

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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“May St. Patrick guard you wherever you go, and guide you in whatever you do—and may his loving protection be a blessing to you always.”

ONE DAY RETREAT For LENT SATURDAY 23 MARCH
A one day Retreat for Lent will be held in St. Benildus Pastoral Centre, 160 Upper Kilmacud Road on **Saturday, 23 March from 10.00am – 3.15pm**. The retreat will be led by Fr Paddy Moran, C.S.Sp. Fr. Moran spent 11 years working in Ethiopia. There will be the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation during the Retreat which will conclude with anointing of the sick and Mass. All are welcome to attend. Tea and coffee will be available, but please bring a packed lunch.

Dr Jessie Rogers



7.30pm Tuesday 19th March 2019
Mount Merrion Community Centre

Next Tuesday we will welcome Jessie Rogers to speak to us. Originally from South Africa, she holds a doctorate in scripture from the University of Stellenbosch and lectures in Sacred Scripture at St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Dr Rogers has written and given talks on many topics including Women in Leadership Roles in the Church. We look forward to welcoming her this lenten Season to speak to us on the topic,

“All of you are one in Christ Jesus”

(Galatians 3:27-28)



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



**THURSDAY MORNINGS IN THE PARISH OFFICE 11am – 12.15
March 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 16th
6.00 Patrick & Rosaleen McGann [A]
Victor & Maisie Stafford [A]

Sunday 17th
10.00 Sheila O'Connor [A]
John Dunne [A]
Patrick Scally [A]
11.15 Gerald McLoughlin [A]
Theresa Mengoulis [A]

7.30 Mary T. McDonagh

Monday 18th
10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 19th
10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 20th
10.00 Michael Dineen [A]

Thursday 21st
10.00 Sr. Teresa Anne Aylward [A]
Micky & Maura Breen [A]

Friday 22nd
10.00 Timlin Family
Special Intention

Saturday 23rd
10.00
6.00 Joe Stanley [A]

Sunday 24th
10.00 Ellen Dunne [A]
11.15 Margaret Devane [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, 27TH 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, 3rd 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.

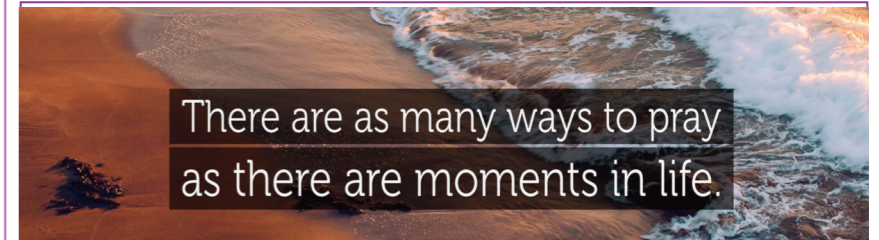
3. Wednesday, 10th April 2019,

“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.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? POPE FRANCIS' WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

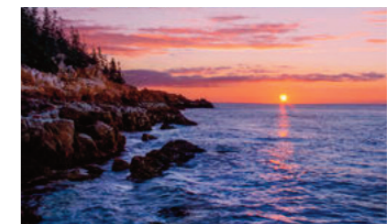


There are as many ways to pray
as there are moments in life.

Sometimes you seek out a quiet spot and you want to be alone, sometimes you look for a friend and you want to be together. Sometimes you'd like a book or some music. Sometimes you want to sing with hundreds, sometimes only a whisper with a few. Sometimes you want to say it with words, sometimes with a deep silence. In all those moments, you gradually make your life more a prayer and you open your hands to be led by God even to where you would rather not go. Henri J.M. Nouwen



**SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2019
'Shelter me God in your love'**



Marie Dunne CHF 10am - 4pm. 'Marie will guide a time of prayer and reflection, using some of her own composed music as part of the retreat'

Suggested offering €25

For booking & enquiries contact the Avila Retreat Centre
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