



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 **Nora McGeady and
Carmel McKeever** whose funeral
took place here recently.

A PENTECOST REFLECTION OF ARCHBISHOP DIARMUID MARTIN

After his resurrection, at the moment in which he returned to his Father, Jesus pours out the Spirit upon his disciples and makes them sharers in his own mission. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the disciples went out on the first Pentecost Sunday and began to preach the Good News to peoples from all parts of the then known world. The Spirit enabled the apostles to speak a message which was understandable to all. The Spirit enabled them to teach a message that was relevant and understandable to the lives and the concrete realities of peoples of different backgrounds. The message of Jesus is a universal one, not just in the sense that it has spread right around the world, but above all in that no one, no people is excluded from that message or from the community that Jesus' message constructs. The disciples of Jesus are brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit. You cannot be a solo-Christian. Christianity is a faith that demands the building of community. The Church is called, according to the opening words of the Vatican Council's Constitution on the Church, to be "a sign and a sacrament of the unity in Jesus Christ of all humankind". Wherever Church exists, it must be a sign for all to see of unity and community. We all need community. Community is not just for the few who are naturally gregarious. We need something more than a vague good neighbourliness based on living next-door to each other without enmity or undue friction. We all need real community. In our times – for the first time in human history – more than half of the world's population lives in an urban setting. Modernity fosters urban life. The Archdiocese of Dublin is predominantly an urban diocese, though partly rural. Building urban community is a major challenge. Where the building of urban community fails, the results come in social breakdown, violence and alienation. Where urban community is built up, we have that extraordinary sense of care and solidarity which for generations marked the best of our inner cities. In the current crisis, we have seen great examples of spontaneous community support. As we return towards a normalisation of Church life, we have to create focal points of community within our huge urban conglomerations. For too long we have given the name "development" to a process of simply building houses on the fringes of our cities, without any of the infrastructures to support community. Society needs community. We live in a world in which for many individualism, self-expression and self-sufficiency become the driving force of human activity. Growth, progress, economic interest and profit can often be pursued for their own sake, without any regard for the consequences for other areas of life, whether on the poor and excluded, or the environment, or on the global good of inclusion.

The freedom given by the Spirit is not an individualistic freedom. The freedom that comes from the Spirit unites. The freedom that comes from the Spirit overcomes division. We all need community, but we must all construct community.

The "Creator Spirit" is the one who helps us steer the path of human progress in another direction, within a framework respectful of God's design for his creation, forcing us to transform our individualism and self-centeredness into a response of generosity. Society needs community. Society needs a Church which witnesses to community and care.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 31st
10.00 Michael and Anna O'Reilly – A
Kevin Costelloe – A
Maire Cronin – A
Sr. Mary Howard – R.D.
Professor Aidan Moran – R.D.
Margaret O'Reilly – B.R

Monday 01st June
10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 02nd
10.00

Wednesday 03rd
10.00

Thursday 04th
10.00

Friday 05th
10.00

Saturday 06th
10.00

Sunday 07th
10.00 Mark, Eilish and Brian Taylor – A
Patrick and Mary Johnson - 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/

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!



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)

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SCRIPTURE SUMMER SCHOOL 2020



Because of the C-19 crisis,
the SSS will be held online

Dates: June 22-26
Cost: €40 per household
Details: www.tarsus.ie

Each presenter is offering 6
lectures on their chosen topic.

All lectures will be available on
Zoom from June 15 onwards.

With Zoom, we will bring the
participants together for live
Q+A discussions.

We hope the Summer School
will still be an enjoyable learning
experience for everyone.

JESSIE ROGERS



"In the days to come."
Wisdom from the Old Testament
Prophets for living in the light of
the future.

SEAN GOAN



"He will not break a bruised reed
nor quench a smouldering
wick" (Matthew 12:20) Jesus as
the Servant of God in Matthew's
Gospel

KIERAN O'MAHONY



"In him, all things hold together"
Cosmology and Christ in
Colossians and Ephesians

Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism
Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Dublin



'PEACE BE WITH YOU!'

Pentecost, seen as the birthday of the Christian Church, is the culmination of Eastertide. It is the day when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the start of the Church's mission to the world – a mission to bring people to God. We hear of this in the Gospel, when the risen Jesus comes to the disciples in the locked room bringing peace. He shows them his wounds, encouraging them to believe that he is indeed risen from the dead, and sends them out. In the **First Reading** the disciples receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, bringing them courage and the ability to speak different languages. Now they can reach out to all nations, telling the peoples about God. The **Psalm** praises God's greatness, celebrating all the riches and goodness that the Spirit freely gives to 'renew the face of the earth'. The **Second Reading** speaks of the gifts that God's Spirit gives to each one of us. Working together in different ways towards a common aim, Paul compares us to a human body – each part working towards the well-being of the whole. As we celebrate Pentecost and the birthday of the Church, we might like to reflect on the particular role that God has for each one of us. This week, I might ponder the contribution that I myself can make to the mission of the Church, and to all those around me.