

MONKSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th / 18th October 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:

- **Christopher Ledwidge (A) & Teresa Ledwidge (A)**
- **John McGlinchey (A)**
- **Phyllis Walsh (Month's Mind)**
- **Paul O'Byrne (Month's Mind)**
- **Alan Aylward (Month's Mind)**
- **Kevin Anderson (A)**
- **Chris Hehir (A)**
- **Joe Fitzpatrick (A))**
- **Susan Ross (RD)**

Mission Sunday Collection

The collection for **World Mission Sunday** takes place this weekend.

Altar List for the Dead

If you wish to have the names of your loved ones inscribed on the list, there are sheets and envelopes at the back of the Church. These can be placed in the metal collection boxes or returned to the Parish Office.

Liturgy of Remembrance

On Wednesday November 4th at 7 pm we will remember and pray for all our deceased loved ones in a special **Candlelit Liturgy of Remembrance**. This special liturgy is also open to all parishioners who would like to attend, and light a special votive candle in memory of their loved ones.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

The Monthly collection for our SVP Conference will take place next weekend.

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Thank You to Fr Kevin

When Fr Kevin announced in May that he had been appointed by Archbishop Farrell to a new ministry in Wicklow, our church was about to close for essential refurbishment works. As a result, there was little opportunity for parishioners to express their thanks for his seven and a half years of devoted service to our parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council recently discussed how we might show our appreciation for Fr Kevin and agreed to organise a parish collection towards a gift from the community he served so faithfully. Special envelopes are available at the back of the church and may be placed in the collection boxes or returned to the Parish Office.

We also hope to welcome Fr Kevin back to Monkstown in the coming weeks for a gathering of parishioners, giving us an opportunity to thank him personally and wish him every blessing in his new ministry.

A Sad Farewell to Bruno



Many of you will remember Bruno, Fr Kevin's Bernese Mountain Dog, who was a familiar sight around the parish. After more than eleven and a half years as Fr Kevin's faithful companion, Bruno has sadly died.

Anyone who has loved and cared for a dog will understand how deep that bond can be. We know that Bruno's loss will be keenly felt and we remember Fr Kevin in our prayers at this sad time.

Deacon Eric

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



Giving to God What Belongs to God

Matthew 22:15-21

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is confronted with a question designed to trap Him: should taxes be paid to Caesar? His response is both simple and profound: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus acknowledges our responsibilities as citizens and members of society. We have duties towards the communities in which we live and work. Yet He reminds us that there is a deeper loyalty that comes before all others. While coins may bear the image of Caesar, each human person bears the image of God.

The Gospel challenges us to reflect on what belongs to God in our own lives. Our time, talents, relationships, compassion, and faith are gifts entrusted to us by the Lord. As we fulfil our earthly responsibilities, we are also called to offer ourselves wholeheartedly to God, allowing His values of justice, truth, mercy, and love to shape everything we do.

May we live as faithful citizens of the world, while never forgetting that we belong first to God.

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 11 am
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