

# MONKSTOWN PARISH



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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed - 2<sup>nd</sup> November )

### Mass Intentions

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

- Jack Willis (A)
- Paddy Delaney (RD)
- Terry O'Rourke (A)
- Wesley Acres (A)
- Rita & Jerome Daly (A)
- Maura & Denis O'Sullivan (A)
- Kay & Val O'Connor (A)
- Henry & Hannah Smyth (A)
- Maura Farrelly (A)
- Herbert Langwallner (Month's Mind)

### First Friday Mass Altar List of the Dead

Next Friday (Friday 7<sup>th</sup>) is the First Friday. Fr Kevin will celebrate mass for all those names on the Altar List of the Dead.

### Mass of Remembrance



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

### WEEKDAY PRAYER SERVICES

Fr Kevin will return on Friday next and will celebrate Mass on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>.

Deacon Eric will lead a prayer service on Monday through to Thursday at 10 am.



### HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**4 pm to 5 pm**

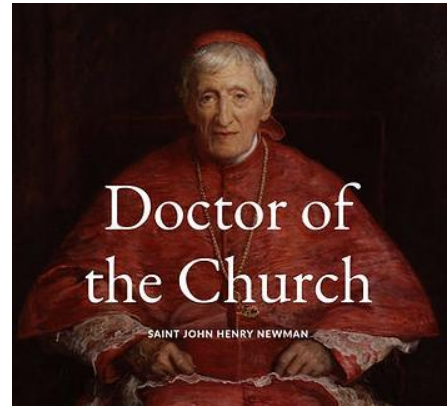
**For Our Faithful Departed**

This Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 text or email their name(s) to Deacon Eric before 2:30 pm.

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**Email: [eric.g.cooney@gmail.com](mailto:eric.g.cooney@gmail.com)**



### Doctor of the Church

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

This Saturday, 1st November, Pope Leo XIV will declare St John Henry Newman (1801-1890) to be a 'Doctor of the Church'. The English saint will then join a small group of saints in the history of the Church with that title, including Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross and Therese of Lisieux – all of whom were renowned for their outstanding holiness, deep doctrinal insight, and a large body of scholarly work that the Church can recommend as a trustworthy expression of her faith tradition.

### BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian community **Noah O'Connor** who was baptised by Deacon Eric on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November.



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**APPEAL SUNDAY**  
**November 8/9, 2025**

### Why Sunday Matters

The Irish Catholic Bishops have launched **'Why Sunday Matters – An Invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass.'** They say,

*'This special year offers a unique opportunity to rediscover the heart of our faith and, for those who have been away, to return with renewed joy to the celebration of the Eucharist.'*

For parishioners who were taken out of the rhythm of Sunday Mass during the pandemic, we warmly invite you to return to weekly Sunday Mass. An introductory video and a four-part video series titled **Sunday Mass – Digging Deeper** can be found at [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie).

## PARTNERSHIP PARISHES

### KILL O' THE GRANGE (Holy Family)

Mon – Sat @ 10 am

Sat Vigil 5 pm Sun 10 & 12

Web: [www.holyfamilyparish.ie](http://www.holyfamilyparish.ie)

Parish Office Tel: (01) 284 5299

Email: [admin@hollyfamily.ie](mailto:admin@hollyfamily.ie)

### BLACKROCK

(St. John the Baptist)

Mon – Fri @ 1:05 pm

Sat Vigil 6:30 pm Sun 10 & 12

Web: [www.sjb.ie](http://www.sjb.ie)

Parish Office Tel: (01) 288 2104

Email: [office@sjb.ie](mailto:office@sjb.ie)

### NEWTOWNPARK

(Guardian Angels)

Mon – Sat @ 10 am

Sun 9:30 10:45 & 12 noon

[www.newtownparkparish.com](http://www.newtownparkparish.com)

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### FOXROCK

(Our Lady of Perpetual Succor)

Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri @ 10 am

Sat Vigil 6 pm Sun 10 & 11:30

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## The raising of the Widow's Son

*When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry'*



### Commentary on the readings for the Feast of All Souls

The Feast of All Souls invites us into a sacred remembrance—a prayerful embrace of those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The readings chosen for this day speak powerfully of hope, mercy, and the promise of resurrection.

