



3rd Sunday of Lent

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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TEA COSY COMPETITION



CREATE THE BEST TEA COSY FROM ANY FIBRE ART MATERIAL

- The cosies can be made from any fiber art – felt, knit, crochet, embroidery, quilting, lace etc. – but they must function as a tea cosy!
 - It is FREE to enter
 - Entries must be in by 27th April 2019 – post or drop them in to Airfield Estate, Overend Way, Dublin 14 (please include your name, email and phone number)
 - There are two fabulous craft hampers to be won for: "Finest Artistic Merit" and "Best Technical Skill"
 - Winners will be announced Monday 7th May 2019 at 3pm at Woolpalooza Festival
- Contact us on 01 9696666 or hello@airfield.ie if you've any questions.
Full details on airfield.ie/teacosy



Join me for a special Marlay Park walk for Fr Tony Coote and Motor Neurone Disease, 6th April

I would like to invite you to join me for a special walk to raise funds for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA) at 9.30am on Saturday, 6th April in Marlay Park.

Following his diagnosis with Motor Neurone Disease last year, Fr Tony set about walking the length of Ireland to raise money for the IMNDA, as part of a fundraiser entitled "Walk While You Can". You can learn more about this initiative here: <http://wwyc.ie/> Walk While You Can is now so close to reaching its fundraising target, hopefully this walk will help them cross the line. IMNDA is a charity which raises money and awareness for those who suffer from Motor Neurone Disease, helping them adapt their lives after being diagnosed with the neurodegenerative disease. We will also have special IMNDA t-shirts on the day to help raise awareness. The 5km walk will follow the route of the regular Marlay parkrun, meeting at the back of the park on the path between the lower college road car park and the children's playground. No registration necessary!

Donations can be made in advance to Walk While You Can at: https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11368954_walk-while-you-can.html

I would love to see you there on the day.

The Facebook event page for the walk is here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2642085562475383/>

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



THURSDAY MORNINGS IN THE PARISH OFFICE 11am – 12.15
March 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 23rd

10.00
6.00 Joe Stanley [A]
The O'Neill Family [A]
Gerald McLoughlin [A]

Sunday 24th

10.00 Ellen Dunne [A]
11.15 Margaret Devane [A]
John. E. Nolan [1st A]
Michelle Solomon [R.D]
Sean Clancy [A]
Nuala Caliendo [A]

7.30

Monday 25th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 26th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 27th

10.00 John Colgan [A]

Thursday 28th

10.00

Friday 29th

10.00

Saturday 30th

10.00

6.00 Margaret Moran [A]

Sunday 31st

10.00 Emily & Kevin White [A] &
their daughter Niamh [R. D]

11.15

7.30 Celine McCormack [1st A] &
her father John Cullan [A]
Denis Cronin [A]

PATRICIAN MEETING

Subject: Mary of the Gael (St Brigid)

Speaker: Dominic Dowling

Date: Monday 25th March 2019

Time: 8pm

Venue: Community Centre mount Merrion

All Welcome

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent

God of the vineyard, give us reverence for life in Creation.

Show us your beauty in the promise of eternal Spring.

Form us in your likeness,

and give us a heart for the grace and patience of gardening,
that we might nurture the life you entrust to us.

Amen.



REFLECTION FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

In our dealings and encounters with other people, we are often quick to dismiss them often when they don't meet our standards or expectations. Thankfully this is not how God treats us. Just as God is love, so also God is patient. Time and time again, God offers us the opportunity to change, repent and start again. This is beautifully illustrated in the gospel for the third Sunday of Lent. The owner of the orchard is quick to up root and cut down the fig tree because it bears no fruit. However the gardener gives the tree yet another chance to mature and produce fruit.

During Lent, the voice of God calls to each of us with these words, 'Come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion'. Tempted as we might to give up on others and even ourselves, when we feel our Lenten promises are producing no fruit, God never gives up on each. God calls us by our name and waits, and waits.



PARISH VOLUNTEERS SAFEGUARDING MEETING

Tuesday 26th March 2019 in Mount Merrion Church at 8.00 pm

The Safeguarding Information meeting will be addressed by a member of the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding and Protection Team. 80 out of the 340 current volunteers attended the meeting on 12th March. The remaining 260 volunteers are requested to attend on 26th March so that all volunteers will fulfil the requirement of attending a Safeguarding Meeting once every three years. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.
Sandra King (Parish Volunteer Database Administrator).

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.