

PEACE BE WITH YOU

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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**APRIL 24
5KM ROCK
RUN**

**ROCK WHILE
YOU CAN**

Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association
Aidlink

Calling out to all ROCK families across the globe
Join us on April 24th for our annual 5k Rock Run
To donate go to idonate.ie and search 'Rock While You Can'

A few words from Fr Joe.....

What's the best expression to use when speaking respectfully of a feisty senior member of the parish? I'm really not sure, so I will simply say, a lady came into the office to ask for a Mass card during the week. Shubert, in Vivienne's absence, was quick to show her the stand with its impressive array of cards. There she browsed, picked first one card, then another, holding a couple she liked between two fingers, slipping one back, taking a different one. A really careful process of choosing the most preferred card for the intention in her mind.

As I passed by, observing this, I compliment her choice and said how happy I was that the bookshop provided us with such nice cards, not too pious, very reverent and attractive. 'Well' she said, they could be a little more colourful, cheerful, uplifting! Indeed, you're right, said I, as she went onto explain that the Mass card brings such a message of hope, that everything about it should communicate, brightly and strongly, JOY.

It was such a nice moment, to hear the conviction and strength of faith behind the sending of the Mass card.



As it happened the particular intention was to send birthday greetings to a friend, and of course the occasion is joyful and the card should be too. But behind the image on the front and words inside, was the intention of a woman of deep faith, connecting her greeting, with her trust in the gift of the Risen Lord shared in the Eucharist.

It was a simple encounter, that lasted just a couple of minutes, but it has stayed with me during the week, in a joyful and uplifting way. Thanks to all who share their faith and hope when sharing a Mass intention.



We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others

— Pope Francis —

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 17th

10.00 Muriel Doyle – 2nd A

Sunday 18th

10.00 Mary McGoldrick – A

Fred Jones - A

Christopher Rooney – R.D.

Tony Tighe – A

Michael Padden - A

Monday 19th

10.00 For all who are Ill

Tuesday 20th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 21th

10.00 Timlin Family

Stephen Scanlon - A

Sunday 25th

10.00 John Colfer - A



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Colm Watters** whose funeral took place here this week.

Mercy International Association
Celebrating
LAUDATO SI' WEEK
16-24 MAY 2020

Laudato Si' week is coming!

From May 16-24 we will celebrate the closing of the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year and the progress the Church has made on its journey to

ecological conversion. It will include online dialogues, the launch of several exciting programs. Join us by registering <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

Biodiversity webinar
Apr 20, 2021 12:00 PM

The Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and GCCM invite you to join this conversation on biodiversity with **Cardinal Peter Turkson, Dr. Jane Goodall**, and other community leaders.



The COVID health crisis, the climate crisis and the biodiversity crisis are three interconnected crises calling us to change direction towards a regenerative civilization. This webinar will explore how together we can respond to this historical moment and take responsibility for creating a better future. https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ve_3ozOoQJ-

'Peace be with you!'

In the midst of the joy and exuberance of Easter, this Sunday's readings allow us to consider our sinfulness, our doubts and our weakness. This is not to weigh us down, but to bring us peace and encourage us to live the new life won for us.

In the **First Reading** from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter is gentle with those responsible for the death of the 'Prince of life'. They must now turn back to God.

The **Psalm** is both a cry for help and a song of hope and trust.

John, in the **Second Reading**, speaks of Christ as our Advocate with the Father. Not only does he take our sins away, he fills us with God's love.

Jesus appears to his doubting disciples in the **Gospel**. He reassures them by inviting them to touch him and by eating with them, before increasing their understanding and hinting at their mission.

Let us continue our Lenten journey this week, strengthened by the gift of Christ's peace, and conscious of being his witnesses – even if, at times, we are confused and doubtful.



'Touch me and see for yourselves ...'

*Easter is a promise
that God gave to you,
a promise of eternal life,
a season of renewal.
As the scent of roses
fills the air,
and blue jays sweetly sing,
remember that God is with you
and guiding you this spring.
For he vowed that he will
always be there,
to wrap you in his arms
when you need his care.
He has faith in you,
and his heart shall ever be true,
no matter what you say or do.
Even should you stumble or fall,
God will lend you a hand
to help you stand tall.*