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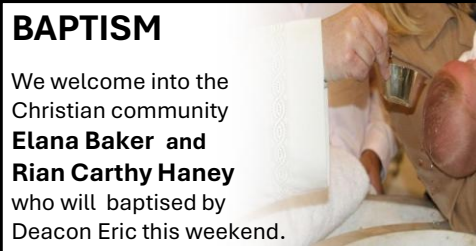
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**NEWSLETTER
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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

- **Brian Ebbs (1st A)**
- **Brendan Ebbs (A)**
- **Barry Creedon (Month’s Mind)**
- **Brigid Warren (A)**
- **Brendan Cox (1st A)**
- **Elizabeth & Finn Duane (A)**
- **Thomas Smith (A)**
- **Gabriel Rosenstock (Month’s Mind)**
- **Nancy Maher (A)**
- **Patricia Beltran (RD)**



BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian community **Elana Baker and Rian Carthy Haney** who will be baptised by Deacon Eric this weekend.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 17th May**

The students from Monkstown Park Junior School (MPJS) will celebrate their First Holy Communion next Sunday morning at 10 am Mass.



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
May 18th to 25th**

The parish Office will be closed from Monday 18th to Monday 25th May and will re-open on Tuesday 26th



**Recycle Your Old Household
Electrical & Electronic Equipment.**

Monkstown Village Tidy District in association with Recycle IT Community Electrical Recycling will hold a recycling morning on **Saturday 16th May from 10.00am until 1.00pm at the Parish Centre** Monkstown. This is your opportunity to recycle electrical items that you no longer use.

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE
OF OUR CHURCH
May 25th to July 24th**

It is with regret that we announce that our beautiful church will be closed for essential maintenance from Monday the 25th of May until Friday the 24th of July.

A recent inspection identified urgent safety issues in the old wiring, and we will also take this opportunity to replace and upgrade the internal lighting.



The work requires floor-to-ceiling scaffolding to reach the high-level wiring and fittings. While the scaffolding is in place, we will also repaint the upper walls and ceiling.

This work will cost in the region of €100,000. If parishioners wish to contribute to the cost of this work, please use the **blue envelopes** at the back of the church.

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**Saturday 6 pm
Sunday 10:30 am**

When the church reopens on Saturday 25 July, there will be one Sunday morning Mass at 10.30am. The Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm will continue as usual.



Fr Kevin's Reflection Sixth Sunday of Easter



Commentary on the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles again tells us of the spread of the Church and the message of Christ. The people of the Samaritan town have little difficulty in believing all that they have been told about Christ.

1Peter 3:15-18;

The second reading from St Peter's first epistle calls on us to treasure Christ in our hearts and to have an answer ready for those who do not understand why we believe in him, even if this may bring trouble our way.

John 14:15-21

In the gospel, Jesus is promising his listeners the gift of the Holy Spirit to help and strengthen them. Those who love him love the Father and so will be able to keep the commandments and gain eternal life.

Psalms 65

The response to the Psalm is:

***Cry out with joy to God,
all the earth***

It was the custom in an African tribe that, when a boy reached a certain age, his elders would send him out into the world beyond the village to bring back something of value to share with the tribe. In this rite of passage, boys would return with all kinds of treasures and wonders: brilliant coloured textiles, luminous gem stones and rare ivory carvings, beautiful tanned leather and pelts.

One year, as the returning young travellers showed off their treasures to the elders, one boy stood off to the side. He had brought back no trinket or object. When it was his turn, the elders asked the boy,

"What is the most valuable thing you have found on your journey?"

The boy replied,

"The thing of value I have discovered cannot be held in the hand."

"Why not? Is it too big or too delicate to hold?"

"It can be big or small, delicate or strong."

"Well, then, where is it?" asked the elders.

"It is here," the boy said, touching a finger to the side of his head.

"In our brains. You see, I found on my journey that the most valuable thing in the world is an idea because you must believe in it and work very hard to bring it to life."

In his Last Supper discourse, Jesus calls his disciples to bring to life the "idea" of his Gospel: to bring to reality God's "idea" of a just world, a human family reconciled to God and to one another, a church formed by God's grace that mirrors his mercy and compassion.

To that end, Jesus promises the coming of another "Advocate" (Jesus being the first): the Spirit of God that inspires us and animates us to make for the perfect union of Jesus' words and our works. The Spirit of God, "advocates" for what is good, right and just, despite our scepticism, rejection and blindness to the things of God.

May the Advocate guide us in whatever opportunities every one of us has to restore hope, to make right what has been broken, to bring back the lost and forgotten and marginalized - to bring to life the "idea" of God.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for May



That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

IGNITE IRELAND CONFERENCE

An Ignite Ireland day conference, with special guest speaker **Scott Hahn**, will take place in Dublin on **Saturday, 23rd May**.

For information and to book your ticket, go to:
www.dominicans.ie