



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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A few words from Fr Joe.....

Last weekend we welcomed Fr Clement and members of the Indian Community from the Syro-Malabar church to visit here in Mount Merrion. They came to each Mass to share their story of the suffering and hardship that COVID 19 has brought to their family and friends back home.

Fr Clement had written to me to ask for prayers and assistance in response to the calls for support that came to him from his Bishop who is struggling to get oxygen and essential supplies to his parishes. He shared that a huge number of priests and religious, more than 500, had died from Covid having contracted the virus while serving the poorest of people in the remote areas.

He mentioned that one of his classmates had died and that another, Fr Paul, was on a ventilator and critically ill. Today he let me know that Fr Paul had succumbed to the virus and died early this morning. Their suffering goes on and on. In the words spoken to us the Indian community asked for prayers and petitions and where possible financial support.

He indicated to us what a donation of €10, 20 or 50 would provide and needless to say many parishioners were only too happy to give generously, thank you for more than €8,160 donated so far .

The crisis in India won't go away quickly and the suffering and losses experienced now will be felt in families for years to come. This pain and grief has also been felt here in Ireland and throughout the world. In a strange way, the global pandemic has made us all aware of how we are dependent on each other, sharing food and medicine and realising that the similar experiences of living through this hard and demanding moment in history is our common and shared story.

The faith that we share is also global, universal and expresses our trust in the one God who holds us, and India and all people close. We pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings that have come to us, the insights that enlighten our minds and moments that have moved us to compassion. May our celebration of this Feast of Corpus Christi help to root our lives in the sacrifice of the Mass and care of the whole community of faith.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday 05th June
 - 10.00 Brid Staunton – R.D
 - Jim Irwin – R.D
- 6.00 Joan Hughes – B.R
- Sunday 06th
 - 10.00 Monsignor Ardle MacMahon – M.M
 - Aoife McEvoy Murman – A
 - 11.30 Margaret Carroll – R.D
 - Michael McAllister – R.D
- Monday 07th
 - 10.00 For all who are ill
- Tuesday 08th
 - 10.00 Liturgical Service
- Wednesday 09th
 - 10.00 Enda McDermot – R.D
 - Dan McGlynn – A
- Thursday 10th
 - 10.00 Holy Souls
- Saturday 11th
 - 10.00 Adrienne Troy – 3rd A
- Sunday 12th
 - 10.00 Dara Breathnach – A
 - May Murphy - A

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11 May 2021

Audrey O'Sullivan
Chairperson
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Dear Audrey,

I am writing to thank you for the note of welcome that you handed to me on the occasion of my first visit to Mount Merrion Parish on Saturday evening last, when I attended the removal of Monsignor Ardle MacMahon.

Thank you for your presence and greeting me on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council. I appreciate the efforts the parish made to prepare the church for the removal and Funeral Mass, and the board detailing the life and ministry of Monsignor Ardle, who spent twenty-five years as Pastor in the parish.

I sincerely hope there will be other occasions when I can visit the parish, when it will be possible to meet more parishioners, now that we have begun to open our churches again for Mass and the celebration of the sacraments.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

†Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin

We are people of hope, and our hope is strong, because the Lord has promised to be with us until the end of time. It is in the spirit of hope that we should discern the best way to be the Church in Dublin in the years ahead. We do know that a radical renewal is required. We need to look to the future with creativity and imagination and in a way that enables the Archdiocese of Dublin to act now so as to give affective witness and service in the years ahead.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell
Feast of St Kevin



Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him'

On this feast of Corpus Christi we give thanks for who we are, and all that God has done for us. Today's readings show how God's plan moves towards a new covenant of love through Christ.

In the **First Reading** we see Moses mediate between God and the people, instructing them about God's rules and commands. For the Israelites, blood is the symbol of life, and Moses sprinkles blood from sacrificed bulls on both the altar and the people to signify their desire to enter into a covenant with God.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) explains that Jesus himself has now become the mediator of a new covenant. Jesus is both the priest offering the sacrifice and the victim being offered; his own blood replacing that of animals. In doing this, Jesus brings 'the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit', which takes away our sins.

In the **Gospel** account of the Last Supper, Jesus shares a meal with his dearest friends, giving himself in the bread and wine, a gift of love and friendship. On the following day, Good Friday, Jesus will freely give his own life, a sacrifice made out of his great love for the world. Here begins a new relationship between God and his people.

Today's **Psalm** is one of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord for his goodness and gift. The psalmist asks, 'How can I repay the Lord?' As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us offer to God a promise of undivided love, and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.



God our Father,
give your children the ability and creativity to make
this world a place of communion.

Today it is easy to be united with people from so different places and cultures. Help us to take advantage of the possibilities of human ingenuity to build a world more in solidarity, closer to each other's struggles, a world capable of accepting differences and where justice, peace and truth reign.

Give us your Spirit, so that each of us may do our own small part in promoting the good use of social media.

Pope Francis

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

SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH IRELAND

RECEIPT

Date: 31. 5. 21 No.: 6957

Received with thanks from Mr./Mrs./Miss: *Spishours of Church of St. St. Karen Mount Merrion Blackrock*

Unit: *Blackrock* Mass Centre: *Blackrock*

Amount (Euro): *4400/- (4400/- Cash and 50/- Cheque)*

For: *Charity for helping Covid-19 Indian Caritas*

€ 4400/-

Treasurer: *[Signature]*

