

Mount Merrion Parish

4th November 2018

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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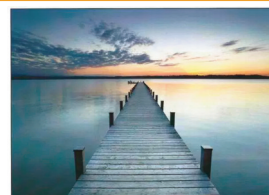
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SUNDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2018 - MASS FOR THE BEREAVED: 7:30pm

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)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER & TAIZÉ FOR REMEMBRANCE

After the well-received liturgy for St. Therese, and following on from the Mass for the Bereaved on Sunday 4th November, the Young People in our Parish invite you to join them on **Wednesday 7th November**, for a short service of prayer & music in honour of our lost love ones. Words, music, liturgy and song will be interwoven with reflection on remembering and healing. We will gather in the church at 7:15pm, commencing at 7:30pm and conclude by 8pm. We look forward to seeing you then.



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Anne McCarthy & Donal McCafferty** whose funeral took place this week.



Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand.

Mother Teresa



For all involved in the 2018 Walk While You Can campaign and for anyone keen to hear about plans for 2019, please come along to the parish centre in Mount Merrion on **Thursday 8th November at 7pm** for a short meeting. We will be celebrating the outstanding achievements thus far as well as looking to future plans. We look forward to seeing you there. The Walk While You Can team.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3rd

10.00 Joan O'Reilly [M.M]

6.00 Tom Gerard, Kevin Lloyd [1st A]

Sunday 4th

10.00

11.15 Peter Farrell [A]

Mary Lannin [A]

John Weafer [A]

7.30 Annual Mass for Bereaved

Monday 05th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 06th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 07th

10.00

Thursday 08th

10.00

Friday 09th

10.00

Saturday 10th

10.00

6.00 Kathleen Fitzgerald [1st A]

Sunday 11th

10.00 Mary, Jim & David Larkin [A]

Paddy, Moira &

Michael Anthony [A]

John & Evelyn English [A]

11.15 Christina Williams [A]

Michael Smyth [M.M]

7.30

MOUNT MERRION/KILMACUD SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES HAITI SUMMER PROJECTS

The collections in Mount Merrion and Kilmacud during last May & June raised an incredible €9,269.82. The continued support from the parishes over the last three years for our work in Haiti has been truly humbling. It is not an exaggeration to say that without such support the Haiti project simply would not have happened in the last three years. Knowing how warmly and fondly Fr. Tony speaks of his parishioners I am not surprised by such generosity and support, but equally not for a second do I take it for granted and I am deeply appreciative always.

Your support allowed us to do the following in July 2018: 650 local primary school children, specially selected from the poorest zones of the towns within which we work, attended our Sports and Literacy Camps held in two different rural villages in Gros Morne, Haiti. While there they learned English, Maths, Geography, Science but equally as importantly played soccer, basketball, did Arts and crafts and Music and simply had a chance to live reality that all children should live, which is to receive love, affection and unending encouragement. Your support paid for all the resources and materials we used in this camp. It paid for the 26,000 meals we served to the children over the course of the project. It paid for the wages of the 82 Haitians we employed across the two camps. Simply incredible and I cannot thank you all enough.

I along with my fellow board members have looked to formalise the organization and have set up a charity called **Solèy Haiti** (solèy being the Haitian Creole for sunshine) and our mantra is that we are working towards a brighter future for Haiti. To that end we will be holding **collections for the 2019 projects on November 10th & 11th in Mount Merrion and 17th and 18th in Kilmacud** and once again we ask for your support which is so crucial in allowing us to carry on our work. Equally we would like to **invite applications from parishioners over the age of 18 who would like to spend the month of July volunteering on our projects in Haiti to email soleyforhaiti@gmail.com for additional information.**

Thank you.

Patrick O'Neill, Team Leader Haiti Project



AONACH NA NOLLAG/CHRISTMAS FAIR COLÁISTE EOIN & COLÁISTE ÍOSAGÁIN

The two schools will be holding their Annual Christmas Fair on **Sunday 18th November** between **1.00pm – 5:00pm**. Items for sale such as CAKES, CRAFTS, PLANTS, DVDs, BOTTLES for the Bottle Wheel, PRIZES for the Wheel of Fortune and other items will be gratefully accepted over the next few weeks in the 2 schools, or contact 2884002 or 2884028 to arrange for collection. **BOOKS** are especially welcome, especially those new, nearly-new or those in the Irish language. All donations gratefully received. **Contact Liam at 2833125 for further information.**

LGBT MEETING 19 OCTOBER 2018

A lovely group of members of the LGBT community met in my home. We all listened to each other with respect. What we heard was heartwarming and at times heartbreaking. It was sad but not surprising how rejected many felt by the language and harsh attitudes of those who profess to follow the commandment to love enunciated by Jesus.

I thank those who wrote to me asking me to cancel the meeting though I disagree with you and object to the language of exclusion in one letter.

The next meeting will take place at 79 The Rise Mount Merrion on 15 November 2018 at 7.30pm

All members of the LGBT community are welcome. Fr. Tony

PLEASE NOTE

Envelopes & lists for November Altar list of the Dead are available at the back of the Church

WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES

In order to help defray the outstanding costs of hosting THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES we are asking you, once again, for your support. A national collection is being taken up at all Masses next weekend, **10th -11th November**, in the Dublin Diocese. It will replace the SHARE collection. Thank you