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## Advent Wreath-Making

Parish Floral Art Group

**Sunday 3 December – First Sunday of Advent**  
10.45am & 12 Noon

### What is provided?

Oasis ring, Advent candles (3 purple, 1 pink & 1 white), cocktail sticks and tape.

### What do you bring?

Greenery (holly & ivy & any other Advent decorations which you might like to use), a scissors and a plate/platter on which to carry your wreath.

**Is there a cost?** €10 per family (to help defray some of the costs) / 1 wreath per family.

**Note:** Places limited to 15 families/individuals at each of the two sessions. Therefore, please book early with Mount Merrion Parish Office to avoid disappointment."

### Venue:

**Mount Merrion Community Centre**

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## Journeying to Christmas in Song

**Sunday 10 December –**  
Second Sunday of Advent at 4.30pm

In this Advent season of hope and joy, come gather with our parish choirs as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Our Saviour.

Take some time out from the 'busy-ness' of this time of year, to enjoy the music and sing the hymns and songs of the season.

All Welcome.

### Venue:

**Church of St. Thérèse, Mount Merrion**

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# Parish Seasonal Gatherings



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## We are Family

and ALL are WELCOME!

**Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 November**  
After the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself, you are welcome to join in this creative celebration of FAMILY.

Come along and place your handprint in paint (*paint and washing materials provided*) alongside your family's, neighbours' and friends' handprints, as we visually and creatively, represent our parish family in all its diversity. Our large joyously-colourful FAMILY banner will be displayed on an external wall once completed.

**NOTE:** Remembering Family – There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the main altar after 11.15am Mass until 7.00pm. We invite you to drop in and remember your own family in prayer on this special day of parish celebration of FAMILY.

Venue:

**Mount Merrion Community Centre**

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## Advent Christmas Reflections

Fr. Michael Screene,  
MSC

**Thursdays – November 23 & 30**  
**December 7 @ 11.00am-12.30pm**

### **Week 1: What's your dream for Advent and Christmas?**

Christmas is a dream time for us all. We want it to be a time of family, peace, joy and gladness. Our traditional celebration of the birth of Jesus now tends to be taken over by commercial forces. What do we want this Advent and Christmas? What really matters for us and for the full happiness of ourselves and our families?

### **Week 2: Can this gentle time bring us a gentler faith?**

Great things are happening in the world of faith in our times. Pope Francis invites us walk with him into a more gentle and caring kind of faith. Sometimes in history, we went the way of severe and hurting faith. It was not God's way. Pope Francis calls us to a gentler faith in our attitudes to ourselves and a more merciful way with others. In this gathering we will talk about how that will bless us.

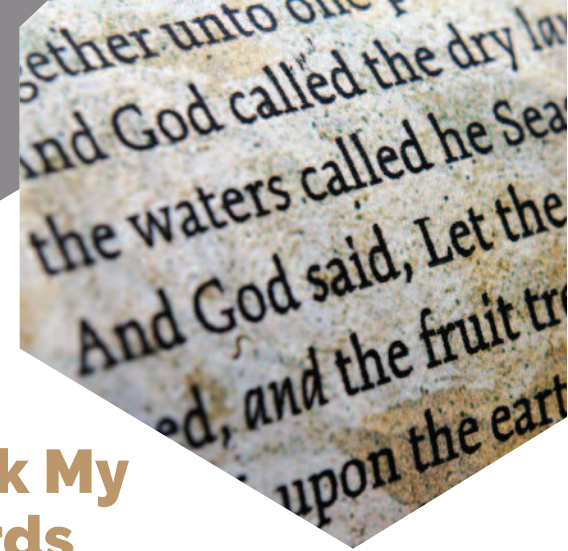
### **Week 3: Can we let this Advent and Christmas be a road of hope for us?**

Our hope is always challenged. We fail. We are disappointed. Yet, amazingly, we pick up the pieces and move on again. God wants us know he is with us every step of the way. The great Christmas revelation is that "God is Emmanuel", which means "God-with-us". We will try to believe in this and find hope.

Venue:

**Prayer Room, Kilmacud**

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## Mark My Words

Dr. Kieran O'Mahony, OSC  
Diocesan Biblical Studies Co-ordinator

**Tuesdays – November 21, & 28**  
**December 5 & 12 @ 7.30pm**

On December 3rd this year, the Church will begin a new liturgical year by celebrating the start of Advent. At the same time, we will hear a new voice in our Sunday gospels. After a year during which we have regularly listened to Matthew on Sundays, we now hear St. Mark.

Over 4 Tuesday evenings, Fr. Kieran O'Mahony will share valuable insight into Mark, the shortest of the gospels, opening up the gospel readings for the coming liturgical year.

Venue:

**Mount Merrion Community Centre**

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## Moments of Stillness

Caroline Keogh,  
Parish Catechist

**Tuesdays – November 28**  
**December 5 & 12 @ 10.45am**

In this part of the world the earth is resting. Stillness and reflection are woven into the landscape. The sun is gentle and softer in the sky. As Christians we have a period of remembrance in November and of waiting and preparation during Advent. We invite you to embrace this time; to slow down, soften and reflect. Frequently, it is in such moments that we hear and are strengthened by "the still quiet voice" of our God.

Come along to our 3 Tuesday mornings of reflection, sharing and discussion including DVD presentation.

Venue:

**Clonskeagh Parish Office**