nd November, the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls), Deacon Eric will preside over a Holy Hour from 4 pm to 5 pm to pray for faithful departed. Join us for an hour of sacred music, scripture, reflection and silent prayer as we remember and pray for our loved ones whom we remember in November.

If you would like the name of your loved one to be read out during the Holy Hour please email their name(s) to Deacon Eric. Email: eric.g.cooney@gmail.com

Altar List of the dead

If you would like to have a loved one's name included on the list, please collect an envelope and sheet from the back of the church and return it to the parish office. The names on the list are remembered at the First Friday Mass throughout the year and at all weekend masses in November.

Mass of Remembrance

On Saturday 8th November at the 6 pm Vigil Mass, Fr Kevin will celebrate our Mass of Remembrance for all those whose funerals took place here in Monkstown over the last year.



MONKSTOWN PARISH SALE

The Schoolhouse, Monkstown
SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2025
10:00am to 1:00pm



ALL WELCOME

**BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS, TOYS, GIFTS,
 HOUSEHOLD, MUSIC, JEWELLERY,
 PLANTS, RAFFLE, TEAS**

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 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
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Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19;

Our first reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus tells us that the Lord takes no account of our standing in the eyes of the world but that he listens to rich and poor alike. It also tells us that the prayer of the humble “pierces the clouds” and does not go unanswered.

Psalm

Our Psalm is a hymn of praise for all that the Lord has done for the poor who call to him. The response to the Psalm is:

***This poor man called;
the Lord heard him.***

Luke 18:9-14

In the gospel we have the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee who went to the synagogue. The Pharisee exalted himself in the eyes of God while the tax collector acknowledged himself as a sinner and asked the Lord for forgiveness. We can exalt ourselves in the eyes of our fellow men and women but the eyes of God penetrate the heart and the mind and know our true feelings and dispositions. Only the humble please God.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;

In our second reading we see St Paul telling St Timothy that he had been abandoned by everyone when he had been arrested but that God alone stood by him and gave him strength. Because Paul has the Lord faithfully on his side he will inherit the crown of righteousness, a crown which will also be granted to us if we serve the Lord in humility of heart.

The Pharisee & the Tax Collector

The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’



Fr Kevin’s Reflection for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A new-born child is the centre of the world — at least that’s the way it seems.

The presence of the new-born monopolizes the life of the entire family. The child’s every need and want are provided for. So helpless, so fragile, the infant is doted upon, fussed over and fretted about by his anxious parents. Every aspect of the family’s life revolves around the child’s needs. A baby’s parents respond immediately to their child’s tears; to them, the sound of their baby’s laughter is the most beautiful sound in the world.

But as a child develops and grows and is able to do more and more for himself or herself, the child begins to understand that he or she is not the centre of the world, that the world is indeed much bigger than the child’s needs and wants. The child is expected to take responsibility for his or her own actions and learns to live with the consequences of those decisions.

As the child enters adulthood, the young adult begins to take on responsibility for the needs and wants of others. The older the child becomes, the more mature the child develops, the more removed the child is from “being the centre” of things, the clearer it becomes to the young adult that the needs and dreams of others are just as important as his or hers.

The transformation is complete when the now “adult” child becomes the parent of a new-born baby — and a new child becomes the centre of the world.

Thomas Merton wrote that *“humility is absolutely necessary if one is to avoid acting like a baby all one’s life. To grow up, in fact, means to become humble, to throw away the illusion that I am the centre of everything and that other people exist to provide me with comfort and pleasure.”*

The Gospel of Jesus challenges us to embrace the humble, God-centred faith of the tax collector and not the “childish,” empty claims of the Pharisee. We manifest our love for God not through self-congratulatory rituals of piety but through heartfelt and sincere love and care for the poor, the needy, the defenceless, the alienated and the rejected, seeing in them the face of Christ.

Feasts and Solemnities this week

Tue 28 – Feast: Saints Simon & Jude

On October 28, the Church honors Saints Simon and Jude, apostles who proclaimed the Gospel with courage and fidelity. Though little is known of their lives, their witness reminds us that quiet perseverance and steadfast faith are vital to the mission of Christ. As we celebrate their feast, we are invited to renew our own commitment to discipleship and hope.



Sat 1st Nov – Solemnity of All Saints

On November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints—a radiant feast honoring the countless holy men and women who now share in the glory of God. Known and unknown, their lives bear witness to grace, courage, and love. This day invites us to rejoice in the communion of saints and renew our own call to holiness, walking faithfully in the footsteps of Christ.

