



MOUNT MERRION PARISH

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Mass will be broadcast each day from the RTE News Channel [on Sky that is 521]

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OLDER AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Please see our website www.mountmerrionparish.ie for full details of the new COVID-19 Community Supports and other support services [including ALONE and SeniorLine] in place to ensure vulnerable members of the community are reached and helped at this time.



A few words from Fr. Joe...

A fortnight ago I had never heard of ZOOM, but now each evening at 10.00pm I join a “meeting” and share the final prayer of the day with my fraternity of priests. It has been a quick learning experience, each of us struggling at mastering the technology, then definitely benefitting from the half hour spent together, sharing the highs and lows of our different experiences of ministry while also being united in prayer. As we have developed our skills each one has used a photo taken inside our different churches as a ‘backdrop’. The effect is magic! It looks like all of us are still at work at 10.30pm! The view of the familiar places of prayer is also offered each day by webcam. Streaming the Mass each morning from St Therese’s, Mount Merrion affords parishioners, family and friends the opportunity to watch and participate in a celebration where the environment is familiar, the priest local and intentions specific to our parish. There is also the national Mass on RTE Now and of course various celebrations coming from the USA on EWTN. The parish also has a Facebook page. On this page, it is possible to post information, videos and pictures relating to parish life with the added advantage that people can offer a comment, affirmation, prayer or observation. I posted a little video, praying in the Millennium Garden beside the church which was well received and is a model of how our sharing in prayer continues. Others from parish groups could also try it out. You could make a little video, less than a minute and maybe it would be shared in this way.

A number of notable sports men and women contributed to a public service message during the week. Each of them speaking a line of a single message which reinforced the reasons why we need to “Stay at home”. It was nice to see them without their “gear” on, all sitting in some part of their own home, speaking to us all. The little hashtag that followed the message was #unitebystayingapart.

Here in our parish we are trying to do just that, to feel we are together even though we can't gather. This will be very important for Holy Week and Easter and I encourage you to tune into the live stream, look at the Facebook page and keep praying with and for each other.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 5th

10.00 Donal Devitt – A
John Broni – 1st A
Derrick King – A
Nuala Hanna – A
Denis Cronin – A
Paddy McGovern – A

Monday 06th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 07th

10.00

Wednesday 08th

10.00 Holy Souls
Special Intention

Holy Thursday 09th

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 10th

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 11th

10.00am Morning Prayer - Waiting with the Women of the Cross

10pm Easter Vigil Mass on RTÉ Two & RTÉ Radio 1 Extra/LW252. Tom Deenihan, Bishop of Meath, celebrates the resurrection of Christ, with a Vigil Mass in the Cathedral of Christ the King.

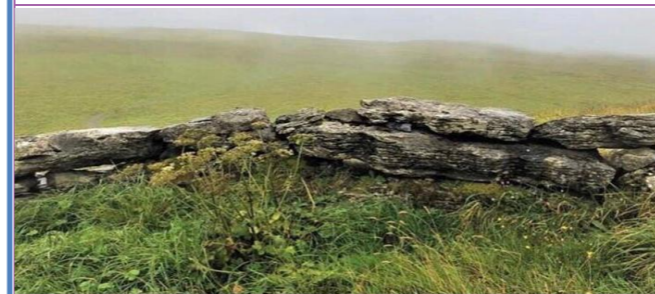
Easter Sunday 12th

10.00 Deceased Members of the Collier Family
Tom Brazil - A

Due to COVID-19 the church remains CLOSED.

All Masses and liturgies are accessible via www.mountmerrionparish.ie/webcam/.

Any Mass Intentions that are booked for the weekends will be included in the Sunday 10.00am Mass.



John O'Donohue

This is the time to be slow,
Lie low to the wall
Until the bitter weather passes.

Try, as best you can, not to let
The wire brush of doubt
Scrape from your heart
All sense of yourself
And your hesitant light.

If you remain generous,
Time will come good;
And you will find your feet
Again on fresh pastures of promise,
Where the air will be kind
And blushed with beginning.

JOHN O'DONOHUE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord

Let every tongue acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord!

This Sunday we begin the prayer of Holy Week as Jesus enters Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, accompanied by crowds shouting joyfully ‘Hosanna!’ and waving palm branches. Very soon, the mood of the people changes and their cry is ‘Crucify him!’ (**Gospel**). We accompany Jesus as he goes to his death.

The other readings help us to understand what is happening.

We see that Jesus fulfils the Old Testament prophecies of the suffering servant from Isaiah; in the face of his Passion, he knows and trusts that the Father will help him (**First Reading**).

Psalm 21 (22) moves from utter dejection: ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ to praise and trust in God: ‘Give him glory ... revere him!’ You may wish to read the whole psalm from your Bible during Holy Week to understand the prayer that Jesus prayed from the cross.

St Paul’s explanation of the meaning of Jesus’s incarnation, death and Resurrection ends with a firm declaration of faith that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father (**Second Reading**).

Even as we find ourselves confined and isolated, walking in sorrow with Jesus this Holy Week, we look forward to Easter joy in his Resurrection, the ultimate victory over death and suffering.

What Have We Learned - by Loyd C. Taylor, Sr.

They threw down palm leaves, covering the way,
Clearing the way for His entrance that day.
Raising joyful voices, as praises filled the air,
The day had come, God answered their prayer!

But, in a short time they changed their chant,
From joyful noise, to a mob's hate-filled rant.
From Hosanna, hosanna, as when He was praised;
To crucify Him! Crucify Him, as their anger blazed! In disbelief
we might question why they turned?
But maybe the question is, 'What have we learned?'

