



# Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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## NOTICE

Sincere apologies for the Webcam not working last week. We are attempting to get the issue dealt with and we hope it will be up and running as soon as possible.

## NOTICE

As there are no collections at any Masses at present, you are invited to make a contribution in one of the buckets provided at the entrances. Thank you

## Pope's Prayer Intentions for July 2020 Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS & PERMANENT MEMORIAL FOR THE VERY REV. FR. TONY COOTE ADM

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that by the end of next month a year will have passed since the passing of Fr Tony Coote, who departed this life on August 28th 2019 after his courageous and inspiring journey through his illness. We commend his soul to the love and mercy of God, whom he loved so dearly and served selflessly. As we approach his first anniversary, we remember especially Tony's mother, family, and friends in our prayers.

We are mindful of Tony's many and varied roles in life, especially his role for ten years as a dear and beloved Administrator/Parish Priest of Mount Merrion, Kilmacud and Clonskeagh. As is right and fitting, we will be offering a number of Masses in Fr Tony's memory, commencing Friday 28th August and throughout the weekend, including Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August. Hopefully the entire parish community will have an opportunity to participate and remember Fr Tony at one of these anniversary Masses.

It is also appropriate at this time, to honour Fr Tony with a form of permanent memorial, commemorating; the three tenets of his faith - "inclusivity, compassion and love"; the inspiration he was to so many parishioners and friends; the love, respect, gratitude and appreciation that we have for him and his inspiring ministry in our parishes of Kilmacud, Mount Merrion and Clonskeagh.

In planning for such a memorial, we would like to invite you to send any ideas and suggestions you may have to [frtonymemorial@gmail.com](mailto:frtonymemorial@gmail.com). Many thanks to those who have already provided some suggestions which include, in Mount Merrion, the planting a specimen tree and the refurbishment of the parish meeting room to be named in Fr Tony's memory and, in Kilmacud, the placing of a memorial plaque and a bench in the grounds of St Laurence's Church. We will work with a small memorial evaluation committee and liaise with Fr Tony's family, in discerning a most fitting memorial.

There is an open subscription for everyone who would like to donate to assist with the permanent memorial, with any excess funds going to the charity supported by Fr Tony, the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA), to support those currently suffering from the disease.

Thank you for all the many ways you supported and cared for Fr Tony in his happy and relaxed days and when he struggled with serious illness and at the close of his life. He received so much, from so many, and it meant everything to him. We welcome all your thoughts and look forward to hearing from you.

With joyful blessings this Summertime!

*Fr Joe Mullan Adm. & Audrey O'Sullivan, Chairperson - Mount Merrion Parish Pastoral Council*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th  
6.00  
Sunday 12th  
10.00 Chris & Magda O'Farrell - A  
11.15  
7.30  
Monday 13th  
10.00 For all who are ill  
Tuesday 14th  
10.00 Liturgical Service  
Wednesday 15th  
10.00 Margaret Colfer – A  
Patrick Gillespie – R.D  
Special Intention  
Thursday 16th  
10.00  
Friday 17th  
10.00 Patricia Humphries – A  
Saturday 18th  
10.00  
6.00 Rose Kelly – A  
Sunday 19th  
10.00 Sean Kennedy – A  
11.15 Bill Morrissey – A  
Derek Clinton – A  
Mary O'Neill – A  
7.30

## The Catholic Grandparents Association Annual Diocesan Mass July 26th Sunday at 11.15am Mass

Celebrated by the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo on the feast day of The Grandparents of Jesus, Sts. Joacim & Anne, July 26th Sunday at 11.15am Mass that we may pass on the faith and keep prayer at the heart of family life.

*Donal O'sullivan - Secretary Castleknock Branch  
Catholic Grandparents Association*



## PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, come to me.  
Lord, Jesus, give me your love.  
Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.  
Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.  
Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



## 'Imagine a sower going out to sow ...'

The readings this week are linked by images of nature, water, rain, growing crops and harvest.

In the **First Reading**, the prophet Isaiah compares the word of God to the rain falling on the world, which ensures a good crop and thus feeds the people.

Continuing this agricultural theme, **the Psalm** gives thanks to the Lord for his care for the earth. The whole world rejoices and sings at the abundant harvest.

For Paul, in **the Second Reading**, the whole of creation still hopes to be freed. All of us have the responsibility to be its good stewards.

The Lord, of course, is constantly at our side, helping us to achieve this. Using images from the countryside familiar to his listeners, Jesus tells the crowds who follow him a parable. Here God acts as a sower, scattering seeds freely on ground which is not always ready or able to receive it. **(Gospel)**

This week, we might want to focus our prayers on the needs of our environment, the Lord's creation. We might pray for those who care for it, but also for those who seem intent on destroying it.



## Confirmation

**Oatlands Saturday 5th September**

**Mount Anville Saturday 12th September**

**Scoil San Treasa Saturday 19th September**



## First Communion

**Scoil San Treasa Saturday 26th September**

**Oatlands Saturday 3rd October**