



MOUNT MERRION PARISH

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

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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.

Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for the gift of your life and the way it strengthens us to live ours. Teach us to draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for energy, renewal, strength and grace. May we never take the gift of your presence for granted. Amen.



A FEW WORDS FROM FR JOE

The reopening of the churches for Mass on June 29th is in a sense a new beginning for the faithful, for priests and all who belong in the family of faith. Pope Francis was reflecting during the week on the possibility that some things will change now, that a new church will emerge from this long period of prayer and reflection that has been happening while we have been fasting from the Eucharist, staying apart from family and friends and waiting for the pandemic to pass. So, are we going to return to 'normal' or will there be new shoots in the garden of the church? The honest answer is none of us really knows. The experience of being away from Mass won't really affect those who rarely come to Mass! The real sense of disappointment and loss felt by the children all ready for First Communion and Confirmation, with their families was very real and will no doubt be remembered for many years to come. For those with the habit of weekly and daily attendance at Mass there will be a discernment as to whether this is the right moment to return, for some it will be a simple yes, for others there will be an extension to the waiting as anxiety, underlying conditions or care for other members of the household will make it difficult to gather in a crowd. This past week, since the rules were relaxed, has meant when we are out and about there are many more people sharing the common space. So now social distancing is more difficult and maybe more important, and whether to wear masks or not a much more pressing concern. In our parishes, as a response to the Bishop's guidelines, a COVID 19 committee is looking at the space inside the churches, measuring distances, closing off seats, setting up sanitation points, putting signage on doors, markers on floors and cleaning, cleaning, cleaning. But no matter what we do to prepare we don't know whether the space we have, for the numbers we can safely accommodate will be sufficient. We will struggle to cope if more people come and logically we have to close the doors, turn away those who want to enter and pray. We will only find peace if everyone is thinking of others. We will all need to change at least a little! It will take more time to assemble and be ready for Mass, so come early! Sanitising at the doors will mean waiting in line, some people will wisely bring their own sanitiser and help speed up that process. Finding our way to the 'green' seats which are available, avoiding the red seats which are closed off, maintaining the 2 metres distancing. Avoiding the church completely if we have a head cold, coughs and sniffles just won't work when inside with others. Working out the best way to distribute communion, managing to cater for the senior members of the community, integrating music, using missalettes just the once, surviving without toilets, using a different door, all of these little changes will be demanding for us. If it does happen that the 'church full' notice means you can't come in, then please be generous enough to come back to a later Mass, or come to a Mass during the week, perhaps log in when you get home and watch the Mass on the website. We are a supportive community and these coming weeks will be an opportunity to put our patience, resilience and community spirit into action. Thank you in advance for your co-operation. If you have any thoughts or ideas then please drop me a line or chat to one of the COVID 19 committee members. I am so looking forward to seeing your smiling faces in front of me when celebrating the Mass, as we pray together.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th
10.00 May Murphy – A
Freda Killian - A
Sunday 14th
10.00 Jim, Mary and David Larkin – A
Michael and Ellen Rogan - A
Mavis Moore – R.D
Niall Kerrigan – M.M
Adrienne Troy – 2nd A
Kitty Duggan – R.D
Monday 15th
10.00 For all who are ill
Tuesday 16th
10.00 Liturgical Service
Wednesday 17th
10.00
Thursday 18th
10.00
Friday 19th
10.00
Saturday 20th
10.00 Baby Molly – M.M
Sunday 21st
10.00 Mary O'Shea – A
Anita Gallagher – A
John Shanahan - A
Patrick Dunne – Special Intention

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

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)

DUBLIN DIOCESE 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



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CHRIST IS OUR FOOD AND DRINK

This Sunday the Roman Catholic church celebrates the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known by its Latin name 'Corpus Christi'. It is an opportunity to reflect on the fact that Christ gave us his body and blood as spiritual sustenance. The **First Reading** reminds us that God fed his people with manna and water as he brought them out of Egypt. Their faithful God did not abandon them. The **Psalms** continues on the same theme. God provided the finest food, gave them peace, and through his word ensured that Israel could follow the right path. In his letter to the Corinthians, St Paul reminds his audience of the intimate relationship between the bread and wine we partake in the Eucharist, and the body and blood of Christ. We are united through this one bread and form one body of Christians. (**Second Reading**) In the **Gospel**, Jesus explains to the Jews that his body and blood will give them spiritual nourishment. This food is not the same as the food God gave Israel in the desert; what Jesus offers here is a way for us to be living in him and he in us. By sharing his body and blood through the form of bread and wine in the Eucharist, there is an intimate relationship between ourselves and the Lord. This week, let us pray for all those who do not know this close union or who are not able to be part of it. We also remember all deprived of the Eucharist because of the pandemic.