

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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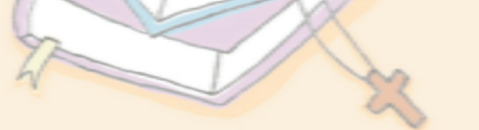
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PRAYER FOR EXAM TIME

Lord, I ask you to help me at this stressful time. I feel that in addition to carrying my own burdens, I am carrying the expectations of so many others – family, friends, society. Help me to keep calm at this time, so that I can think straight and apply myself to the best of my ability. Let your Spirit help and inspire me, so that I can remember all that I have studied and put together my answers in the best way. Guide me in all ways so that I will find fulfilment in You.

Amen



A few words from Fr Joe

You have probably seen, and chuckled at the advertisement on TV centred on a video call between a young man and his dad. The two live in different worlds, the dad is with his wife, an avid walker, and his animals, at home on the farm in rural Ireland, while the very handsome, successful son obviously lives in the city and seems totally at home there. When they are on the video call to each other both seem delighted to be having the chat.

The dad isn't the best with the video feature on the phone, we see the top of his head, the farm yard, cat and mug of tea more than his face as he walks and talks. The son must be on zoom calls all day, neatly groomed, face lit perfectly and sitting still, looking directly at his dad. Still the call works well.

At the heart of the call is a question, "How are you dad?" and it's not easy to get a straight answer, nothing more than "Sure you know yourself." The dad is a little evasive, maybe he hasn't been well and certainly he is not going to burden his boy with any reporting on what the doctor said, or share any worrying prognosis. The son smiles and accepts his dad, just as he is.

The love between them is warm and affectionate, rooted in concern that the other is well and no doubt many more calls will help them stay in touch, affirm their love and express the depth of their relationship. To me this is an apt modern parable for Father's Day. Stay in touch, express your love, be yourself and let the other be free. God would want no more than that today.

Though Christ may seem to be asleep, he is with us at every moment of our lives

This week's readings, reveal a God with power. As God's creatures, the forces of nature listen to and obey the voice of their Creator. Though the storms of fear and doubt may have played more significant roles in our lives during this past year, God's love continues to speak to us with words of calm, as it did to Job **(First Reading)**.

It is the love of Christ, not the storm, which 'overwhelms us' **(Second Reading)**.



This love is shown in **the Gospel**, when Jesus 'rebukes the wind' and the wind and waves obey. He is revealing something about his divine nature. 'Who can this be?' the disciples are led to ask as they are filled with awe. Their question may also be seeking a faith response in us as well.

Let's begin to ponder our own responses with the help of these scripture passages. Although we may yet be experiencing storms blowing around and within us, let's listen for that strong, yet calm voice, which brings with it peace and security.

We may want to pray that the voice of the psalmist may echo throughout our lives in the coming week: 'Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever'.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday 19th
 - 10.00 Special Intention
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 - 6.00 Margaret Mulligan – R.D
 - Anita Gallagher – A & Paddy Gallagher- R
 - Delma Dietz – R.D
- Sunday 20th
 - 10.00 Mary Monks – M.M
 - Jim and May Larkin and their Son David - A
 - Kevin and Margaret Kelly – A
 - 11.30 Eileen Quigley – R
 - Anton Flanagan – 1st A
 - Cyril O'Sullivan – A
 - Patricia McManus – A
- Monday 21st
 - 10.00 For all who are ill
- Tuesday 22nd
 - 10.00 Liturgical Service
- Wednesday 23rd
 - 10.00 Timlin Family
- Friday 25th
 - 10.00 Pat Doheny – A
- Saturday 26th
 - 6.00 Kathryn Broderick – 1st A
- Sunday 27th
 - 10.00 Mary Gough – 3rd A

DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE RISE CAR PARK - JUNE 14, 2021

Defibrillator: Fixed to wall between the Free Little Library and Black Gates of Mount Merrion Community Centre

Venturesafe and the Scout Group have just installed an AED (defibrillator) for community use in the car park of the church on the side wall of the community centre, it is available 24/7, for the code to open it you ring 999 or 112 ask for ambulance and give them the eircode written on the cabinet.

There is also a full first aid kit for community use held in Ed's shop on 75 Deerpark Road should it be needed.



Mount Merrion Parish Pastoral Council (2017 – 2021)

Dear Parishioners

I am writing to let you know that the Mount Merrion Parish Pastoral Council had the last meeting of its fixed term, on Thursday last 10th June. This PPC was formed after a discernment process run in the Parish by the late Fr Tony Coote, in August / September 2017.

It has been a pleasure for this PPC to serve the parish of Mount Merrion during this challenging period (2017 to 2021) and navigating in particular: the terminal illness and untimely death of Fr Tony; a period of time where we had no parish priest but were (as a PPC) supported generously by Monsignor Paul Callan and Fr Fergus O'Connor (Vicar Forane) for which we were very thankful.

We welcomed Fr Joe Mullan as our new Parish priest (November 2019); we supported the Annual Peace Mass with Archbishop Diarmuid Martin (New Year's Day, 2020) and shortly after that, responded in co-responsibility with Fr Joe, to the fundamental changes brought by the Covid 19 restrictions. Daily Mass and other church services were moved on- line so we could continue with our faith practice while all keeping safe. We also recently celebrated in our beautiful Church the priestly ministry and life of service of the late Monsignor Ardlie McMahan, who served this parish for twenty five years.

One of our last tasks as a PPC has been to submit feedback to the Dublin Diocese on questions raised by the "Building Hope Task Force" where Archbishop Dermot Farrell is seeking feedback from Parish Pastoral Councils' on what we all need to do to secure our faith community for the future.

During the Summer, Fr Joe Mullan will continue to be supported in the work of the parish by an Executive team until such time as a new PPC is commissioned by Fr Joe, in the Autumn.

We would like to thank all the parishioners we have met during our tenure and for your wonderful support. Thank you again.

With best wishes and every blessing.

Audrey O'Sullivan (Chairperson) | John Barry (Secretary) | Kay O'Donnell | Jennifer Kelly | Susanne O'Reilly | Fr Joe Mullan – (Mount Merrion PPC (2017 – 2021))