



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of  
Lent

# Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

10th March 2019  
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Church of St Therese  
Mount Merrion, Co Dublin

## AN INVITATION TO MAKE A REGULAR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Dear Parishioner or Regular Visitor,

We would like to sincerely express our thanks for all who so generously contribute financially to the running of the parish each year.

### Falling Income

The parish income has been falling in recent years as the parish ages and the demographics change. Unfortunately, the day-to-day cost of running the Parish and providing the services we want continues to rise, despite the high levels of volunteer time and services. In order to facilitate the ongoing liturgy and pastoral activities and to assist with the upkeep of the church and grounds, we are targeting an increase in Family Offering contributions.

### Deficit

You may have seen from the 2017 Parish Accounts that the Parish is in a deficit position in relation to its running costs. The deficit for 2017 for the Church was €61k, with an overall deficit of €14k when the healthy surplus from the Parish Centre of €47k is taken into account. (A copy of the Accounts is available on the parish website [mountmerrionparish.ie](http://mountmerrionparish.ie)). The 2018 accounts are currently being prepared. While there is likely to be a Church deficit again there may possibly be an overall surplus due to the Community centre contribution.

### Not all funds collected stay in the Parish

The income from both collections at Mass plus the Christmas and Easter Dues do not form part of the parish funds. These funds are transferred directly to the Archdiocese. The first collection at Sunday Mass contributes towards the salaries of all the priests of the Diocese. The second collection contributes to the running costs of the Diocese, including Child Safeguarding Office, as well as other sections of the administration. So, the only money collected which remains in the parish are the regular contributions (family offering / envelopes), donations, shrine offerings, Parish Shop profits and Parish Centre.

### How you can help

If you are not currently contributing, and are in a position to do so, we are inviting you to contribute €10-22 per month, or what other amount you think is appropriate for you, bearing in mind that any contributions of €250 or more p.a. can facilitate a related Revenue refund to the parish. If you would like to increase your current contribution that would also be very welcome. Contributing is easy and can be done on the Church website – use the **'Donate'** button on the home page to make regular contributions or once-off amounts. **By Standing Order** – forms available for download from the website or at the Church doors, forms to be sent to the Parish Office. **By Bank Transfer** to the Parish of St Therese, **Account No; 47669173 AIB Plc, Stillorgan, Co Dublin (Sort Code 933570) IBAN IE08AIBK93357047669173.**

If you have any queries, just email or call to the Parish Office. Thanking you in advance and with every blessing to you.

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### Dublin Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Dublin Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes are holding a church gate collection **this weekend** to raise funds to bring 26 children with special needs to Lourdes at Easter.

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



### THURSDAY MORNINGS IN THE PARISH OFFICE 11am – 12.15 March 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th, 11th.

Marie Carr BVM 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday 9th March

10.00 Evelyn Moynihan [A]  
6.00 Michael Kelly [A]  
Mary Byrne [M.M]

### Sunday 10th March

10.00 Timlin Family  
Dolores Neilan 1st [A]  
Eileen & May McCann [A]  
Ted O'Riordan [A]  
Thomas Joseph Melican [R.D]  
11.15 John Donnellan [A]  
Des Fitzgerald [M.M.]  
Bobby & Peter O'Connor [A]

7.30 Noreen Mooney [A]  
David Power [A]  
Lil Cronin [A]

### Monday 11th

10.00 For all who are ill

### Tuesday 12th

10.00 Liturgical Service  
Wednesday 13th  
10.00 Catherine Duplaa [BD]  
Robert O'Connor [A]

### Thursday 14th

10.00

### Friday 15th

10.00

### Saturday 16th

10.00  
6.00 Patrick & Rosaleen McGann [A]  
Sunday 17th  
10.00 Sheila O'Connor [A]  
John Dunne [A]  
11.15 Gerald McLoughlin [A]  
7.30

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT 2019 KILMACUD PARISH PARISH OFFICE MEETING ROOMS 7.30PM With Fr. MICHAEL SCREENE

### IS OUR CHURCH DYING OR COMING ALIVE?

The Church will always experience difficulty either from external pressures from people who cannot understand its message or from the weaknesses its own members, yet, it is the biggest sign of care and hope for our world. It is important that we know this in our hearts and become part of its mission and compassion. These evenings of reflection are about finding hope and direction in the church today.

### 1. WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> March 2019.

### LIFE AND HOPE FOR THE CHURCH FROM THE BIG PICTURE AND TRENDS AROUND THE WORLD.

This evening will look at many signs of hope and healthy challenge for our church as we look ahead.

### 2. Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

### VATICAN II IS FIRE, INSPIRATION AND CHRISTIAN ENERGY IN MANY PRACTICAL WAYS.

Much is already done in the church from the Vatican II Council and much remains to be done. We will look at healthy changes already developing, especially in the four major documents and where they are leading us. I hope this will make you proud to be a Catholic in spite of our sins.

### 3. Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019,

### "WHERE HOPE AND HISTORY RHYME". (S. Heaney)

This lecture will gather signs of hope and also directions emerging for our parishes and church in general.

### 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 will be volunteers available after Masses to help you fill in a Standing Order form or to contribute on the Parish website ([www.mountmerrionparish.ie](http://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.*

### SAVE THE DATE

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Dr Jessie Rogers

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March Mount Merrion Parish will welcome Dr Jessie Rogers to speak to us. Originally from South Africa, Dr Jessie Rogers lectures in Sacred Scripture in St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Speaking during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity attended by leaders of various Christian churches including Archbishop Diarmuid Martin and Dr William Morton Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dr Rogers said, "It is when we reach out beyond our comfort zone, when we work side by side, joining in God's work in the world, that we are drawn closer together". Dr Rogers has written and given talks on many topics including *Women in Leadership Roles in the Church*. We look forward to welcoming her to our parish. Please Save the Date : Further Details to Follow.



### MESSAGE FROM FR TONY

I hope this note finds you well as I am doing well myself. Once again I thank you for all your support and kindness. Many of you have made a special effort to drop gifts into the house. Unfortunately I now have very limited swallow so I can't drink wine or eat cake or biscuits. I wish I could !! I hope that you understand. Please pray for me especially through the intercession of St. Oscar Romero.



### ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION MEETINGS

Safeguarding Information Meetings will take place on **Tuesdays 12th and 26th March 2019 at 8pm in The Fitzwilliam Room, Community Centre** duration 1.5 hours followed by tea/coffee. The meetings will be addressed by a member of the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding and Protection Team. All volunteers are requested to attend one of the meetings. In order to accommodate numbers, it would be appreciated if, where possible, **Volunteers (surnames A-L) could attend on 12th March and Volunteers (surnames M-Z) could attend on 26th March.** Thank you! Sandra King - Parish Volunteer Database Administrator