

MOUNT MERRION PARISH

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Oatlands Saturday 5th September
Mount Anville Saturday 12th September
Scoil San Treasa Saturday 19th September



Scoil San Treasa Saturday 26th September
Oatlands Saturday 3rd October



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Elizabeth O'Connell** and **Charlie Duane** whose funeral took place here recently.

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. 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.

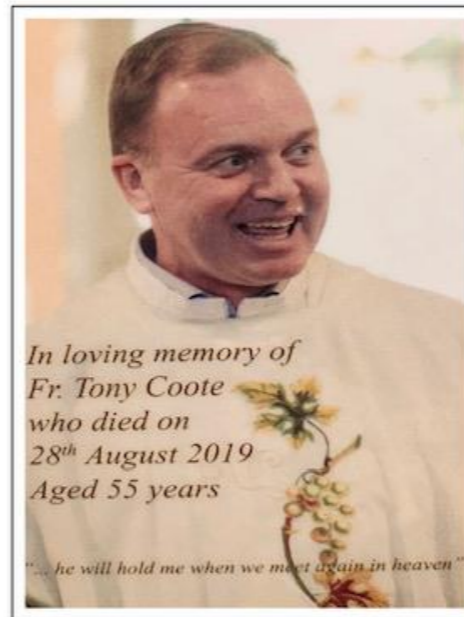
With joyful blessings this Summertime!

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 25th
10.00
6.00
Sunday 26th
10.00 Gabrielle Jones – A
Maureen Geary – A
Liz McGrath – M.M
Mary O'Neill
Gemma Kelly – A
Brendan Byrne – A
11.15 GRANDPARENTS MASS
7.30 Mary Molumby – A
Monday 27th
10.00 For all who are ill
Tuesday 28th
10.00 Liturgical Service
Wednesday 29th
10.00 Special Intention
Thursday 30th
10.00
Friday 31st
10.00
Saturday 01st August
10.00
6.00
Sunday 02nd August
10.00
11.15
7.30 Geraldine Duggan - A

Permanent Parish Memorial to Fr Tony



Those wishing to contribute to the memorial to Fr Tony are most welcome to leave a donation with Rosemary or Vivienne in the Parish Office or to donate online on the parish website. Thank you. www.mountmerrionparish.ie.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ...

As Ordinary Time continues, we are still in the central part of Matthew's Gospel where Jesus is teaching by means of parables. Today we have four more parables to add to the four already heard over the last couple of Sundays. These parables stress in particular the great value of the kingdom.

In the **First Reading** we have the narrative of the young king Solomon asking God for the gift of wisdom, so as to discern the true value of things and rule his people with understanding.

The verses taken from the **Psalm** extol the value of God's law, a treasure that brings true happiness.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, reveals the mutuality between the faithful follower and the generosity of the Father, who will justify and glorify those he has called.

In the **Gospel** the kingdom of heaven is likened to finding a treasure and selling everything to possess it. Good and bad coexist until the time of final judgment.

Maybe this week we can pray for the grace to recognize the kingdom amongst us and around us.

FAREWELL TO MICHAEL SHORTT

This weekend we say goodbye to our Sacristan, Michael who has worked with us for the past 7 years. We are deeply indebted to Michael for his dedicated work assisting at so many liturgies during his time here. The nature of the sacristan's work is to do a lot behind the scenes before and after liturgy to ensure that all is in place for the smooth running of our prayerful and uplifting celebrations. To coin a phrase, "there's more to it than meets the eye."

Every day parishioners and visitors come to the church and find it open, lit, clean, candles in the shrines, flowers on their pedestals and linens crisp and white. Priests arrive to find books clearly marked, water, wine and bread in their place, vestments at the ready and notices carefully typed, mics on and bells rung. The sacristan is the person who ensures that all is in fact ready, correct and suitable. He doesn't do everything, but he has an eye to everything others have contributed.



In addition, he must be careful, courteous and trustworthy, sensitive and firm. And when priests and people have departed, he extinguishes the candles, tidies all away, closes up and often leaves alone.

So our thanks are heartfelt, and we wish Michael every success on the next stage of his journey and remind him that he is always welcome here.

Thank you Michael, may the Lord who sees all reward you for your work.