

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE

GATHER IN MY NAME,

there am I with them.

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86th Mt Merrion Scout Group (Church Grounds of St Therese) has a small number of openings for beavers (6-8) and cubs (9-12) on the basis of accompanying parent volunteering a scouter (leader). Full training provided for parent volunteers. Commitment is 1 meeting per week 1-1.5hrs + a group meeting every 6weeks (2-hours). Cub meeting is on Mon eve and Beavers Wed. If you would like to be considered please email mtmerrionscoutgroup@gmail.com or text Siobhan @ 086604592

FR. TONY'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND.

A question I try to get the candidates for Confirmation to reflect on is "Who would you like to influence the sort of person you are, now and in the future?"



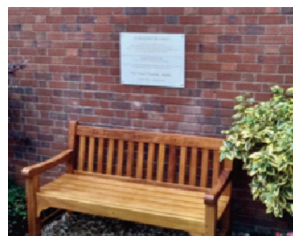
They chat about parents and teachers, older siblings and their heroes from the worlds of sport, entertainment, music and the wider world. Young people have an amazing capacity to admire and imitate, to idolize and dream. At some point, they have to actually act on those thoughts and learn about what motivates the people they admire. They come to realise the hard work that those who influence them have put into their lives and development of their talent and skill.

This past weekend we were all very aware of how Fr Tony influenced many people in this parish, in the wider church and across the country. His passion for life, his love of God, his relationship with Jesus, his sense of hope and his determination to keep spreading the Good News, even in illness, was evident.

His friend Fr John Kelly described him as a pilgrim, one who was always searching for God, reading about his faith and open to people from all walks of life. It was clear that Tony's world was not contained within the sanctuary and the celebration of the sacraments, but embraced all that life had to offer and he journeyed with any pilgrim companion he met along the road. He leaves a legacy of a life lived to the full, a life centred on relationships with family, community and above all with his Lord and Master.



Thanks to all who made this memorable weekend possible. The tree planted in Mount Merrion, the bench in Kilmacud and the plaques in both locations will be constant reminders of Tony and will encourage all of us to live while we can, to be constantly renewing our faith, caring for each other and reaching out to those in need.



Fr Joe

SHINE A LIGHT ON CLIMATE JUSTICE

The Season of Creation is a time when the Christian family celebrates Creation and is a time of prayer and action for Our Common Home. This year in our church we are hosting Eco-Congregation's Climate Justice Candle to remind us that we are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with ALL God's Creation.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5th

6.00 Brendan O Donoghue – 1st A
Don & Marie Cockburn – A
Jack Hennigan - A

Sunday 6th

10.00 Kay, Declan & Paul Reddy – A
Mary & Denis Coveney – A
Rayno Campher – R.D

11.15 Barbara Leahy – 2nd A
Tommy McCann – A
Joseph Hayes – R.D
Teresa Shine – R.D
Special Intention

7.30 Ann Sweetman – A
Tom Murphy – A

Monday 7th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 8th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 9th

10.00 Ann Sweetman – A
Nancy and Donie Keane – A
Vera and Dan King – A

Thursday 10th

10.00 Ken Fagan - A

Friday 11th

10.00 Margaret Daly - A

Saturday 12th

10.00

6.00

Sunday 13th

10.00 Monica Maher and John Maher – A
Antionette Hannigan – A
Charlie Duane – R.D

11.15 Rita O'Toole – A
Margaret McKay – A

7.30 John Clifford O'Sullivan - A



Pope Francis looks ahead to the World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation, praying for Mauritius which is suffering the consequences of an oil spill off its coast.



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Thomas (Todd) Fletcher** whose funeral took place here this week.

Listen to his voice!'

The theme of listening runs throughout today's readings: listening to the Divine Voice; to the voice of the prophet Ezekiel; to our community members; to the Church.

In **the First Reading**, God likens the prophet's role to that of a sentry, who has the important job of warning people of approaching danger. Ezekiel must point out to the community both their sins and the consequences of them.

In **the Gospel**, Jesus advises us of our duty to do what we can when an individual's behaviour is a threat to the community. Our community does not live separately from God: the Lord is active and present in the decisions and desires of his people and our prayer and action should reflect this.

The Psalm picks up the theme of listening and bids the people to heed the message of God and to be receptive to his love and gifts.

Paul emphasises to the Romans that the precious freedom bought for us by Christ also brings with it a responsibility and a debt: to love and care for each other and to live out the consequences of our faith. These words go to the heart of the Gospel message. Jesus has shown us how to love our neighbour by everything he said and did. He also shows us how to be fully alive as a human being. **(Second Reading)**

Amidst the distractions and bustle of daily life, we pray to be alert for the quiet voice of the Divine, and to be generous in responding to it. We beg for the awareness of our responsibilities as a church community, especially to those most at risk across the world at this time.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: RESPECT FOR THE PLANET'S RESOURCES

Pope Francis releases a video message accompanying his prayer intention for September, which this month is for respect for the planet's resources: that we "take care of Creation responsibly".

Today, not tomorrow;
today, we have to take care
of Creation responsibly.
Let us pray that the
planet's resources will not
be plundered, but shared in
a just and respectful
manner.
No to plundering; yes to
sharing. - Pope Francis



You can watch the Pope video in our website
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A Short Prayer

Lord help me to remember
that nothing is going to
happen to me today that
You and I together can't
handle. Amen.

