

MONKSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mass Times: Weekdays (Mon – Fri) @ 10 AM Saturday, Vigil Mass @ 6 PM Sunday, 10:30 AM



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th / 27th September 2026)

NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SATURDAY 26th

- **Daniel McGing (A)**
- **Marjorie Kavanagh (A)**

SUNDAY 27th

- **Michael McCoy (A)**

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian community **Iarlaith Loughran** and **Finlay Brown** who will be baptised by Deacon Eric on Sunday 27th September

FIRST FRIDAY

Next Friday (2ND October) is the First Friday. We will remember and pray for all those whose names are on the altar list of the dead.



MONTHLY COLLECTION

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.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

The annual Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday will take place this weekend 26th / 27th September.

It's a time when we reflect on the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in our parishes and communities.

It is also an opportunity to inform the wider faith community of the important work that your parish does to ensure a safe place for all. There is a copy of the letter from Archbishop Farrell available at the back of the church – there is also a copy available on our parish website.



112th World Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees

On this "Safeguarding Sunday" and Day of Prayer for Migrants and refugees, we join Pope Leo and the global Church in praying for all migrants and refugees, especially families displaced by conflict, poverty, or persecution. The theme invites us to recognise their dignity, protect their rights, and foster communities where all can belong. We remember those seeking safety, those offering welcome, and those still on the journey. May our parish be a place of compassion, solidarity, and hope.

From The Deacon's Desk

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 21 : 28-32

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers a simple story with sharp edges: two sons asked to work in their father's vineyard. One refuses but later goes; the other agrees but never acts. Jesus uses this contrast to expose the gap between words and deeds, between outward religiosity and the deeper conversion of the heart.

The first son embodies the person who struggles, resists, or hesitates, yet ultimately turns toward what is right. His change of heart is the Gospel's quiet triumph. The second son represents the danger of comfortable faith—saying the right things, appearing compliant, yet never allowing God's call to shape one's actions. Jesus' message is clear: God notices not our polished promises but our lived response.

This teaching speaks powerfully on a day when the Church prays for migrants and refugees and renews its commitment to safeguarding. Both themes ask us to move beyond words into courageous, compassionate action. It is easy to say we value human dignity; harder to welcome the stranger, protect the vulnerable, or confront injustice. Yet the vineyard awaits, and the Father still calls.

Matthew's Gospel invites us to examine where our faith needs to become more concrete—where a change of heart is needed, where delayed obedience can become real service. As a parish, may we be known not only for what we say but for how we act: creating safe spaces, offering hospitality, and recognising Christ in those who seek refuge, healing, and hope

Deacon Eric

PARTNERSHIP PARISHES MASS TIMES

KILL O' THE GRANGE
(Holy Family)
Mon – Sat @ 10 am
Sat Vigil 5 pm Sun 10 & 12
Web: www.holyfamilyparish.ie

BLACKROCK
(St. John the Baptist)
Mon – Fri @ 1:05 pm
Sat Vigil 6:30 pm Sun 10 & 12
Web: www.sjb.ie

NEWTOWNPARK
(Guardian Angels)
Mon – Sat @ 10 am
Sun 9:30 10:45
www.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