

MOUNT MERRION PARISH

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

www.mountmerrionparish.ie

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.



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Maureen Jordan** whose funeral took place here recently.

OPENING THE CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:

As we enter the first phase of relaxing the restrictions caused by the COVID 19 virus on May 18th many people have told me how much they would like to have the church open for private prayer. I am totally in agreement with that idea.

There are a variety of opinions on how this might happen and what we would expect from our parishioners entering the church. Everyone has got used to the two general pieces of advice, "Wash your hands" and "Social distance" and these would be vitally important for us to observe. People are also aware that it's better to keep activity short, certainly staying in the church for less than 15 mins.

During the times that church is open it would be great if the doors were left open, hence no need to touch handles etc. Then inside the church we would place hand sanitisers for everyone to use. If parishioners then took some blue paper from the table, spray it with the disinfectant, and used the paper to wipe any surfaces you touch that would help keep the church sanitised for everyone. Then drop the paper into the bin before leaving. Wash your hands when you return home.

The Sacristan and cleaners will assist with some of the opening and closing and emptying of bins and supplies etc but we might also need some volunteers.

It is hard to know if there is a need to have someone volunteer to control numbers. In ordinary time it would be very unusual to have even 4 people in the church, praying at any one time. A reasonable limit would be 10 people in total and unless there is a big rush it might not be necessary to have someone managing the numbers.

During this time, it is absolutely not allowed to gather groups for shared prayers or devotions. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel remains closed.

As we move towards July 20th we will also reflect on how best to reintroduce Mass, Holy Communion and other celebrations of sacraments such as Baptism and Weddings.

During the week ahead please think about the proposed opening of the church and feel free to share your opinions. If you are under 70, from a household with no vulnerable members and would like to volunteer to support the opening of the church please let us know at the parish office.

In the meantime stay safe, join the Mass on the webcam and let's all keep each other in our prayers.

Fr Joe

If you'd like a copy of either the Irish Catholic or this week's newsletter they are available outside Fr. Joe's house, on the porch, at 79 The Rise.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 10th

10.00 Brian Glynn – M.M

Jim Kelly – A

Graham Elmes – A

Marie Guilfoyle – A

Michael Sweeney –A and his son Seamus-R.D

Monday 11th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 12th

10.00

Wednesday 13th

10.00 Ann McDowell- A

Special Intention

Thursday 14th

10.00 Patrick Lydon- A

Friday 15th

10.00

Saturday 16th

10.00

Sunday 17th

10.00 Cormac Lane - A

Joseph and Sheila Arkins – A

Vincent Kelly – A

Bob Kelly – A

Fr. Philip O'Driscoll- M.M

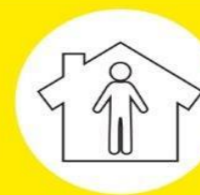
Due to COVID-19 the church remains CLOSED.

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.

dlr COVID-19 Community Response Forum



We are helping elderly, cocooning and vulnerable citizens!

- Collection or delivery of food, essential items and medicines
- Social isolation – support & engagement
- Transport queries
- And more....

Call: 01 271 3199 (9am – 5pm)

Email: covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie

7 days a week!



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HOPE STARTS WITH ONE STEP. CHANGE HAPPENS WITH MANY.



Following on from the success of Fr. Tony Coote's phenomenal Walk While You Can campaign, and ahead of our Phoenix Park walk in September, we are hoping you will join our Walk Where You Can 5k Challenge!

Do your 5km walk with close family members, your dog or by yourself. It could be as simple as laps of the garden or you could venture further afield once its within 5km of your home – remember we want you to Walk Where You Can for MND but we also want you to adhere to all government regulations.



Find out more on: www.imnda.ie/walk-where-youcan-5k-challenge/

Ring out your joy to the Lord!

This week's readings speak powerfully of faith, hope and trust in God. During the coming week and for the weeks ahead, God's word inspires, sustains and encourages us as we continue to live with the impacts of current events.

We learn how the early church devised a way to ensure the fair sharing of food and material necessities among all the faithful, so that the apostles could continue preaching and teaching about Jesus (*First Reading*). They accomplished this task with prayer, seeking wisdom from the Holy Spirit in their decision-making.

St Peter (*Second Reading*) speaks of the difficulties of living without faith, and rejoices that those who are believers can be close to Jesus and become a holy people living in the light of God.

We are reminded that our hope is in God who is faithful, who loves justice and right, and who seeks to rescue the people who hope in his love (*Psalms*). I am invited to remember God as the source of my hope in difficulty, and to offer praise and thanksgiving with joy.

The Gospel is part of Jesus's farewell to his disciples. Although he will leave them physically, he asks them not to be troubled, to trust in God. He invites us also to trust. We will not be left alone, but will know our Risen Lord as the Way, the Truth and the Life, and be enabled to live the way, truth and life of Jesus for others.

I may like to ponder how am I making my decisions during this difficult time? Perhaps I am called to try to spend some time each day with Jesus, growing closer to him and his values.

I ask Jesus for the grace to live this week in hope, trust and joy.