

30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
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# The Harbour



*Parish Newsletter for Passage West, Monkstown, Shanbally and Ringaskiddy*



## *Masses and Prayer Services*

31<sup>st</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### PASSAGE WEST

Mon: Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.

Wed: Liturgy of the Word 10.00 a.m.

Friday: Mass 7.30 pm.

Sunday: 11.30 a.m.

### MONKSTOWN

Thursday: 7.30 pm

Sunday: 10.00 a.m.

### SHANBALLY

Wednesday: 7.30 pm

Saturday: 06.00 p.m.

### RINGASKIDDY

Tuesday: 10.00

Sunday: 08.45 a.m.

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Come in we're open!

TUESDAYS

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

THURSDAYS

5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

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## November Novena Reflections

The November Novena held between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> of November has always been a special time for me personally. My father died when I was a young teenager, he developed moto-neuron disease and died about a year later having deteriorated rapidly in the intervening period. The Novena gave the family each year a chance to talk about the reality of death and dying a subject that would not be normal dinner conversation. It gave us a chance to share our memories of him yes but also others in our family who were gone, grandparents for example, what were they like, who in the family had certain traits that they passed on. A conversation that may start off morbid would soon morph into a discussion about uncles and aunts family and friends who really are part of the root network that gave rise to your family and ultimately you.

As people will know by now I start off most of my funeral homilies with a genealogy. Who is the person who has died, who were their parents and where did they come from. I say it's a West Cork trait that is coming out in me but really it's a natural human curiosity that we all have. It's many a wise person would say that if you don't know who you are and where you come from, you won't really get a handle on where it is you're going.

I know talking about death especially to children can be challenging, recently when my sister told her four-year-old daughter that our elderly neighbour had died, she said "well he'll have to get tooked the graveyard so", it is important to include them as much as they are able. One of the ways to do this might be to invite families to write the list of their deceased together maybe asking the question is their anyone we as a family need to remember or pray for, you might be surprised by the answers you get. For the older ones they might fake non-interest, but I do remember one of my brother, scanning our family list before it went into the envelope and asking my mother who a particular person was and why would she be included. It turned out the woman was a cousin of my grandfather and Mam had not been able to make her funeral so she was put on the list.

Another reason for attending the Novena of course is self-care. When we are bereaved our emotions are heightened and we can be very sensitive and vulnerable. Though grief can be a very personal journey some aspects can be communal and even though we feel that "no one's pain is like mine" aspects of our pain mirror others and sometimes if we see another person cry it can encourage us to grieve or give us that permission. The lights blew in the church once at the beginning of a Novena I said years ago and we had to continue in candle light. The next day there was a delegation in ask if we could do the whole thing with no lights. When I asked why they said it was easier to cry in the darkness. I agreed to the request but said all the lights would come on at the concretion on the last night to mirror the resurrection. It is so important to cry and grieve it is said that "what we don't transform we transfer".

I will preach each night of the Novena on different aspects of grief and loss, if there is anyone who has suffered loss in the past years that you feel might benefit you might be moved to invite them and even go with them. The masses will be in the evening at 7:30 to give people who are working the opportunity to attend. However this may discourage an elderly neighbour who may not want to drive at night, maybe this is an opportunity for you to do a good turn for them.

*Fr Chris*

## Baptisms

CONOR DEASY was baptised in the Church of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Monkstown on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

SEAN BRADY & FREYA MCCARTHY were baptised in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Shanbally on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

*We warmly welcome them into our Christian Community*

## October: Safeguarding Month in our Diocese

Cork and Ross Diocese has asked us to publish four pieces on Safeguarding in the Newsletter during the month of October:

### Week 4

An Adult Safeguarding Policy, Safeguarding Adults at Risk of Abuse has been written and implemented for all the Dioceses in Munster.

‘Inspired by gospel values, the commitment of Pope Francis, and in compliance with law we will strive to ensure the participation and welfare of all adults who may be vulnerable in the life of the Church. We are committed to fostering a safeguarding culture characterised by empowerment, collaboration and zero tolerance of abuse.’

You can find a copy of the policy at [www.corkandross.org/safeguarding](http://www.corkandross.org/safeguarding)

## Halloween Display in aid Marymount University Hospital and Hospice

In the Fr. Collins Centre  
Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> & Monday  
October 31<sup>st</sup>  
6.00 pm to 9.30pm.  
All welcome

## Volunteers Needed!!

PACE, your local Meals on Wheels are looking for help in their kitchen. If you can spare 3 hours of a morning contact 021 4863272.

## November Novena Invitation

You are invited to remember deceased loved ones in prayer during the Annual Nine Day Novena. Each year, as part of its ministry, the church sets apart “Nine Days of Prayer for the Departed,” from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 10<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

**All Masses during this Novena will be at 7.30pm. There will be no 10am morning Mass during the Novena.**

In Passage West on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November the names of all the people who died during the year will be read out.

The names of the people who died during the year in Monkstown, Shanbally and Ringaskiddy will be read at the beginning of Mass in Monkstown 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Prayers in the parish cemeteries will be said on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November at 12.30 pm.

## November Novena Mass Schedule

### Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Feast of All Souls

Passage West 7:30pm

(The names of all the people from Passage West who died during the past year will be read at the beginning of Mass)

### Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monkstown 7:30 pm

(The names of the people who died during the year in Monkstown, Shanbally and Ringaskiddy will be read at the beginning of Mass)

### Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>

Passage West 7:30pm

### Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>

Shanbally 6:00pm

### Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>

Ringaskiddy 8:45am

Monkstown 10.00am

Passage West 11:30am

Prayers at all three Parish Cemeteries

12:30 pm

Led by Fr Chris and members of the Funeral Team.

### Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>

Passage West at 7:30

(With special focus on Infant death)

### Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>

Oratory at 7:30pm.

### Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>

Shanbally at 7:30pm

### Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>

Monkstown at 7:30pm.

Final mass of the Novena

*There will be no 10.00 am morning Masses during the Novena.*

Normal weekday Mass schedule resumes on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in Passage West with Mass at 10.00 am.

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