**In 2 Maccabees 12:42–45**, we encounter a striking act of charity: prayers offered for the fallen soldiers, that they might be loosed from their sins. This passage affirms the enduring bond between the living and the dead, and the belief that our intercession can aid those who await the fullness of redemption. It is a scriptural foundation for the Church's practice of praying for the dead, rooted in love and trust in God's mercy.

**Philippians 3:20–21** lifts our gaze to heaven, reminding us that "our citizenship is in heaven." Paul speaks of Christ's power to transform our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body—a promise that death is not the end, but a passage to glory. This transformation is not merely physical; it is the fulfillment of our deepest longing to be fully united with Christ.

**Luke 7:11–17** offers a tender glimpse of Jesus' compassion. At the gate of Nain, he meets a grieving mother and restores her son to life. This miracle is more than a display of divine power—it is a sign of God's heart, moved by human sorrow. It prefigures the resurrection and assures us that death does not have the final word.

Together, these readings form a tapestry of hope. They call us to pray, to trust, and to live in the light of eternity. On this day, we commend the faithful departed to God's mercy, confident that Christ, who conquered death, will raise them—and us—to new life.

The Response to our Psalm is:  
**For you my soul is thirsting,  
O Lord my God.**

### Fr Kevin's Reflection for the Feast of All Souls

Today, on the Feast of All Souls, we gather to remember all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We pray for our loved ones, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for every soul entrusted to God's mercy. This day reminds us that in the communion of saints, the living and the dead are held together in the love of Christ, who has conquered death.

In the Gospel, Jesus meets a funeral procession in the town of Nain — a widow grieving her only son. She represents all of humanity, burdened by loss and helplessness in the face of death. Moved with compassion, Jesus restores her son to life. This is not only a miracle of resurrection but a revelation of God's heart: a heart that cannot remain indifferent to suffering.

That same divine compassion is what we desperately need to rediscover today. We see mothers in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan mourning their children. We see families torn apart by conflict, lives reduced to ashes, and futures buried under rubble. We see countless souls on perilous journeys across seas and borders — migrants and refugees seeking safety, often met not with welcome but with suspicion or rejection. And closer to home, we witness a different kind of grief — the anxiety of families struggling with the cost of living crisis, where dignity is eroded by poverty, loneliness, and fear of the future.

The world's pain today echoes the sorrow of that widow at Nain. Yet Christ still walks among us. The compassion that moved him then is the same compassion that stirs in our hearts when we refuse to be numb to others' suffering — when we pray for peace, speak out for justice, and reach out to those in need. Every act of mercy is a small resurrection, a sign that death does not have the last word.

The Feast of All Souls calls us to hope — not a naïve optimism, but the Christian hope rooted in the Resurrection. We believe that every tear, every loss, every life cut short will be gathered into God's eternal love. Death is real, but it is not ultimate. As St. Paul says, "Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord".

So as we light candles and whisper the names of those we miss, let us also remember the unnamed — the victims of war, hunger, displacement, and despair. Let our remembrance move us, as it moved Jesus, to compassion and action. May our prayers for the dead awaken our care for the living. And may we trust that the same Lord who said to the widow, "Do not weep," now speaks to us — comforting, healing, and calling all creation to the fullness of life in God.

### Today's Mass Readings on Your Phone

If you would like to follow today's mass readings on your phone, you can simply scan the QR Code or visit our website:  
**[monkstownparish.ie/sunday-mass-readings](http://monkstownparish.ie/sunday-mass-readings)**



### Feasts and Solemnities this week

#### Memorial of St Charles Borromeo

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the memorial of St Charles Borromeo (1538–1584), Archbishop of Milan, who was a leading figure of the Catholic Reformation. A tireless pastor, he reformed seminaries, revitalized clergy, and cared for the poor during plague and famine. His deep love for the Eucharist and commitment to Church renewal continue to inspire. Today, we honour his legacy of courageous leadership and pastoral charity in service of Christ and His Church.



#### All the Saints of Ireland

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the countless holy men and women of Ireland—named and unnamed—who lived the Gospel with courage and fidelity. From early martyrs and monastics to missionaries and modern witnesses, they form a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Their lives shaped the faith of our land and continue to intercede for us. May their example inspire us to live with the same trust in God's grace.