



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

1st Sunday of Lent
1st March 2020
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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
www.mountmerrionparish.ie

Volunteers wanted for Coffee Dock in the Community Centre

Can you help one morning a month – Monday, Tuesday or Thursday?
Please telephone 087 2327974



MEN'S SHED IN BOOTERSTOWN TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 10.30

Would you be interested in being part of a Mens' Shed? a dedicated, welcoming meeting place where men can come together, develop new friendships, share your skills and knowledge with others. Learn new skills and redevelop some old skills. If you are interested, please contact Ciarán on 087-6493420



Please join us for our series of talks during Lent.
All talks are at 7.30pm and will take place in the Church

Tuesday, 3rd March - Fr Bryan Shortall, O.fm Cap.

Staying Positive!



In *SENDIN* Fr Bryan writes about finding hope in some of the most challenging and often seemingly hopeless scenarios he has encountered as a priest and Capuchin friar.

Wednesday, 11th March - Senator Joan Freeman, founder Pieta House
Compassion & Care for those struggling today



Joan Freeman is an Irish psychologist, mental health activist and an Independent politician who has served as a Senator since May 2016. She is the founder of Pieta House, a national mental health services charity.

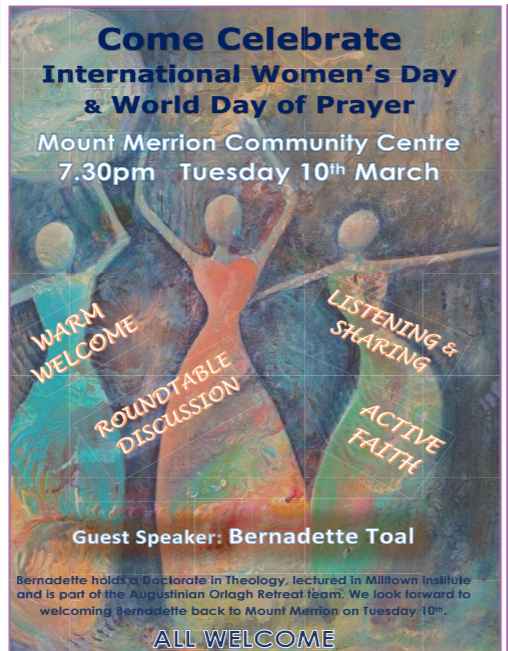
Thursday, 19th March - Donal Dorr, MA. DD
A Spirituality of Care for the Earth



"If we allow ourselves to become lost in wonder at nature we will commit ourselves to caring for the Earth". Donal Dorr is the author of several books on various aspects of holistic living.

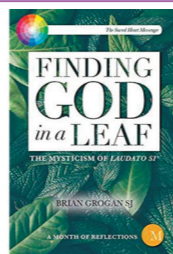


Oatlands College and Sion Hill presents
All Shook Up the Musical
on 9th–12th March
in Oatlands College.
Tickets on sale now at
Oatlands College Main Office



Come Celebrate International Women's Day & World Day of Prayer
Mount Merrion Community Centre
7.30pm Tuesday 10th March

WARM WELCOME
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
LISTENING & SHARING
ACTIVE FAITH
Guest Speaker: Bernadette Toal
Bernadette holds a Doctorate in Theology, lectured in Milltown Institute and is part of the Augustinian Orlagh Retreat team. We look forward to welcoming Bernadette back to Mount Merrion on Tuesday 10th.
ALL WELCOME



LAUDATO SI: Lenten and Easter Reflections "Finding God in A Leaf"

WHEN: Monday
March 2, 9,16, 23, 30 & April 6th
WHERE: The Sacristy - 7.30 to 9pm
Light refreshments.

Copies of the book are available at the parish shop and bookshops or on line to order. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 29th
6.00 Tony and Joan O'Hallaron – A
Norah Tiel – A
Nora Fuller – A
Stephen Murphy – M.M.
Sunday 01st March
10.00 Frank Reidy – R.D.
11.15 Thomas Cleary - M.M.
7.30pm Gus & Valerie MacAmhlaigh – A
Bob Kilbey – R.D.
Monday 2rd
10.00 For all who are ill
Tuesday 3rd
10.00 Liturgical Service
Wednesday 4th
10.00
Thursday 5th
10.00 Kathleen Gordon – A
Friday 6th
10.00 Altar Lists
Saturday 7th
10.00
6.00 Michael Kelly – A
Nell Sexton – M.M.
Sunday 8th
10.00 Eileen McCann – A
11.15 Evelyn Moynihan – A
7.30



Admission FREE
Early Attendance Advisable

Minding the Mind

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES 2020

Monday 16 March 2020 Parental Resilience & Self-Care Bernadette O'Malley	Monday 23 March 2020 Feeling depressed and lonely? You are not alone. Dr. Anne Marie Kelly	Monday 30 March 2020 Coping as a Carer Dr. Anne Marie Kelly	Monday 6th April 2020 Is Social Media bad for you? Dr. Anne Marie Kelly
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THE UNTOLD STORY OF RICHARD HAYES: CODEBREAKER

Presented by Mark McMenamin
8.00pm Thursday 5th March 2020



When unassuming librarian Richard Hayes, a gifted polymath and cryptographer, was drafted by Irish intelligence services to track the movements of a prolific Nazi spy, Hermann Görzt, Dublin became the unlikely venue for one of the most thrilling episodes in Irish history. Mark will take us through the untold story of Richard Hayes, the Nazi spy and Ireland's secret role in turning the tide of WWII. In a complex game of cat-and-mouse that would wind its way through the city and its suburbs, Mark reveals how Richard Hayes cracked a code that helped turn the tide of World War II, and uncovers a secret history of the capital that has remained hidden in plain view for the past 70 years.
Marc McMenamin is a journalist and documentary maker. A specialist in exploring uncharted corners of Irish history, he is the maker of several acclaimed radio documentaries, including *Good Cop/Bad Cop*, exploring the life of controversial former NYPD officer Peter Daly, and *Richard Hayes, Nazi Codebreaker*.

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MOUNT MERRION
Admission: Members No charge (see Season Membership) Non-Members: €4.00 (Students €2.00)
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.

Be off, Satan! For scripture says: 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.'

As we move into this holy season of Lent, the readings slowly begin to prepare us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.
The First Reading teaches us how God created a good world, giving life to man and woman. But Eve and Adam had ambitions for equality with God, leading to the beginning of our sense of alienation from the Divine. **The Psalm** is recognised as a prayer of penitence, particularly suited for the Lenten season. It sees sin not purely in individual terms, but as an evil that can affect the whole community. For Paul (**Second Reading**), the imagery of life and death provides a key to understanding what Jesus has done for us. Death signifies being cut off from a relationship with God, whereas life invokes an image of friendship and union with God. Through the life of Jesus, the new Adam, we are all restored to that friendship. **In the Gospel**, Jesus, though genuinely tempted in the wilderness, remains faithful to his Father. He is resolute in resisting the devil's seductive, reasonable-sounding temptations.
Let's begin the season of Lent by inviting God to show us how to find the freedom of spirit to live with open-hearted generosity, and to rediscover the joy and freedom in living for others, as did Christ himself.

Today Lord, I choose life,
I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it,
I choose hope, even in moments of darkness,
I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God,
I choose to let go of some part of my burdens,
day by day handing them over to you,
I choose to take hold of your strength and power ever more deeply in my life.
May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth.
May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with you
and rising to your new life, day by day.

Amen