

# Luke 18: 9-14

"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



## MOUNT MERRION PARISH

30 Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th October 2019 www.mountmerrionparish.ie

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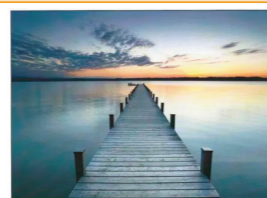
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### SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2019 MASS FOR THE BEREAVED: 7:30pm

Families of parishioners from Mount Merrion who have been bereaved from October 2018 to September 2019 have been invited to attend this special Mass. All parishioners who wish to attend are also most welcome to do so. The Mass for the Bereaved will be preceded by a Candle of Light Ceremony to commemorate all parishioners and friends who have died. A large candle in a storm lantern will be lit before morning Masses on Sunday 3rd. The celebrant will take the candle to the Garden of Remembrance in the Church grounds. Members of the Funeral Ministry Team will bring containers of flowers. Short prayers will be said around the commemorative stone. Parishioners attending Mass are invited to follow the celebrant outdoors and participate in this prayerful remembrance. On the 1st & 2nd November parishioners are invited to light candles at any of the 6 shrines in the church in memory of family members and friends. In this way all parishioners can unite in remembering their loved ones and friends who have died. During these days of commemoration the Sacred Space area in the church will also reflect the theme of remembrance.

Tea and Coffee will be served after Mass in the Community Centre

**GOD WILL BE YOUR EVERLASTING LIGHT (ISAIAH 60:20)**



### CARING FOR THE EARTH - BECOMING AN ECO-PARISH presented by JUSTIN KILCULLEN TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM MOUNT MERRION COMMUNITY CENTRE

You are welcome to attend a talk by Justin Kilcullen, who was director of Trócaire for many years. He is chair of Social Justice Ireland, Misean Cara, and convenor of Shankill's ecumenical climate action Group. He will speak about how parishes are responding to Climate Change/Justice and what other parishes have successfully been doing. This is within the context of the Eco-Congregation initiative. Time will be allotted for discussion and action planning.

**All are welcome to this important free event**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 26th**  
6pm  
**Sunday 27th**  
10am  
11.15am Joe Power [A]  
7.30pm John McMahon [A]  
**Monday 28th**  
10.00 For all who are ill  
**Tuesday 29th**  
10.00 Liturgical Service  
**Wednesday 30th**  
10.00  
**Thursday 31st**  
10.00 The Daly family [A]  
**7.30 Vigil Mass**  
**Friday 1st ALL SAINTS**  
10.00 Altar Lists  
**Saturday 2nd ALL SOULS**  
10.00  
6.00 John, Madeline & Martin Brennan [A]  
Brendan Hogan [A]  
Ristead O'Colmain [A]  
Donal McCafferty 1st [A]  
**Sunday 3rd November**  
10.00 Bonnie O'Reilly [A]  
11.15 Peter Farrell [A]  
7.30 Mass for Bereaved



You are invited to join Marie Carr at **11 a.m. on Thursday the 31st of October**, in meditatively reading the gospel for the following Sunday. Marie Carr will join with parishioners in the sacristy in the Mount Merrion Parish Church from 11a.m. to 12 noon, in facilitating us on our faith/prayer journey. All are welcome.

**THE RATHMINES & RATHGAR MUSICAL SOCIETY** are performing Oklahoma in the National Concert Hall opening night on Tuesday, November 12th and they are donating the proceedings of the to LauraLynn. The night will be a Black Tie Event with canapes and champagne on arrival. Tickets will be priced at €60



### GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER!



As the end of the Church's year approaches, we renew our commitment to the Lord who desires to draw ever closer to those who are humble.

**The First Reading** shows how the Lord hears the petitions of the poor, while the Psalm echoes this by showing the closeness of the Lord to the broken-hearted and the downtrodden.

**In the Second Reading**, Paul encourages the new followers of Christ to hold firm to the life God gives, even through sufferings and struggles. He uses the analogy of a runner whose eyes are fixed firmly on the prize.

In all his years of ministry, Jesus rarely speaks harshly. Indeed, the only group he seems to condemn are the Pharisees, perhaps because their pride and self-reliance make them hard to reach. The Pharisee in today's Gospel certainly thinks he has a monopoly on God. In contrast, however, Jesus holds up the tax collector as an example, not because of what he does, but because he is sincerely asking for forgiveness. He knows his sin and his need of God, and so goes home at one with God.

This week, I endeavour to entrust myself ever more keenly to the compassion of the Lord, that it may open me more and more to his love and care. May his closeness empower me to go out to stand alongside anyone I know who is in need of help.

*By St Bueno's Outreach*



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Sean Mulligan** whose funeral took place here this week.

Prayer for Halloween

God of Laughter and Joy,  
We turn to you in the way of our ancient ancestors, grateful for the abundance of food and festivity that surrounds us at this time of year.  
Keep all children safe as they embark on their Halloween revels.  
Light their way through the dark night and enfold them in your love.  
May the real treat in their lives be grace that multiplies in depth and breadth as they grow older.  
We pray this with all the saints in heaven Amen.

**Coffee Dock – Community Centre**  
Volunteers needed (especially for Monday) in the Community Centre Coffee Dock. Two hours one Monday a month. For more information please call 087 2327974



### GEORGE LENNON: MAN OF WAR TO MAN OF PEACE presented by Terry O'Reilly 8.00pm Thursday 7th November 2019

During the Irish War of Independence, George Lennon became the youngest leader of a Flying Column operating from the Comeragh Mountains and fought in the battle for Waterford City at the outbreak of the Civil War. Yet he withdrew when it became obvious that the war was a lost cause and this became the first step on his path towards pacifism and eventually Zen Buddhism. In later years he was haunted by his experiences, not least his execution of an RIC sergeant in 1921.

### THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MOUNT MERRION

Admission: Members No charge (see Season Membership) Non-Members: €4.00 (Students €2.00)  
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While the Society will endeavour to deliver the published agenda, lectures and speakers may be changed due to circumstances outside its control