

Sunday 11th February 2018

# MOUNT MERRION PARISH

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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COFFEE DOCK

Can you spare one morning a month to help in the Community Centre Coffee Dock? If so, please telephone 087-2327974, or contact Centre Manager Mary Flynn.

### AMORIS LAETITIA (THE JOY OF LOVE)



Beginning on **Tuesday 13 February 2018**, (Community Centre at 8pm) and running for the next two Tuesdays, I will facilitate three evenings to look at what Pope Francis has to say about family life today within the context of our own lived experience. Everybody is part of some family so please come along and contribute to the discussion. Fr. Tony

### THURSDAY NIGHT 15th FEBRUARY PRAYER & TAIZÉ

#### Beginning the Lenten Journey

The Young People in our Parish invite you to join them for a short service of prayer & music marking the beginning of the season of Lent. Words, music, liturgy and song will be interwoven with reflections that relate to both the Lenten journey and the anticipation of the joy and hope of Easter. We will gather on **Thursday 15th February in the church at 7:15pm, commencing at 7:30pm and conclude by 8pm.** There will be refreshments afterwards. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Pilgrimage to Inis Mór (Aran Islands) 26 - 29 April 2018



A weekend retreat on the island of Inis Mor. A weekend of music, meditation and journey to the sacred sites of Aran, following in the Celtic Christian tradition of pilgrimage through a Holy Land. We will stay in the beautiful Kilmurvey house known for its excellent food, accommodation and friendly welcome.

**Cost: 345 Euros – Deposit of €120 to secure a place. Places are limited to 18. Balance to be paid at the retreat in April**

Includes:

- 3 nights at Kilmurvey House B&B (double room included). Single rooms available with nightly supplement of €10.
- Two meals daily (breakfast and evening meal, Tea/coffee and homemade scones mid morning and afternoon)
- Transportation to / from Kilronan pier to Kilmurvey House
- Facilitation of 3 day retreat and all materials.
- Tours of ancient monastic sites on Inis Mor.

**Booking and further information from the Parish office. Mount Merrion:  
Ph. 2881271 / Kilmacud: Ph. 2884009**

### FAREWELL TO FR. JERRY MEAGHER

Fr. Jerry who has been ministering among us for the past year is returning to his diocese in California. He has been a gentle and very helpful presence here and he will be missed. There is a small reception from **11am in Clonskeagh Church** to bid him farewell on **February 18th 2018**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday 10th

6.00 Jerome & Patricia Creedon & their son John  
John Sheerin [A]  
Joan & Tony O'Halloran [A]  
Seamus McDermot [A]  
Brian Doolin [A]

#### Sunday 11th

10.00 John McLaughlin [A]  
11.15 Maura Murnane [1st A] & James Murnane [A]  
Ernest Byrne [A]  
Marie Nicholson [M.M]  
Shirley Lynn [A]  
Ann Cosgrove [A]  
Maurice O'Brien [A]  
7.30 Rose Deering [1st A]  
Mairead Fitzgerald [A]

#### Monday 12th

10.00 For all who are ill

#### Tuesday 13th

10.00 Liturgy of the Word

#### Wednesday 14th ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00

7.30

#### Thursday 15th

10.00

#### Friday 16th

10.00

#### Saturday 17th

10.00 Marie Weafer-Hodgins [A]  
Special Intention

6.00 Patrick & Maureen Brooke-Tyrrell [A]  
Walter, Jim & Nellie Parkinson [A]  
Eileen Pender [A]

#### Sunday 18th

10.00

11.15 John, Lucie and Nora Golden [A]  
Mary Madden 1st [A]  
Patricia Campbell [A]

7.30

### FUNERAL MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE MT. MERRION/ KIIMACUD/ CLONSKEAGH "COME AND SEE"



Mount Merrion are hosting a Funeral Ministry Training with a view to expanding their existing Teams. It is open to anyone who may be interested in the whole area of bereavement and support and who may consider becoming involved in funeral ministry in their own parish. The course will run for 5 weeks and provide a space for people to discern and see if it's for them. There is no need to feel pressure to commit to the Funeral Ministry team at this stage. You will be guided to discern during the course so come along and see. Course topics to include: The grieving cycle, Confidence building, Listening skills, Awareness of sensitivities at time of bereavement, dealing with feelings and family relationships, Spirituality and practical training. If you are interested please contact the Parish office for further details.

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The **ANNUAL COLLECTION of ACCORD**, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 18th & 19th February 2017. **The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection**

ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation Courses
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationship.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in Schools

**ACCORD Dublin needs your support**

**Please give generously on 18th & 19th February**



### NUTRITION STUDY AT UCD

UCD Institute of Food and Health are running a new study called A-diet Confirm. The study follows people's dietary habits and collects biological samples once a month over 4 months, in order to develop new tools for dietary assessment. This study looks for healthy, non-smoking volunteers, aged 18-60 years who are not on medication or supplements. Participants can find out about their body composition (muscle, fat and bone mass %) at each visit. Please contact Orla or Ilona on [adiet@ucd.ie](mailto:adiet@ucd.ie) or telephone 01 7162471 for more information.

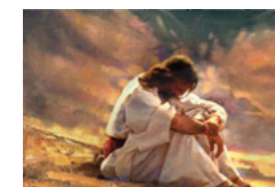


Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Kay Devlin** whose funeral took place here this week

### PRAYER ON ST VALENTINE'S DAY

Loving Father,  
I pray for an open heart and mind, so that I may recognise and be grateful for all the love in my life.  
I pray that I might find a new sense of wholeness, joy and peace in your love.  
Remove all obstacles so that I may grow in love throughout my life.  
Give me the grace to trust in your loving plan for me, so that whatever my circumstances over the course of my life, I may know that I am not alone,  
that I am loved by You, my Loving Father, who is full of tenderness, mercy and compassion.

**AMEN**



This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, we begin the season of Lent, a time to prepare our hearts for the new life which Jesus brings at Easter. Just as nature awakens to growth and new life at this time of year, each Lent invites us to bring springtime to our spiritual life.

Lent lasts 40 days connecting us to the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying, before going out to share the Good News. It ends before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

There is a double focus in Lent - BAPTISM and PENANCE. For those of us already baptised, it is a time to recall our BAPTISM and prepare to renew it at Easter. While PENANCE or REPENTANCE means that, knowing that Jesus loves us, we notice the times when we did not act lovingly, we tell Jesus we are sorry, we try to put things right and we begin again to try to become more like Jesus - growing closer to God's Love by making the best choices we can.

Lent calls us to a time of self-reflection, penance and returning to God as we ready ourselves to renew our baptism