



# MOUNT MERRION PARISH

2nd Sunday of Advent 8th December 2019

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Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Barry Lynch** whose funerals took place here this week.

### THANK YOU

On Sunday 15th after 10.00am Mass there will be refreshments in the Community Centre to thank Fr. Brian for his exceptional service in the recent past. All welcome

### DELIVERERS NEEDED

The Christmas Programme will be delivered to all homes in the Parish Shortly. Extra deliverers are needed for Callary Road, Deerpark Road and Roebuck Castle. Please contact the Parish Office 01-2881271



The second collection at all Masses on the weekend Saturday December 7th and Sunday December 8th will be in aid of St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.



**Fr Peter McVerry SJ**  
**Church of St Laurence O'Toole Kilmacud**  
**Wednesday, 11th December @ 7.30pm.**

Fr McVerry is a man of faith who lives the teachings of Christ every day, championing the cause of the homeless and working for a more just society, Fr McVerry will share his reflections on Advent and honouring the message of Christmas in our lives.

**Fr Brian Grogan SJ**  
**Mount Merrion Community Centre**  
**Tuesday, 17th December @ 7.30pm.**

Fr Brian is a former President of Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy in Dublin. His publications include Our Graced Life-stories; A Spirituality of Ageing, Where to from Here?-The Christian Vision of Life after Death and more recently Finding God in a Leaf: The Mysticism of Laudate Si. Fr Brian will share his reflections on Advent hope for the future.

**ALL WELCOME!**

### JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS IN SONG



In this Advent Season of hope, come gather with Parish Choirs & Scoil San Treasa Orchestra Ensemble. Light candle, reflect and prepare, through the music, hymns and songs of the season, to celebrate the birth of Jesus Our Saviour.

**Church of St Thérèse, Mount Merrion**  
**4pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Admission Free. Donations most welcome in support of**



### PARISH SHOP

Christmas Cards and Gifts are available In the Parish Shop.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday 7th  
10.00 McGilway & O'Neill Families  
Noel Walsh - A  
6.00 Victor Duggan -A  
Dr. Michael & Margaret Daly -A  
Paddy & Anita Gallagher -A  
Patrick, Nora & Tristan Moran -A  
Thomas Carroll – 1st A
- Sunday 08th  
10.00 Patrick Donnelly -A  
Frank Padbury -A  
Stella and Bob Brennan -A  
Richella O'Reilly -A  
Cornelius and Cecilia Clifford -A  
John and Mary Silke -A  
Maurice Resa Eivers and  
Ross O'Toole -A  
11.15 Bernard White – A  
Brian Lawler -A  
George, Marie & Patrick Young – A  
Rosa Brennock – A  
Mary McGrath - A  
7.30 Dec. Members of the  
Carpenter Family
- Monday 09th  
10.00 Holy Day Mass Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception
- Tuesday 10th  
10.00 Liturgical Service
- Wednesday 11th  
10.00  
Thursday 12th  
10.00 Sean Kennan – R.D  
Friday 13th  
10.00  
Saturday 14th  
10.00  
6.00 Seamas Casey – 1st A  
Peter Garvey -A  
Sheila Brennan – M.M  
Gizella Taylor – R.D  
Angela Evans – R.D
- Sunday 15th  
10.00 Con Murphy and his son Conn - A  
Paddy and Nuala O'Leary -A  
Holy Souls  
11.15 Do this in Memory Mass  
Nuala and Fred Richardson and  
their Sons Arthur, Peter and John  
Evelyn Deighan -A  
Brian McCarthy -A

**Tribes Press is working in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul and the Simon Community** to support families in need. We are offering a chance for you to donate as little as €5 and as much as you like towards new books for a child or whole family for Christmas. For every donation you make to the value of a new book, Tribes Press will donate another book. Each book will be signed by the author with a special message inside to each child. To donate go to www.tribespress.com mail: info@tribespress.com or call: 087 7749873.



**REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS CLOSE AT HAND ...'**

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist appears by the River Jordan to entreat people to repent and prepare a way for the one who is to come. He tells them that being a son or daughter of Abraham will not be enough to be sure of being saved. There is no room for complacency. They are to repent; to change their way of life. As we wait for the One who follows John we pray;

*Loving God,  
We ask for strength and courage;  
that we may change our lives  
to better serve others,  
that we may help bring about a better world.  
O God, may we love You more and more –  
through our thoughts, words and actions  
each and every day.  
We thank you, O God,  
for this precious life  
and we praise you.  
Amen.*



### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

7.30pm

Monday 16th December

Church of St Thérèse  
Mount Merrion

Parishes of Mount Merrion, Kilmacud & Clonskeagh All welcome



**ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES**

"The Lord Himself will give you a sign. It is this:  
The Maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son" Is 7: 14

Journeying through Advent in Song  
hymns, psalms, chant, and Dánta Dé (hymns of Ireland)

**LISTEN – SING – REFLECT**

Kerrie O'Connor Vocalist  
Mary Louise O'Donnell Harpist  
Naomi Dunleavy - O'Shea Violinist  
Teresa O'Donnell Harpist

Avila Carmelite Centre,  
Bloomfield Avenue, Dublin 4, D04 YF66

Tuesday 10th December - Gaudete/St John of the Cross  
Tuesday 17th December - Rain down ye heavens  
7.30 – 8.30 PM

All Welcome

2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent - PEACE

8 Dec - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
**Prepare the way.**  
What are we doing to prepare for the Lord's coming? Make at least one small act of preparation today.

9 Dec – Monday **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**  
Come to **10am Mass** today and pray that we, like Mary, will have courage and say 'yes' to God's plan for our life, beginning with this day.

10 Dec – Tuesday  
Put out some food for the birds. Let's take care of our feathered-friends too these chillier days.

11 Dec – Wednesday  
Join **Fr Peter McVerry SJ in Kilmacud church at 7.30pm this evening.** He will share his reflections on Advent and honouring the message of Christmas in our lives

12 Dec - Thursday  
Today spend 5mins in silent gratitude for all the goodness in your life.

13 Dec – Friday  
Say a prayer for your family – that this time of Advent preparation will be nourishing for all.

14 Dec - Saturday  
Today spend a little bit of time thinking praying about God's plan for you...

