MONKSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



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November 7th / 8th 2026

NOTICES



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

- **Ann (Anni) Kilgallon (1st A)**
- **Teresa Heffernan (A)**
- **Brendan Briscoe (A)**
- **Rita & Jerome Daly (A)**
- **Maura & Denis O'Sullivan (A)**
- **Fiona McFadden (RD)**
- **Susan Ross (MM)**

SHARE APPEAL SUNDAY

November 7/8, 2026

This weekend (7/8 November) is the annual Share Appeal. Your support is greatly appreciated. Archbishop Farrell's letter is available at the back of the church and on our parish website.

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians

One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity **Aid to the Church in Need**, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on '**Red Wednesday**' November 18. More information is available at www.acnireland.org.

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Liturgy of Remembrance



Last Wednesday's Liturgy of Remembrance provided a beautiful opportunity to pray for and remember our faithful departed. The church was gently lit by candlelight, creating a peaceful atmosphere enhanced by reflective music. All present were invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one. More than 250 people attended this moving celebration.

Thank You Fr. Kevin

I have been in touch with Fr Kevin, and I am delighted to confirm that he will return to concelebrate Mass with us on **Sunday 22 November**. This will provide parishioners with an opportunity to thank him and wish him well.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful opportunity to experience God's mercy and peace. Fr Eugen is available before and after morning Mass each day. Please speak with him in the sacristy if you wish to celebrate the Sacrament.

This Week's Readings



Wisdom 6:12-16 & Matthew 25:1-13

The parable of the wise and foolish virgins speaks to the importance of being ready for the coming of the Lord. While all ten awaited the bridegroom, only the wise brought enough oil to keep their lamps burning through the long night. Jesus reminds us that discipleship is not simply about waiting, but about living each day in faithful readiness.

The first reading from Wisdom tells us that wisdom is "bright, and does not grow dim." Those who seek her will find her. Wisdom is more than knowledge; it is a way of living that keeps our hearts attentive to God's presence and guidance. Like the oil in the lamps, wisdom sustains faith when life becomes difficult, uncertain, or demanding.

The Gospel challenges us to ask what keeps our own lamps burning. Prayer, the sacraments, acts of kindness, forgiveness, and care for others nourish the light of Christ within us. None of us knows when the Lord will come, but every day offers an opportunity to be prepared.

The wise disciple is not driven by fear, but by a loving and faithful relationship with Christ, who calls us to be ready to welcome him with joy.

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