



For the **Son of Man** has come to seek and to save that which was lost

Luke 19:10

MOUNT MERRION PARISH

31 Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd November 2019 www.mountmerrionparish.ie



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**

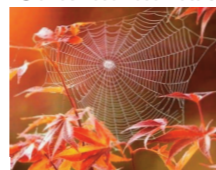


Coffee Dock - Community Centre
Volunteers needed (especially for Monday) in the Community Centre Coffee Dock. Two hours one Monday a month. For more information please call 087 2327974

"I attended for Fr. Tony's funeral Mass in Mount Merrion. I'm writing to express my gratitude and admiration to all in St. Therese Parish for the wonderful welcome and beautiful ceremony. The sense of life and vibrancy of your parish was very evident on what was a difficult day. With every good wish for the future.

Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill -
Administrator - Carlow Cathedral

WEB OF REMEMBRANCE



Pin a leaf on the web in memory of a loved one. In Faith Space near back of Church

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 2nd November All Souls
6.00 Donal McCafferty 1st [A]
John, Madeline & Martin Brennan [A]
Brendan Hogan [A]
Risteard O'Colmain

Sunday 3rd
10.00 Bonnie O'Reilly [A]
11.15 Peter Farrell [A]
7.30 Annual Mass for Bereaved

Monday 4th
10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 5th
10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 6th
10.00

Thursday 7th
10.00 Ian Finlay [A]

Friday 8th
10.00 Living & Dec, members of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Saturday 9th
10.00

6.00 Kathleen Fitzgerald [A]
Paddy & Bobbie Browne [A]

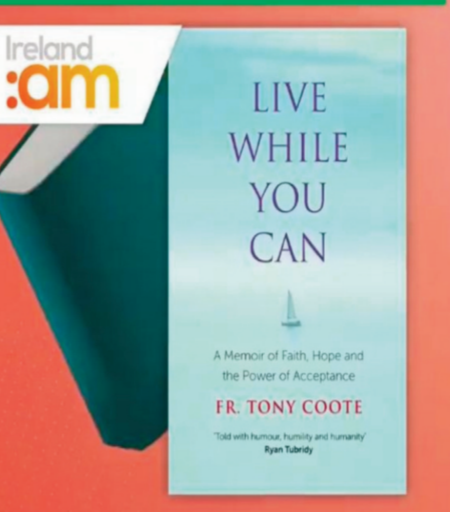
Sunday 10th
10.00 John & Mary Dillon [A]
Mary & Denis Coveney [A]
Eveleen Egan [A]
Michael Higgins [A]
Finlay Family

11.15 Christina Williams [A]
Mary Lannin [A]

7.30

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SUPPORTING AND PRAYING FOR HAITI.

"Solèy Haiti is hugely grateful to all in the parishes of Mount Merrion and Kilmacud for welcoming us back and allowing us to collect at the weekend masses on **9th/10th November (Mount Merrion) and 16th/17th November (Kilmacud)**. As you may remember

unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control Solèy Haiti had to defer the summer volunteer programme in July 2019. Haiti was and is experiencing an extremely challenging period; basic goods like food, clean water and fuel have increasingly become out of reach of much of the population. Many of the country's schools and hospitals have been closed for a number of weeks as a result of the crisis in Haiti and the dissatisfaction of the people with the president. Last year, in the parishes of Mount Merrion and Kilmacud a phenomenal €10,844.93 was raised across both weekend collections, 100% of which went towards the cost of running the summer camps for 650 of the poorest children of the area including the provision of 26,000 meals, clean water and the employment of almost 70 Haitians for the duration of the project. This project however sent the people of Gros-Morne a hugely powerful message; that they are not forgotten, that we care for all of them deeply and I can assure you all that this is a significant part of what fuels the resilience of the Haitian people at times like these. So at these weekends we ask for that same support again so that we can again carry out the Summer Camp projects in July 2020 and please God the 2020 projects will be carried out with our volunteer group on the ground also - Patrick O'Neill, Chairperson, Solèy Haiti"

HURRY TO HELP ME, LORD, MY SAVIOUR!

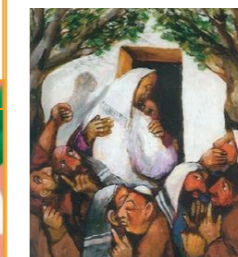
The readings this Sunday are full of encouragement. Our compassionate God loves us so much that he looks beyond our sins to see the people we can become. However unworthy we may seem, God seeks us out and calls us to him.

The First Reading celebrates God's compassion and mercy for the whole of creation. Everything belongs to him in love, and his desire to spare us helps us make amends for our misdeeds.

In the same way, **the Psalm** helps us to praise our God who is slow to anger, lifting us up when we fall.

In the Second Reading, the Thessalonians are encouraged to focus on their call in the here and now, rather than becoming distracted by rumours about the Second Coming. The author's constant prayer is that the name of Jesus might be glorified in them.

The familiar **Gospel** rejoices in salvation of the lost. Jesus actively seeks out the unpopular tax collector Zacchaeus, branded a sinner by others. Zacchaeus responds with joy to Jesus's urgent call, eagerly seeking to make amends for his former life.



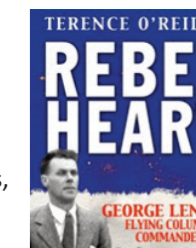
This week, I pray to become ever more aware of God's compassionate gaze on me, a loved sinner, and to hear and respond to his call with a joyful heart.

St Bueno's Outreach

"Today salvation has come to this house" *Painting by Fr Sieger Köder*

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

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SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2019
Commemorative Mass for deceased Clergy of the diocese at **10.30 am** in the Pro Cathedral.
Fr. Tony will be remembered.



AONACH NA NOLLAG/CHRISTMAS FAIR
COLÁISTE EOIN & COLÁISTE ÍOSAGÁIN
The two schools will be holding their Annual Christmas Fair on **Sunday 17th November** between **1.00pm – 5:00pm**. Items for sale such as **CAKES, CRAFTS, PLANTS, DVDs, BOTTLES** for the Bottle Wheel, **PRIZES** for the Wheel of Fortune and other items will be gratefully accepted over the next few weeks in the 2 schools, or contact 2884002 or 2884028 to arrange for collection. **BOOKS** are especially welcome, especially those new, nearly-new or those in the Irish language. All donations gratefully received. **Contact Liam at 2833125 for further information.**

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