



# MOUNT MERRION PARISH

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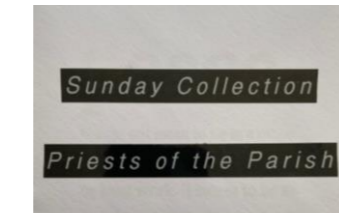
Mass will be broadcast each day from the RTE News Channel [on Sky that is 521]

### SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OLDER AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Please see our website [www.mountmerrionparish.ie](http://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 **Sr. Mary Howard** whose funeral took place here recently.



It's never easy to ask for money, least of all in a time when many are coping with reduced income and loss of employment. I was a little hesitant to ask for your support for the Easter Dues recently. As I explained in the letter sent to all who are on the parish database, the Dues are transferred to the Common Fund, which relies for its income on the freely given offerings of the people of the 200 parishes of Dublin. Easter and Christmas Dues, the First Collection at Mass and the offerings at Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals are pooled and shared out between the priests. It is from the Common Fund that monies are allocated to the care of the sick and retired priests and it also supports the men in specialised ministries, both Fr Pat Mc Manus and I were supported from the Fund when we were acting as Diocesan Director of ACCORD in the past. The Dublin Diocese doesn't have any money other than those contributions from which to support priests, we rely totally on the generosity of our parishioners. The reason for the pooling of the monies is to give a uniform basic stipend to priests regardless of the financial circumstances of their individual parishes. So when we ceased having Sunday Masses the income from the First Collection reduced to almost zero and then without many Easter Dues the surplus in the Fund was becoming depleted. The executive committee of the Fund recommended a 25% reduction in our monthly stipend, taking €625 from a Parish Priest's income and €500 from a curate for the duration of the time that the collections are reduced. So in light of this reality I asked for your normal contribution, if possible, to the Easter Dues. Last year approximately €30,000 was contributed to the Easter Dues in Mount Merrion and, to date, this year the figure exceeds €33,000. So a huge thank you to all who have contributed. It will be a real boost to the Common Fund to receive this money which is vital for the support of all our priests. It seems likely that Mass will remain suspended for many more weeks. If at any time you are in a position to make a contribution to the First Collection, by using the DONATE button on the website, or dropping in an offering, placed in an enveloped marked for "First Collection/Priests" we will ensure it goes quickly to the Common Fund account. Thanks for looking after all the priests with such generous support, it is greatly appreciated. Fr. Joe

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

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). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm,  
by calling [0818 222 024](tel:0818222024)

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
10.00 Paul Creevy – A  
Ester, Sean and Donal Downing – A

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 Brian Hanna – A  
Jim King – A  
Gordon Rowe – 1<sup>st</sup> A  
Special Intention  
Charles Murtagh – A  
Paul Robinson – 1<sup>st</sup> A  
Josephine Lawler – 1<sup>st</sup> A

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 For all who are ill  
Special Intention for Mary Monks  
95<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 Sr. Mary Howard – RD

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
10.00

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
10.00

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 Noreen Rutledge – A

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>  
10.00

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>  
10.00 Michael and Anna O'Reilly – A  
Kevin Costelloe – A  
Maire Cronin - A

Due to COVID-19 the church remains CLOSED at Mass times but is open daily for private prayer after 10am Mass / Liturgy of the Word. All Masses and liturgies are accessible via:

[www.mountmerrionparish.ie/webcam/](http://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](mailto:covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie)  
7 days a week!



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Laudato Si Week runs from 16 to 24 May



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### LOVE LETTER TO THE EARTH

Sunday, 24 May 2020 | 8pm

An Evening of Music, Poetry & Song From Ireland & Around The World

### Featuring:

Bill McKibben | Drew Dillinger | John Philip Newell  
Deirdre Ní Chinnéid | Ceara Conway  
Anne Rynne | Eleanor Hooker and more



To Register your Interest please Email [jane.mellett@trocaire.org](mailto:jane.mellett@trocaire.org)

### All these joined in continuous prayer ...

In this time of worldwide fear and uncertainty, we are called to a deepening faith in our Lord, our stronghold and hope. As Christians, we also try to be a beacon of light for our fellow human beings. **The First Reading** picks up the early Christian story immediately after Jesus's ascension: Mary the mother of Jesus, his disciples and extended family gather in the upper room to await in prayer the coming of the Holy Spirit. **The Gospel** also takes us back to a special place, the room where the Last Supper took place. Here Jesus prays, making known to his disciples – and to us – the name and teachings of the Father. Eternal life is to know the Father and Christ and their intimate relationship together. **The Psalm** exudes trust and confidence in the God of the living; it inspires us to seek the Lord's face and get to know him. **In the Second Reading**, Peter gives his community encouragement as they endure challenges and hard times. He assures them of a special blessing if they live the values of Christ.

As the Easter Season draws to a close, we might pray together: 'Lord, we believe you are indeed our light, help and stronghold in these dark times. May your Holy Spirit comfort us all; and may our relationship of loving trust with you deepen.'