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Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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www.mountmerrionparish.ie

Please note that from **March 1st 2019** all magazines will be available for purchase in the Parish shop located at the back of the Church after all Masses. Newspapers will continue to be available for purchase in the side porch and at the back of the Church.

Dublin Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Dublin Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes are holding a church gate collection on **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March** to raise funds to bring 26 children with special needs to Lourdes at Easter.

The Children come from across the Dublin Diocese and they are cared for on a one to one basis by our helpers. We travel at Easter as it is Children's week and the children are treated by everyone as VIP's. All the helpers that travel with us pay their own fares in order to facilitate this trip. All monies raised in the name of the DDCP will go directly towards the children's fares and their fun activities while we are away. This is our 44th Pilgrimage and we would appreciate any support you could offer.

Following on from our Nollaig na mBan reflection, then the Faith Space displays of 'What would three wise women do?', and 'What Women Contribute to the Life of the Church?' and more recently the beautiful parish *St Brigid's Prayer Vigil incl. music and song from our Senior Choir, we now invite you to a little gathering of celebration and conversation marking International Women's Day & Women's World Day of Prayer on Tuesday March 5th @ 7.30pm in the Community Centre.* Please see poster below for full details.

It is hoped that this series of creative displays, music & prayer opportunities and celebratory gatherings will prompt reflection & conversation and, as Fr Tony has encouraged, might help us on our journey to "more fully hear the voices of women in our parish".

We invite you to a celebration marking International Women's Day & Women's World Day of Prayer

Exploring

Faith

Prayerful Action

Sharing

Round Table Discussion

**Tuesday 5th March
at 7.30 p.m.
Community Centre
Mount Merrion**

All are welcome

Come Join The Conversation

We'd love to see you

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd March

6.00 Donal & Sarah Downing [A]
Ina Moore [A]
David Nolan [A]

Sunday 3rd March

10.00 Catherine Farrell [A]
11.15 Peter Kennedy [A]
7.30

Monday 4th March

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 5th March

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday

10.00

Thursday 7th March

10.00

Friday 8th March

10.00 Baby Emma Lyons [A]

Saturday 9th March

10.00 Evelyn Moynihan [A]

6.00 Des Fitzgerald [M.M.]

Sunday 10th March

10.00 Timlin Family
Dolores Neilan 1st [A]
Eileen & May McCann [A]
Ted O'Riordan [A]
11.15 Maura Donnellan [A]
Des Fitzgerald [M.M.]
7.30 Noreen Mooney [A]
David Power [A]

MOUNT MERRION PARISH LENT 2019 LECTIO DIVINA / REFLECTION WITH SR. MARIE CARR



Join Marie for a reflective lectio style exploration during Lent.

THURSDAY MORNINGS IN THE PARISH OFFICE
11am – 12.15

March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th, 11th.

Marie Carr IBVM has many years of experience working as a spiritual director and prayer guide. She has a very gentle and understanding presence and great gift for facilitating people on their prayer journey.



A huge thank you to everyone who bought our WWYC Christmas CD! With your help we raised **AN AMAZING €9,000 !!!** From the Mount Merrion parish children's choir. *(The families of the children in the choir contributed almost 3/4 of the costs allowing us to raise such a huge amount. Thanks to all involved!)*

FAMILY OFFERING APPEAL - NEXT WEEKEND 9/10 MARCH

There will be an appeal at all Masses (apart from the 7.30pm Sun evening Mass – to be made later) asking for your support for the Family Offering. This is the main income for our Parish and it is the only collection / dues contributions which stays in the Parish to fund Parish expenses. There has been a general decrease in Family Offering contributions since 2016. Unfortunately, the day-to-day costs of running the parish and the ongoing liturgy and pastoral activities continue to rise, despite the high level of volunteer time and services.

If you are not currently contributing to the Family Offering, and are in a position to do so, we would invite you to participate. If you would like to increase your contribution that would also be most welcome. There will be volunteers available after Masses next weekend to help you fill in a Standing Order form or to contribute on the Parish website (www.mountmerrionparish.ie). Remember to bring your account details!

*Thank you to everyone who has been contributing for generations!
Let's continue the Parish heritage of contributing.*



ADMIRAL RICHARD BRYDGES BEECHEY 'MARINE ARTIST'



ILLUSTRATED TALK by Cormac Lowth Thursday 7th March, 2019 @ 8.00pm

Admiral Richard Brydges Beechey 1808-1895, was a marine artist who lived in Dublin for part of his life, notably in Dun Laoghaire and Monkstown. At twelve years of age he joined the Royal Navy as a Midshipman and he sailed on voyages of exploration under his brother, Captain Frederick Beechey. Richard Beechey was a prolific artist, painting mostly in oils. Many of his paintings show Royal naval vessels, in addition to many of the big yachts of the day. He also painted many seascapes depicting the Irish Coast. Beechey had a penchant for painting some of the mail-boats that plied between Kingstown and Holyhead.

Cormac Lowth has had a lifelong interest in the sea, and historical matters. He has served on the Councils of the Maritime Institute of Ireland, and The Old Dublin Society. He is a frequent lecturer on maritime matters to many Historical Societies and is a regular contributor of articles to several Historical journals including the "Dublin Historical Record". He is one of the crew of the Naomh Crónán, a traditional style Galway Hooker which is based in Ringsend and has an abiding interest in Maritime art.

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MOUNT MERRION

Admission: Members No charge (see Season Membership)
Non-Members: €4.00 (Students €2.00) Season 2018-19 Membership: €20 per person / €30 per couple Email: mountmerrionhistoricalsociety@gmail.com web site: www.mountmerrionhistorical.com While the Society will endeavour to deliver the published agenda, lectures and speakers may be changed due to circumstances outside its control