

The Prodigal Son



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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www.mountmerrionparish.ie

Living Well with Dementia & Saint Joseph's Shankill
HSE CHO 6 Dublin South Dedicated to Dementia Care

Present

An Afternoon of Song

at Foxrock Church, Kill Lane, Foxrock
Sunday, 7th of April, 2019 @ 3pm
Admission €10

Featuring
Gerry Noonan

Living well with Dementia Sweet Memories Choirs
Ballinteer Gospel Choir
Students from Oatlands College
Glencullen / Dundrum Musical & Drama Society
& soloists Patricia Dolan & Kylabelle McKinney

In aid of

Living Well with Dementia Sweet Memories Choirs
Stillorgan & Saint Joseph's Shankill
Call 01 2680392 or 01 282 3000

Email: mspain@livingwellwithdementia.ie / siobhan.grant@sjog.ie

REMINDER - FAMILY OFFERING APPEAL

Thank you to those parishioners who have responded to the invitation to contribution to the Parish through the Family Offering. And a gentle reminder to anyone who may have forgotten! As you know, the only finances which stay in the Parish are the regular contributions (Family Offering / envelopes), donations, shrine offerings, Parish Shop profits and Parish Centre. Both collections at mass are remitted to the Archdiocese. Contributing is easy and can be done

On the Church website (www.mountmerrionparish.ie) – 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, completed forms to be sent to the Parish Office, or

By Bank Transfer to the Parish of St Therese, Account No; 47669173 AIB Plc, Stillorgan, Co Dublin (Sort Code 933570). IBAN IE08AIBK93357047669173.

Thank you for your support.



Join me for a special Marlay Park walk for Fr Tony Coote and Motor Neurone Disease, **9.30am on Saturday, 6th April in Marlay Park.**
Donations can be made in advance to Walk While You Can at: www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11368954_walk-while-you-can.html

PARISH VOLUNTEERS –SAFEGUARDING MEETINGS

Many thanks to the volunteers who attended one of the Safeguarding Information Meetings on 12th and 26th March. These meetings are held to inform volunteers of the need for safeguarding and how the Archdiocese has set systems in place. The remaining volunteers (approximately 170) will be invited to a further meeting to be held later in the year. Sandra King (Parish Volunteer Database Administrator).



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

THURSDAY MORNINGS IN THE PARISH OFFICE
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 30th

10.00
6.00 Margaret Moran [A]
Michael Harnett [A]

Sunday 31st

10.00 Emily & Kevin White [A] & their daughter Niamh [R. D]
11.15 Lorna Kennedy [R.D]
7.30 Celine McCormack [1st A] & her father John Cullan [A]
Denis Cronin [A]

Monday 01st April

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 02nd

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 03rd

10.00 Barty Fitzimmons

Thursday 04th

10.00

Friday 05th April

10.00 No Mass
11.00 Confirmations

Saturday 06th April

10.00

6.00 Eithne Cleere [M.M]

Sunday 07th April

10.00 Aine Keegan [1st A]
Donal Devitt [A]
11.15 Nuala Honne [A]
Murd & Anna O'Boyle [A]
Eva Vaughan [A]
7.30 Paddy McGovern [A]



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **TDick O'Rafferty** whose funeral took place here this week

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.

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.

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.



BALLYCORUS LEAD MINES



ILLUSTRATED TALK by Rob Goodbody

Thursday 4th April, 2019 @ 8.00pm

The lead mines chimney at Ballycorus is a well-known landmark on the top of a hill between Shankill, Carrickmines and Kilternan. The hill at Ballycorus is commonly called "the lead mines" and is a popular walking place; it is also the site of extensive remains of lead mining and lead smelting from the nineteenth century.

Rob Goodbody is a building historian and building conservation consultant. For more than thirty years he has been researching numerous aspects of the history of the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown area and he has published many works on these topics and on other research subjects. His research on the Ballycorus lead works has taken place over a long period and is shortly to result in the publication of a book on the topic.

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

25 YEARS!!

Arising out of a parish survey which showed strong support for a Family Mass on Sundays, in January 1994 a group was set up to plan such a Mass, and **Mount Merrion Family Mass** was launched on **Mothers' Day, March 13th, 1994**. The original plan was that this should be on a monthly basis, but because of the positive response of parishioners, it became a weekly celebration. There were seven of us in the original group. We embarked on an adventure that required lots of reading, listening, learning, diplomacy, energy and optimism. The priests were encouraging and the local schools supportive. As we became more established, we acquired new members. There were many times when things did not run as smoothly as we would have wished, but we persevered because we knew how important it was. We had become involved because we wanted our children to grow up loving and valuing the Mass. We wanted them to enjoy going to Mass on a Sunday and, from an early age, to associate the parish celebration of Sunday Mass with a feeling of welcome, of belonging and joy. What we did not expect when we met for the first time in January 1994 was that we would become such friends, that we would have so much fun and that our faith lives would be so enriched. There have been sad times. Margaret Farrell, Jane McKinney and Jacinta Wright left us far too early, but we remember them. The current organisers are the fourth Family Mass Group, and it is good to know that the adventure that started on Mothers' Day twenty five years ago is continuing, and that the families of the parish are being supported in this way. No history of the Family Mass in our parish would be complete without paying tribute to Brenda O'Tighearnaigh, who has been providing scripts, song sheets, liturgical expertise and general encouragement from the very beginning. Thank you, Brenda, from all of us.