

# Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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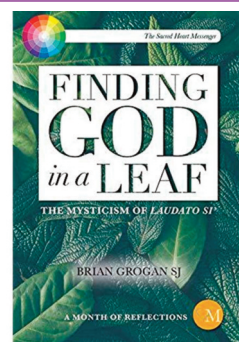
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**LAUDATO SI: Lenten and Easter  
Reflections "Finding God in A Leaf"**

**WHEN:** Monday  
March 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!



**Church of St. Laurence O'Toole, Kilmacud**  
"Meeting people where they're at and leading them to where God calls them to be"

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

**Thursday 19th 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.*

## PARISH CATECHIST - THANK YOU!

After nine years as a member of the parish team in the Mount Merrion/  
Kilmacud parishes, Caroline Kehoe has decided to move on from her  
position as Catechist. Over the years Caroline collaborated with Fr Tony on  
many and varied parish and school projects. In particular, she was greatly  
involved in linking our primary and secondary school communities with  
parish life. Caroline also helped co-ordinate Adult Faith Development  
through various courses, talks, liturgy and prayer services. Her shared role  
between the two parishes also helped to build further the inter-parish  
links. We thank Caroline for her contribution to the spiritual life of the  
parish and we wish her every blessing and much happiness in the future.

Fr. Joe



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of  
**Paul O'Sullivan** whose funeral took place  
here recently.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th  
6.00 Donal & Sarah Downing – A  
Sunday 15th  
10.00 Dolores Neilan - A  
11.15 Do this in Memory  
7.30 Colm O'Tighearnaigh – 1st A  
Monday 16th  
10.00 For all who are ill  
Tuesday 17th St. Patrick's Day  
10.00  
11.15  
Wednesday 18th  
10.00 Mary & John Colfer – A  
Timlin Family  
Michael Harnett – A  
John Dunne - A  
Thursday 19th  
10.00 St. Joseph's Young Priest Society,  
Living & deceased Members.  
Friday 20th  
10.00 Michael Dineen – A  
Saturday 21st  
10.00  
6.00 Micky and Maura Breen – A  
Sr. Therese Anne – A  
Fionan & Maura Moriarty – A  
Sunday 22nd  
10.00 Padraic O'Shea – A  
11.15 Lorna Kennedy – 1st A  
Margaret Devane - A  
7.30

## ALONE.IE

COVID-19 Helpline:

ALONE has launched a national support line and  
additional supports for older people who have concerns  
or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of  
COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland. Professional staff will  
be available to answer queries and give advice and  
reassurance where necessary. The support line will be  
open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222  
024, and hours may be extended to meet the demand.



## 'LISTEN TO HIS VOICE!'

This Sunday's Gospel centres on a very personal encounter between Jesus  
and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Jesus sees into the heart of her  
being: he understands her true longing and invites her to draw from the  
well of living water.

In Lent we are all invited to meet Jesus in a personal way. Jesus  
understands all that we truly need. So as we try to make time to pray  
during these weeks, we too can come to the living waters and drink from  
the wellspring of life that Christ pours out for all people.

In the First Reading, the Israelites, exiled in the desert, express their  
desperate thirst. They doubt the future that has been promised to them.  
The Lord provides water from a rock in the desert.

The Psalm is a collective song of praise expressing a longing for God, where  
we also hear the voice of God himself. It calls us to soften our hearts, to  
listen to his voice, and to trust in his grace. It is a reminder that God will  
always respond to our thirst for him.

The letter to the Romans offers encouragement to remain faithful to God's  
wonderful grace that has been freely given to us. We can be hopeful  
because of the love of God that has been poured into our hearts by the  
Holy Spirit. It is that same love that was shown to us through the death and  
resurrection of Christ. (Second Reading)

Let's pray for each other that this Lent, we may listen and respond with  
open and welcoming hearts to Christ's invitation to drink from the  
wellspring of his love.

## ANGELUS ADDRESS: ON THE "LIVING WATER"

Dear brothers, the water that gives eternal life was effused in our  
heart on the day of our Baptism; then God transformed and filled us  
with His grace. However, it could happen that we have forgotten this  
great gift, or reduced it to mere personal data; and perhaps we are  
going in search of "wells" whose waters do not slake us. When we  
forget the true water, we go in search of wells that do not have clean  
water. Then this Gospel is precisely for us! Not only for the Samaritan  
woman, but for us. Jesus speaks to us as He did to the Samaritan  
woman. We already know Him, of course, but perhaps we have not  
yet encountered Him personally, talking with him, and have not yet  
recognized Him as our Savior. This Season of Lent is a good occasion to  
come close to Him, to encounter Him in prayer in a heart-to-heart  
dialogue, to talk with Him, to listen to Him; it is a good occasion to see  
His face also in the face of a suffering brother or sister. In this way we  
can renew in ourselves the grace of Baptism, slake our thirst at the  
source of the Word of God and of His Holy Spirit, and thus discover  
also the joy of becoming architects of reconciliation and instruments  
of peace in daily life.

*May the Virgin Mary help us to draw constantly from the grace, from  
the water that gushes from the rock that is Christ the Savior, so that  
we can profess our faith with conviction and proclaim with joy the  
wonders of the love of God, merciful and source of every good.*

Pope Francis - March 20th 2017