



MOUNT MERRION PARISH

14th October 2018

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28th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time



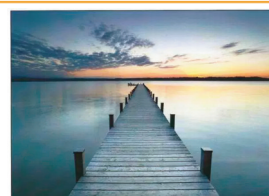
BUILDING BRIDGES

After reflection on the recent visit of Pope Francis to Ireland and his desire to hear the voices of the voiceless, I feel it's important to identify two particular groups who are perhaps on the margins of our church and whose voices are not fully heard. I identify these groups as firstly, the LGBT community and secondly, women. In order that voices from these groups are more fully heard, I would like to invite anyone in our parishes from the LGBT Community, for a conversation and social evening with refreshments, to my house at 79 The Rise, Mount Merrion on **18th October at 7.30pm**. This invitation is also inspired by the book by Fr James Martin SJ called Building A Bridge, which I would highly recommend we all read.

My invitation is sincere and offered with humility so that we can all listen to each other with respect and dignity at this meeting in order to find a way to begin to cross the bridge together. Finally, I've invited a small group to begin to find ways of more fully hearing the voices of women in our parish.

Thank you for all your support in my illness. Keep up the prayers as every day I pray for you too. **Fr Tony**

PS. Leaflets available at the back of the church



SUNDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2018 - MASS FOR THE BEREAVED: 7:30pm

Families of parishioners from Mount Merrion who have been bereaved from October 2017 to September 2018 have been invited to attend this special Mass. All parishioners who wish to attend are also most welcome to do so. The Mass for the Bereaved will be preceded by a Candle of Light Ceremony to commemorate all parishioners and friends who have died. A large candle in a storm lantern will be lit before morning Masses on Sunday 4th. The celebrant will take the candle to the Garden of Remembrance in the Church grounds. Members of the Funeral Ministry team will bring containers of flowers. Short prayers will be said around the commemorative stone. Parishioners attending Mass are invited to follow the celebrant outdoors and participate in this prayerful remembrance. On the 1st & 2nd November parishioners are invited to light candles at any of the 6 shrines in the church in memory of family members and friends. In this way all parishioners can unite in remembering their loved ones and friends who have died. During these days of commemoration the Sacred Space area in the church will also reflect the theme of remembrance.

GOD WILL BE YOUR EVERLASTING LIGHT (ISAIAH 60:20)

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**Please note the Parish Office will be closed
Monday 15th October**

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU to submit a short personal reflection of your own experience of the Walk While You Can (WWYC) journey and activities for possible inclusion in the Christmas issue of The Parish News. Please email your few words (2/3 sentences max) to parishoffice@mountmerrionparish.ie

THE MOUNT MERRION BRANCH OF SAINT JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY are holding their annual collection this weekend. Thank you for your support in the past, with your generous help the Society are helping to support 82 Irish seminarians and 528 overseas during 2017/2018, we are committed to those we support until they have completed their studies. Our purpose is to promote the vocation of priesthood by prayer, financial help and the witness of our Christian living. Please pray for our Priests our seminarians and that the Lord will bless us with vocations to religious life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th

6.00 Jim Scully [A]
Aileen O'Doherty [A]
Ned Doheny [A]
Monica Maher [M.M]
John Maher [A]
Tony Cassidy [A]
Johnny Dunne [R.D]
Joan Mythen [A]

Sunday 14th

10.00 Brigid Murtagh [A]
Joe Soden [A]
John Dunne [R.D]
Joan Murphy [R.D]
11.15 Ned, Sheila & Elizabeth
Hughes[A]
William &
Prudence O'Shea [A]
Joe & Mary Kenny [A]

7.30

Monday 15th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 16th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 17th

10.00

Thursday 18th

10.00

Friday 19th

10.00

Saturday 20th

10.00

6.00 Eddie & Mary Cummins [A]
Kevin & Maureen Harrington [A]

Sunday 21st

10.00 Kathleen Dinneen [A]
Ray Doyle [A]

11.15 Diarmain Carey 1st [A]

7.30



PARISH BOOKINGS/ PARISH DIARY

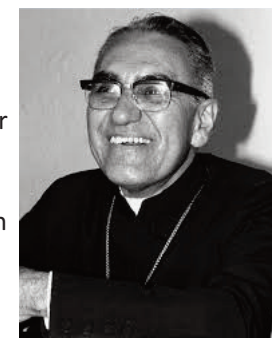
I would like to remind everyone that all events, meetings or activities of any description taking place in the church or the parish office/sacristy meeting rooms must be booked with Rosemary or Vivienne in the Parish Office parishoffice@mountmerrionparish.ie or 2881271 who are responsible for maintaining our Parish Diary. Thank you **Fr Tony**



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Anne O'Connor** whose funeral took place this week

OSCAR ROMERO

This weekend, on Sunday October 14th, the canonisation of Blessed Oscar Romero will take place in Rome. Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador in El Salvador, was assassinated on March 24th, 1980, while celebrating Mass. While El Salvador was on the brink of civil war, Archbishop Romero was a voice of hope for the poor and victims of human rights abuses. Despite numerous death threats, he continued to speak out on their behalf against injustice and oppression. Today, his perseverance is a symbol of hope for all persecuted Christians across the world.



Our icon of Blessed Oscar Romero, written by Sr Rosaleen Hogan, commissioned and blessed by Fr. Tony last Easter, is located at the back of our church. Why not take some time this week to visit it and pray?

*God and Father of all,
you gave us your servant Oscar Romero
as a faithful and zealous pastor
whose great love for your Church
was shown in a special way
by his love for the poor and those most in need.
Grant that we too may reflect in our living, the Gospel of
Jesus your Son. Amen*
Saint Oscar Romero ~ Pray for Us

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more" ~ Oscar Romero
*"But it is not God's will for some to have everything and
others to have nothing. That cannot be of God. God's will is
that all his children be happy." ~ Oscar Romero*

WOULD YOU CONSIDER SERVING AS A MINISTER FOR THE EUCHARIST?

Mount Merrion Parish is blessed with a team of a little shy of 60 volunteers currently serving as Ministers for the Eucharist catering for all the weekday and weekend Masses. **But we need more help!** We have further details this weekend at all the weekend masses, and a number of existing ministers will better outline what is involved. Following this, we will have an information meeting/training in early November for all those interested. Even if you decide not to continue with the process to be commissioned a Minister of the Eucharist, we would encourage people to come along at this point to gain a deeper understanding of the role, and its function in the church. If you have any questions or wish to indicate in interest in coming to the training/Information meeting, please contact us on 083 881 7171 or leave your details in the parish office.



Oatlands College invite you to a Gala Concert 'Singwhileyoucan' on Thursday 25th October at 7.30pm in Mount Merrion Church to raise funds for our College Chaplain, Fr. Tony Coote. Tickets are priced at €30 and all funds will be donated to research for new medication RMN and to the IMNDA for the care of those living with the illness. Please log on to www.eventbrite.ie and search for Sing While You Can.

AUTUMN EVENINGS WITH DONAL DORR

Tuesday October 16th 7.30pm

Tuesday 23rd October 7.30pm

**Mount Merrion Parish
Community Centre**

We warmly welcome Donal Dorr back to the parish this autumn. Come along and listen to and engage with Donal as he speak with us and reflects on an Ecological Spirituality and God in creation in the light of the Pope's visit here last month and what that means for the Irish Christian community moving forward. In his recent book "The Pope Francis Agenda", Donal gives a comprehensive account of the teaching of Francis, drawing not only on the pope's major documents but on his hundreds of public addresses and messages. It will provide a backdrop for his evenings here.

The book will be available in the parish bookshop from the beginning of October.