



# Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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## THE LORD IS COMPASSION AND LOVE

An understanding of the true teaching of the Law is presented in different ways in this week's readings.

In the **First Reading** from Leviticus, Moses receives instructions to tell the people to become more like their God in their dealings with others. 'Be holy for I am holy.'

St Paul, in the Second Reading, reminds the Corinthians that the indwelling of the Spirit makes them sacred. This is more important than all their divisions. In Christ we are all the temple of God.

**The Psalm**, uniting these readings, is a prayer of praise and gratitude to the God who is love and compassion: he heals, forgives and redeems us.

Jesus, in the **Gospel**, is like the new Moses. He is the new law-giver, taking the teaching of the Law to a deeper, more demanding level. Being 'perfect like our heavenly Father is perfect' asks us to assume Jesus's values and treat our neighbour as a brother or sister in Christ.

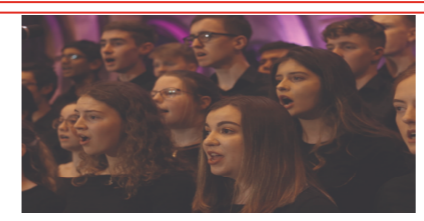
Maybe this week, we can consider these values – perhaps not always shared by those around us – and pray for the grace to be more accepting of all whom we encounter.

*'Father, keep before us the wisdom and love you have revealed in your Son.  
 Help us to be like him in word and deed'*

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday 22nd  
 10.00 Thomas Reilly – RD  
 Angela Phelan – RD
- 6.00 Patricia McGuinness – M.M.  
 James Lawlor – A  
 Carmel Hynes - A
- Sunday 23rd  
 10.00 Bill Lawler – M.M.  
 Angela Noonan – A  
 Maureen Pigott – M.M.  
 Catherine Farrell - A
- 11.15 Margaret Shanahan – A  
 Peter Kennedy – A  
 Ray Duggan – RD  
 Peter and Madeleine Ewing - A
- 7.30 Mary and Michael Ryan – A  
 Garret Fitzgerald – RD
- Monday 24th  
 10.00 For all who are ill
- Tuesday 25th  
 10.00 Liturgical Service
- Ash Wednesday 26th  
 10.00 Christian Duplaa – 1st A
- Thursday 27th  
 10.00
- Friday 28th  
 10.00
- Saturday 29th  
 10.00 Eileen and Andrew O'Rourke – A  
 6.00 Tony and Joan O'Hallaron – A  
 Norah Tiel – A  
 Nora Fuller – A
- Sunday 01st March  
 10.00 Frank Reidy – RD  
 11.15
- 7.30 Gus MacAmhlaigh - A  
 Valerie MacAmhlaigh - A  
 Bob Kilbey – RD

**On Ash Wednesday (26th February)**  
 there will be **Mass at 10am & 7.30pm**



## Singers required!

**Are you in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year in school?**  
 We are currently looking for 2/3 altos, sopranos, basses or tenors to bring their voices to our choir at 7:30pm mass on Sundays. Any commitment - weekly, fortnightly or monthly would be excellent. For those who love their music, we would love to see you sing with us. This activity can be quoted or used for any type GAISCE programme too!

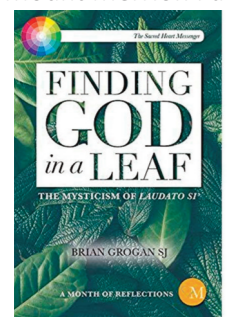
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**Schools currently represented:** Mount Anville; Blackrock College; Coláiste Eoin Coláiste Iosogáin; Sion Hill; Rathdown School; Muckross Park College.



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

Mount Merrion Parish will be holding a series of six reflections focusing on Fr. Brian Grogan's "Finding God in A Leaf", a book which, he says, challenges us to change our attitudes to the earth. In two parts, the reflections will firstly explore the beauty of creation, following in part two with a focus on the urgent environmental challenges presented to us now. The sessions will be in a "book club" style, open to all, and led by parish members using guidelines specific to the book. Dates and venue to be announced. Copies are available to order in bookshops and online, and shortly in the parish library.



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

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 10<sup>th</sup>.

## PATRICIAN MEETING

**Subject :** Becoming Intentional Disciples  
**Speaker :** Deacon John Taaffe  
**Date :** 24th February  
**Time :** 7.30pm (New Time)  
**Venue:** Community Centre, St. Therese, Mount Merrion

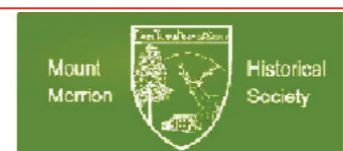


Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Tom O'Mara, Kathleen Keaveny and Nell Sexton** whose funeral took place here recently.

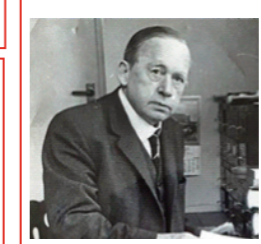


Please join us for our series of talks during Lent.  
 All talks are at 7.30pm and will take place in the Church

<b>Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> 	<b>Fr Bryan Shortall, O.fm Cap.</b>	<b>Staying Positive!</b> <i>In Sending Positive Vibes, 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.</i>
<b>Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> 	<b>Senator Joan Freeman, founder Pieta House</b>	<b>Compassion &amp; Care for those struggling today</b> <i>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.</i>
<b>Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> 	<b>Donal Dorr, MA. DD</b>	<b>A Spirituality of Care for the Earth</b> <i>"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.</i>



**THE UNTOLD STORY OF RICHARD HAYES: CODEBREAKER**  
 Presented by **Mark McMenamin**  
 8.00pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Görztz, 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)  
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