

2nd Sunday
of
Lent

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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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 the Church

Wednesday 11th March - Donal Dorr, MA, DD - **In church in old Sacristy**
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.

Thursday 19th March - Senator Joan Freeman, founder Pieta House Compassion
& Care for those struggling today - **In church in old Sacristy**



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.

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services
Respite Rehabilitation Respite & Blackrock

Thank you to all who supported us in 2019. Please continue to support our vital services in 2020.
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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

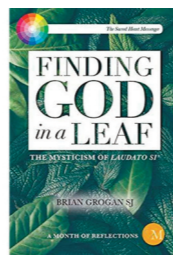


We run computer classes for people over the age of 55. The classes are one to one - you are placed with your own volunteer tutor who will help to teach you the basic internet such as sending emails, booking tickets or flights, shopping online, Skype, Google etc.

Minding the Mind
PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES 2020

Monday 9th March 2020 Parental Resilience & Self-Care Bernadette Toal	Monday 16th March 2020 Feeling depressed and lonely? You are not alone. Dr. Liam Blaylock	Monday 23rd March 2020 Coping as a Carer Marianne O'Connell	Monday 30th April 2020 Is Social Media bad for you? Bernadette Toal
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Admission FREE
Early Attendance Advisable



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

WHEN: Monday
March 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 7th
6.00 Michael Kelly – A
Patrick Scully - A
Nell Sexton – M.M.

Sunday 8th
10.00 Eileen McCann – A
Eamon Bailey – A
Lar & Tish O'Donohoe – A
11.15 Evelyn Moynihan – A
John Donnellan - A
7.30 Lil Cronin – A

Monday 9th
10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 10th
10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 11th
10.00 Holy Souls

Thursday 12th
10.00

Friday 13th
10.00 Special Intentions

Saturday 14th
10.00
6.00 Donal & Sarah Downing – A

Sunday 15th
10.00 Dolores Neilan - A
11.15
7.30

'STAND UP, DO NOT BE AFRAID!'

Traditionally, on the second Sunday of Lent, we read and pray with the Transfiguration of Jesus: the event that Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us took place up a high mountain. It is an episode that gives us a glimpse of both Jesus's humanity and his divinity. Here Jesus is also able to reassure his friends – and us – that there is no need to be afraid, even as we witness such extraordinary events. **(Gospel)**

Before the Gospel, we hear of the Lord speaking to Abram, telling him to leave everything he knows with the promise of great blessings. **(First Reading)**

The Psalm reflects on the faithfulness of God's word. He will be our help and shield if, like Abram, we place our hope in him.

Both Abram's call and the disciples' witnessing of the Transfiguration do not occur as a reward, but by 'God's own purpose and grace' **(Second Reading)**. Paul encourages Timothy to accept the hardships he encounters and rely on the power of God, strengthened by the grace of the appearing of Jesus Christ.

This week, then, as we continue on our Lenten journey, we might want to focus our prayer on all those who are afraid, asking that they place their hope in the Lord and experience his comforting love.

Volunteers wanted for Coffee Dock in the Community Centre

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

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

ALL WELCOME

Every year on Easter Monday since 1976, the Dublin Diocese Children's Pilgrimage has travelled to Lourdes with very special and deserving children from all over the Diocese. These children are from all walks of life and truly deserve a break from their day to day routines. Some children have physical or learning disabilities, some come from poor social circumstances and some have experienced loss of bereavement in their lives. Volunteer helpers accompany the children one-on-one, along with doctors, nurses and group chaplains.

Our six days spent in Lourdes are extremely special. The time of year we travel is Children's week. The whole place is packed full of fun, laughter, colour and excitement. The trip allows the children to explore or discover their faith, form new friendships and open their hearts and minds to new experiences. Each year the DDCP must raise enough money to pay for over 25 children to travel to Lourdes. Next weekend there will be helpers collecting money after each Mass on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th of March. Anything you can spare is hugely appreciated. It cannot be underestimated how significant this trip can be in the children's lives. Thank you for your support.



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Carmel Hecker & Rita O'Dwyer** whose funeral took place here recently.