



## Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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### NOTICES

The Diocesan Office for Fundraising has prepared a leaflet for use in the parishes relating to Bequests and Wills. Copies of this leaflet are available from the tables inside the doors of the Church.

Please continue to make any opinions or comments about the best way to manage celebrations at Christmas known to the parish team by sending a note or email to the parish office. Likewise anyone who can offer to 'steward and sanitise' please be in touch.

Discussions are ongoing with the local schools regarding the completion of the Sacramental programme for 2020 and how best to begin with the candidates for the coming year 2021. We will have to live with uncertainty regarding dates for the various celebrations. Thankfully there is great work going on in the classrooms and no doubt the children will be very well prepared.

### Few words from Fr Joe

#### Welcome Fr Donie O'Connor MHM!



Archbishop Martin has appointed Fr Donie as a curate to assist in Kilmacud, Mount Merrion and Clonskeagh Parishes. This is great news for the people and priests of the parishes and we will do all we can to make Donie feel at home here. Some years ago, Donie left a message on my answering machine in a happy uplifting voice with a lovely Kerry accent, "Hi I'm Donie and I'm available to assist in any way I can."

Since that time, I have got to know Donie well and admire his great faith, joyful approach to ministry, interesting homilies and friendly approach to parishioners and priests alike.

I asked him to say a little bit about himself and here are his words

"When I returned from my mission work in East Africa a few years ago I began to search for another parish community experience here in south Dublin. I remember ringing around the different parishes letting them know that I was available to help. The response from the first two parishes was the same – 'we will take your name and get back to you' – they never did. Then I rang Fr Joe Mullan (Three Patrons, Rathgar) his response was so different – 'drop down for a cup of coffee and a chat'. Joe gave me a gracious welcome and made me feel at home. He had me working in the parish the following day. To me that's church because church is about hospitality. I am so grateful and feel so blessed to be joining your team and community. I believe ministry is never about competition but cooperation. I look forward to sharing my stories, gifts and talents with yours- together building and elevating the community as we celebrate with passion the joy of the Gospel."

Donie – is a Mill Hill Missionary, from Killarney, Co. Kerry. He has worked in Kenya and Uganda.



Dear Parishioners,  
I want to thank Fr. Joe and all in Mount Merrion and Kilmacud parishes for welcoming me to speak at the Masses in both parishes this weekend 21st & 22nd November. I will be speaking to you regarding the memorial project for Fr. Tony in Haiti that Solèy Haiti will be undertaking.

Full details on the project can be found on the parish website and you can donate on the parish website also. If you wish to donate in cash, this can be done by dropping it into the Parish Office in an envelope.

Many thanks for your continuous support.

Kind Regards,  
Patrick O'Neill,  
Chairperson, Solèy Haiti

### MASS INTENTIONS

10.00 Deceased Members of Eucharist Adoration  
Bobbie and Paddy Browne – A  
Conor O'Neill – A  
Brian Doyle – M.M  
Elsie Reville – 1st A and Brendan Reville – A  
Nicholas, Kitty and their Son Eamonn Canny  
and grandchildren Joseph, Veronica  
and daughter in law Margaret Canny – A  
Martin and Delia Forde and their son Martin – A  
Christy Gordon - A  
Brian Siggins – R  
Margaret Guilfoyle – A

Monday 23rd

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 24th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 25th

10.00 Alice McMullen – A

Thursday 26th

10.00 Deceased members of the School Community

Friday 27th

10.00

Saturday 28th

10.00 Richard (Dick) McDonald – 1st A

Sunday 29th

10.00 Paddy Sullivan – A

Rex and Felix Cronin – A

Niamh White – 2nd A

Fr. Philip O'Driscoll – B.R

Brian Lawler – A

John and Mary Hallahan – A

Deceased loved ones remembered in the Faith Space

### On Sunday, 29th November, the season of Advent begins.

Amid the Covid crisis, it is more important than ever that we celebrate this hopeful time of preparation for the Coming of



Jesus our Lord and Saviour. To help us celebrate this beautiful time in our homes, the Parish is offering Advent wreath kits, with a set of 6 quality Advent candles, four purple, 1 rose and 1 white, as well as a florist ring, candle holders, and some decoration, at a wholesale cost price, for your household to build together and celebrate each week as you light one or more candles. You may order a wreath with candles, or just the candles – below options and suggested donations.

#### Wreath kit & advent candles – suggested donations:

A wreath kit with 6"x 2" size candles: €17

A wreath kit with 12" x 1" size candles: €12

A wreath kit with 9" x 7/8th" size candles: €10



#### Advent Candles only – suggested donations:

Pack of 12" x 1" advent candles: €8

Pack of 6" x 2" size advent candles: €12

Pack of 9" x 7/8th" size advent candles: €5

Please email your order to [parishadventwreath@gmail.com](mailto:parishadventwreath@gmail.com), or give your order to the parish secretary with your contact details.

### As royal shepherd, Christ is leading us into the Kingdom of his Father

Today's solemnity of Christ the King ends the Church's liturgical year on a high point. Perhaps, after the year we have had, we need, more than ever, its full title: 'Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe'.

So that God 'may be all in all' (**Second Reading**), Christ is, indeed, king over the whole universe.

Though we may have felt – and perhaps still feel – 'scattered, during the mist and darkness' of 2020, God keeps the flock always in view (**First Reading**) and will show us where to rest. We are not abandoned.

Rather, the care of the one, true, kingly shepherd means we really shall want for nothing (**Psalms**).

The call of this Shepherd King is heard in the **Gospel**, inviting us to a share, both in his service of others, especially to the very least, and in his very life.

This week, let's try to be open to that call and respond with joyful and generous hearts.



## TIME OUT FOR THANKSGIVING



You are invited to join our reflective gathering of pilgrimage and thanksgiving on

**Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm**

[www.mountmerrionparish.ie/webcam/](http://www.mountmerrionparish.ie/webcam/)

We will draw on our parish experiences during the past year and explore the legacy of the medieval mystic, St Hildegard of Bingen, whose insights, musical composition and ecological awareness are relevant in our world today, some 900 years later.

ALL WELCOME