



MOUNT MERRION PARISH

25 Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd September 2019 www.mountmerrionparish.ie

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DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING DAY, 2019

Letter from Archbishop Martin

Sunday 22 September is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. I wish to take this opportunity to address you on this vital matter and to thank you for all of the work you have been doing to make the Church in Dublin a safer place for children and for vulnerable adults.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the publication of the Murphy report and we are reminded of that dark and pain-filled chapter in our history. For many of those who were abused as children in the Church and for many of their loved ones that pain is a constant reality, one which will endure for the rest of their lives. We cannot undo the past. We can, however, honour the courage of those who have spoken of their experiences of abuse by doing all in our power to ensure a better and safer Church for the children of today and of tomorrow. As Pope Francis has instructed us in his recent Apostolic Letter, Vos Estis Lux Mundi we have an equal responsibility for the welfare and protection of vulnerable adults. I wish to acknowledge with gratitude all the work that has been done in our parishes to make the Church a safer place for children and vulnerable adults. Our parish clergy, already under pressure due to declining numbers, have had to accept additional responsibilities in this area, such as ensuring that those involved in public ministry are vetted. I wish to thank them all for this. I wish to thank also the hundreds of parish safeguarding representatives and the thousands who have attended safeguarding training. I wish to thank all of our parishioners who have kept faith with us through this difficult time. I do not underestimate the dilemma of parents who want their children to grow strong in the faith but hesitate about allowing their children to become involved in parish activities. I say to you: your children are dear to us, as they are to you, and we will do all in our power to ensure their safety and protection from abuse. Since the publication of the Murphy Report there has been a decline in the number of child abuse allegations coming to the attention of the diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Service. However, a decline does not mean that such allegations have ceased, only that there are fewer of them. There are no grounds for complacency. It is important that we remain committed to this vital work. I ask you also to remember those who were abused and to pray for them

+ Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin

DUBLIN DIOCESAN AUTUMN LITURGY SEMINAR

Will take place on Saturday 5th October in Clonliffe College. On offer are 5 workshops on; Baptism, Scripture, Aesthetics, Music and Prayer Services. You may attend two workshops of your choice during the morning, with the exception of the baptism team workshop which is a full morning session. Registration is at 9.00a.m. and sessions begin at 9.30 a.m. Detailed information on workshops etc. is available on the website www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie. To register contact Grainne on 01 8087554 or litsec@dublindiocese.ie

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st September

10.00 Reddy Day [A]

6.00 Pat Collins [A]

Michael Burns [A]

Rita Kelly [A]

John & Mairead O'Donoghue [A]

Joan Mythen [A]

Sadie Mannion [A]

Sunday 22nd

10.00 Joan Mythen [A]

Paul & Maureen Cremins [A]

Peggy Tuohy [M.M.]

11.15 Brendan Conway 1st [A]

Oona Linehan [A]

Peter Brett [M.M.]

John Bolger [A]

7.30

Monday 23rd

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 24th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 25th

10.00 Holy Souls

Thursday 26th

10.00

Friday 27th

10.00 Liam O'Cochlain [RD]

Saturday 28th

10.00 Tom & Joan O'Reilly [A]

6.00 Jim Nellie [A] &

Walter Parkinson [A]

Sean, Kathleen, Bill & Alex Collins [A]

Tommy McLaughlin [M.M.]

Jim Gannon [R]

Sunday 29th

10.00 Tom & Frances McNenna [A]

11.15 Fr. Tony Coote [M.M.]

7.30



"Saint Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179). This month sees the day - September 17th of the passing of this German saint.

Hildegard is considered to be one of the great creation-centred mystics of the West.

This multi-talented and prolific Abbess of a Benedictine Abbey was an influential preacher, healer, scientist, composer, artist and poet. She coined the phrase VERIDITAS, or greening power, connecting it closely with creativity. Her sayings are popular and much quoted. "God is the good, and all things which proceed from Him are good." "So all of creation is a song of praise to God"

WALK FOR IMNDA IN MEMORY OF FR TONY COOTE

Minister Josepha Madigan is organising a walk in honour of Fr Tony Coote. It will take place at Deerpark, Mount Merrion (meeting place opposite the playground) at 2pm on September 29th, the day after his Month's Mind.

All donations to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.

"Not only was he an amazing, incredible man but an incredible priest too. And good friend of mine and so many others. A true beacon of light and inspiration, he turned a negative into a positive like only he could."



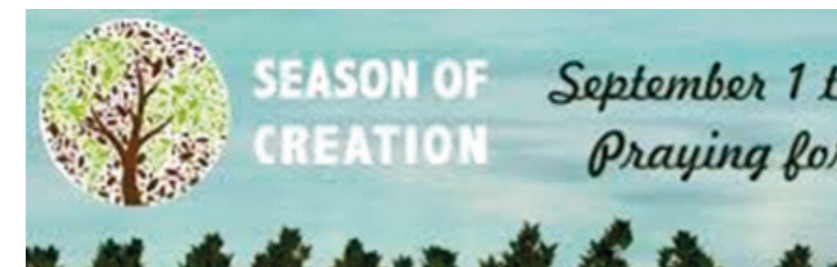
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Annual clothing collection will take place on **28th/29th September**. Bags will be distributed on 21st 22nd September. The appeal is for clean, good quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc.

LECTIO DIVINA

Our monthly Lectio Divina /reflection time with Sr. Marie Carr, will be on the **last Thursday of each month, starting on Thursday the 26th of September 2019 at 11 a.m. to 12 approx, in Mount Merrion parish office. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Marie Carr, BVM, has many years experience working as a spiritual director and prayer guide. She has a very gentle and understanding presence and is gifted in facilitating people along their prayer and faith journey.



As you know Pope Francis designated Sept. 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe in praying for and taking action for our common home during the Season of Creation, September 1- October 4 (Feastday of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals & ecology) by visiting www.SeasonofCreation.org Christians are called to "an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them". For "living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* Also checkout <http://www.ecocongregation.org/>



Welcome!

Lumen is a place of encounter, dialogue and learning in the heart of Blackrock on the south side of Dublin. Inspired by the Dominican ethos, we offer a broad range of morning and evening courses for adults of all ages. Gain from the experience and expertise of our tutors and lecturers in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

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