

# MOUNT MERRION PARISH

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### 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,

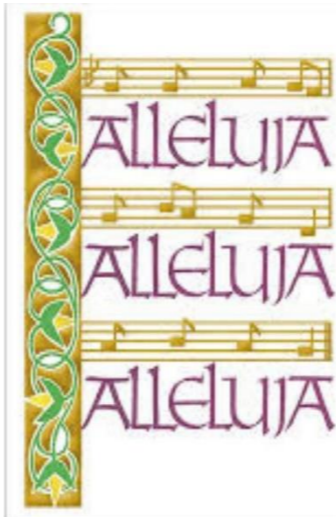
8am - 8pm by calling [0818 222 024](tel:0818222024)



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

### A FEW WORDS FROM FR JOE AS WE PREPARE TO COME BACK TO MASS

The liturgy of the Church is full of ways to express thanks, gratitude, joy, blessings and appreciation to God for all the gifts that we receive in this life, one word is sometimes used to capture all of this exuberance, that word is Alleluia! At Eastertime, we say it on the double, Alleluia, Alleluia, so I'm going to suggest that after all these weeks apart we say it three times, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Our hearts are full of joy, and we can echo the sentiments of Psalm 122, "I rejoiced when I heard them say, let us go to God's house" "May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings." To return to the house of the Lord, our parish church, Teach an Phobail, to celebrate the Eucharist daily is just wonderful. Like all new beginnings it comes in a context, the relaxation of guidelines as the lock down ends and the lift up begins in earnest. As I write the anticipated number who can gather indoors, in any situation, is 50. Unlike shops where people stand and move around, we come to gather, to sit together, to pray, to praise God in word and song, and to worship as a community. Whatever the number it will be good to see you all again, face to face. During the week preparations are being made to make the church compliant with all the regulations governing places where the public gather. You can help us to make this return to public worship go well. A few pointers:



1. Come early.
2. Bring your own hand sanitizer, or use what is provided.
3. Look around the church, three colours are used to indicate available space. Sit in the Green zone, leave the Red spaces free, notice the yellow tape showing the 2 metres social distancing.
4. Follow the guidance of the stewards, they are parishioners like yourselves and happy to help you find an available space.
5. If you arrive and see the "FULL" notice at the door feel free to follow the Mass outside and come after Mass for Communion.
6. Don't crowd the doors entering or leaving, give everyone their space.
7. Please don't come every day, and when there is a funeral please leave the seats for the family and the mourners.
8. If you can come during the week, please do so and leave the space at weekends for others.
9. Remember that the Sunday Obligation is not operative during the pandemic.
10. There will be no baskets passed during Mass so please watch out for the collection buckets at the doors. Feel free to donate online or use the tap and pay terminal in the church. At weekends, any contributions made at the tap and pay will go to the collections and during the week contributions are for the parish fund.

Thanks to everyone who has helped keep the parish alive and active during the pandemic and please remember in your prayers all those who were bereaved at this difficult time. Fr Joe

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>  
10.00

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 John and Eileen Fennessy – A  
Mary Gough – A  
Special Intention  
Martin Murphy – A  
Betty Pigott – A  
Carmel McKeever – M.M

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> July  
10.00

Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup>  
10.00

Friday 03<sup>rd</sup>  
10.00 Altar Lists

Saturday 04<sup>th</sup>  
10.00

Sunday 05<sup>th</sup>  
10.00 Pauline Curran – A

### Sophie Barat Residence:

Part time assistant coordinators wanted. Please see [www.sophiebaratresidence.ie](http://www.sophiebaratresidence.ie) for job description & application form.



### Take Up Your Cross

Take up your cross and follow me  
Let me change your life with love  
I can lead you to the promise land  
That I've prepared for you above

Don't treasure things found in this world  
They're not important whatever their cost  
There are greater things I have for you  
Deny yourself, take up your cross

I am the way, the only truth  
I am the light to guide your feet  
I am your joy, truly your peace  
I am everything you should seek

Have faith in me, give me your trust  
Nothing's impossible, as you will see  
I am your Lord and I love you  
Take up your cross, come follow me

Joseph Hornsby

### FOLLOW IN MY FOOTSTEPS ...

In this week's readings we hear about the choices that have to be made in living a life in Christ, as well as of God's generosity to anyone who welcomes a prophet or disciple.

This is illustrated in the **First Reading**, where God rewards the repeated kindnesses of a childless couple towards the prophet Elisha with the gift of a child.

The **Psalm** is full of praise for the Lord, expressing the psalmist's joy and trust in the Lord's everlasting love and faithfulness.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul emphasizes that in baptism we are dying to our old self, to sin, and moving into a new life lived in Christ.

The **Gospel** sees Jesus continuing to instruct the disciples in their mission, telling them of the demands in following his way. But he also assures them of God's great generosity— both to them and also to anyone who welcomes them. In doing so, they are welcoming Jesus himself, and even the smallest kindness will be rewarded.

This week, perhaps I might pray for the grace to follow Christ more nearly, to see him more clearly, and to love him more dearly as I welcome him in others.

*"To be grateful  
is to recognize the love  
of God in everything He has given us...  
He has given us everything.  
Every breath we draw is a gift of His love,  
every moment of existence is a grace,  
for it brings with it immense graces from Him."*

- Thomas Merton