

Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be
catching men.

Luke 5:10

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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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 16th & 17th February 2019. The Collection for Accord will replace the usual Share Collection.

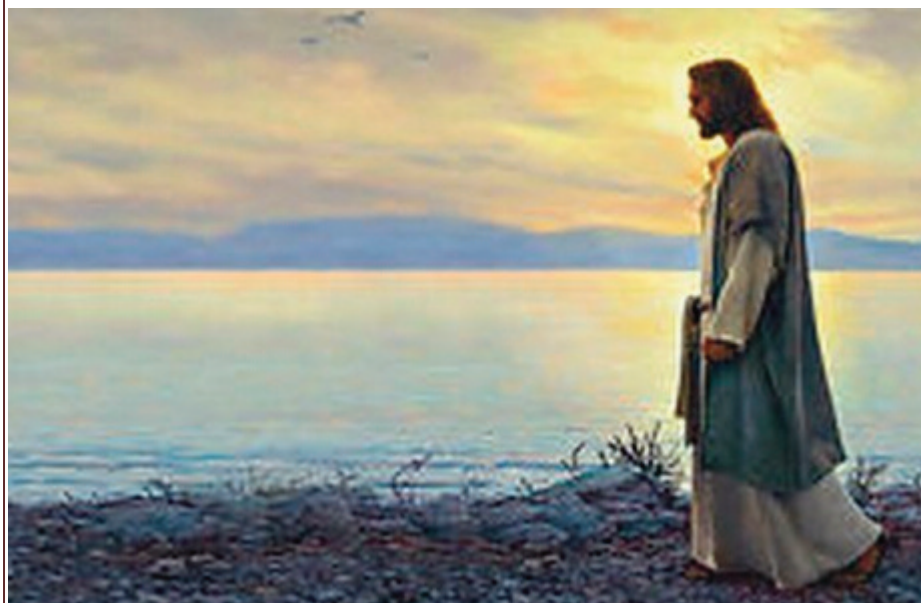
Accord Dublin throughout the Dioceses offers:

- * Marriage Preparation Courses
- * Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships.
- * A relationship and Sexuality Programme for School

Accord Dublin needs your support.
Please give generously on
16th & 17th February

THE CALL OF PETER:

'Whatever our position in life, we have something unique and great to offer'.



"The Deep End • Walking with the Lord" Reflection by Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co Roscommon. Email trionad@gmail.com published in Intercom Magazine, February 2019.

"Last July and August, hundreds of people took part in 'Walk While You Can', a walk from Letterkenny, County Donegal to Ballydehob, County Cork, to raise awareness and funds to support those with Motor Neurone Disease. The event was the brainchild of Fr Tony Coote, a priest of the parishes of Kilmacud and Mount Merrion in Dublin, who made the decision to walk the length of Ireland after himself being diagnosed with MND. His boundless energy and zest for life, even in the face of terminal illness, struck a chord with many. People were inspired by his faith. Speaking during an interview on The Late Late Show, Fr Tony said: 'I haven't much time left, I know that. But I believe in a loving God; I don't fear death.'"

"Fr Tony is an example of someone who is following Jesus as a disciple, while also bringing others to Jesus. In his years as a priest he has preached and lived the Gospel, and since this massive change in his health and circumstances he has found a way to spread the Good News in a new way."

"His story came to mind as I reflected on today's Gospel, which tells the story of the call of Peter. We are often struck by how the first disciples 'left everything and followed him'. Are we expected to do the same? Only a rare few will literally leave behind home, friends and family. But following Jesus does require us to offer our whole selves, whatever our circumstances. Whatever our position in life, we have something unique and great to offer."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th

10.00 John Gallagher
6.00 Eileen Pender [A]
Tom & Peggy Duffy [A]
Patricia Campbell [A]
Brian Doolan [A]
Mary Galvin [A]

Sunday 10th

10.00 Frank Carney [A]
Vincent Browne & his father Michael Vincent Browne [A]
11.15 Bernadette Monaghan [A]
Ernest Byrne [A]
Bertie & Sheila Sweeney [A]
7.00 Rose Deering [A]
Mairead Fitzgerald [A]

Monday 11th

10.00 For all who are sick

Tuesday 12th

10.00 Liturgical service

Wednesday 13th

10.00 Eunan McGlynn [A]
Mary Murphy [A]

Thursday 14th

10.00

Friday 15th

10.00

Saturday 16th

10.00

6.00 Walter, Jim & Nellie Parkinson [A]
Patricia Campbell [A]
Jerome, Patricia &
their Son John Creedan [A]

Sunday 17th

10.00 Timlin Family
11.15 Maura & Jim Murnane [A]
John, Lucie & Nora Golden [A]
David Power [A]

7.30



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Patrick Larkin and Mai McEvoy** whose funeral took place here this week

JESUS IS THE ANSWER

**Put your faith in Jesus.
He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.
Hes the one and only Savior,
Offering hope for toil and strife.**

**When the burdens seem too hard.
In Him find help and comfort,
Let His angels be your guard.**



PARISH VOLUNTEERS – GARDA VETTING AND SAFEGUARDING

In order to protect children and vulnerable people, the Archdiocese requires all volunteers in the Church to be Garda Vetted and to attend a Safeguarding Information Meeting every three years.

Volunteers who were Garda Vetted in 2015/2016 are now asked to renew their vetting. Volunteers will be contacted by the co-ordinators of their groups and requested to fill in a Vetting Form with contact information, including an email address, so that a vetting invitation can be sent from the Garda National Vetting Bureau to complete the application by email. The process is completely confidential.

Safeguarding Information Sessions (approx. 1.5 hours) will be held in the Mount Merrion Community Centre on 12th and 26th March at 8.00pm. These will be addressed by a member of the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding and Protection Team. All volunteers will be asked to attend one of these sessions.

Sincere thanks to all the volunteers whose contribution to the Parish is very much appreciated. Michele Kehoe & Mary Murphy (Child Safeguarding Representatives), Sandra King (Parish Volunteer Database Administrator).



Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, Patron of Trafficked Persons, is celebrated on 8th February.

Resources available on www.icatholic.ie/praying-victims-slavery-trafficking-8th-feb

As human trafficking continues to be a supremely important issue during Pope Francis' pontificate, with an estimated 20 million victims worldwide, St. Josephine Bakhita, enslaved during her own childhood, has emerged as a patron not only for her home country of Sudan, but for all victims of trafficking.

St. Josephine was kidnapped and sold into slavery at the age of 7, undergoing immense suffering throughout her adolescence before discovering the faith in her early 20s. She was baptized, and after being freed entered the Canossian Sisters in Italy.