



A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

Mark 6:4

## Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

4th July 2021

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### PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AS AN ADULT

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings.

Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Rd. Late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30pm). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [paths@dblindioocese.ie](mailto:paths@dblindioocese.ie). Web: [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Brendan Breen** whose funeral took place here this week.

### A few words from Fr Joe.....

During the week, at a Board of Management meeting in a local school, held outdoors, we spotted the 'fruit and vegetable' bed where the boys and girls had been busy tending to their plants. I couldn't resist having a look, and then taking and eating a strawberry! Oh my goodness it was so juicy, sweet, succulent, and squidgy and it tasted very nice, a pure strawberry flavour that dropped me right back into memories of summers past. Does anything mark the end of the exams, the school year and the promise of freedom more than a home grown strawberry!

So well done to all the children, teachers and school staff who have successfully brought this very demanding school year to a close. You have all been through uncharted waters and have coped with so many restrictions to how schools function. Since the boys and girls came back to class earlier in the year, every school day has been accompanied by the sound of laughter and joy from the playground, lifting our spirits and giving us hope. So well done to one and all, and hopefully the sun will shine during the holidays and everyone will have a great rest. Perhaps when we return in the autumn something like normality will be back in our lives.

### Summer Dues:

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has written to all the parishes of the diocese to share with them information about the collections which support the priests, working, sick and retired, in Dublin. Compared to the first five months of 2020, this year has seen a huge decline in the income. Obviously with many months of no in person Sunday Masses, no baskets being passed, there has been very limited opportunity for people to contribute. The most positive support for priests came from the Dues at Christmas and Easter. So, the Archbishop has asked the parishes to make a 'Summer Dues' envelope available for anyone who might like to give a donation in place of their usual contributions to the First Collection at Mass. You will find these envelopes at the doors of our church and many thanks in advance to anyone who contributes in this way.

### Sacraments Update

Wed, 30 Jun, 2021 16:20

Dear All

The following public health advice regarding "Other Religious Ceremonies" has now been published on gov.ie:

"It is advised that religious ceremonies such as Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations should not take place at this time. Further advice will follow on the resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so"

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 03rd  
6.00 Pauline Curran – A  
Nargis Vazir – A  
Rose and Paddy McDonald – A  
Sunday 04th  
10.00 Nancy Plunkett – R.D  
Brendan Breen – R.D  
Michael Farrington – 1st A  
11.30 Rosaleen Magee – M.M  
Chris and Magda O'Farrell – A  
Cathleen O'Farrell – R.D  
Monday 05th  
10.00 For all who are ill  
Carmel Sutton – B.R  
Tuesday 06th  
10.00 Liturgical Service  
Wednesday 07th  
10.00 Holy souls  
Graham Ellison – R.D  
Thursday 08th  
10.00 Nancy Plunkett – M.M  
Saturday 10th  
6.00 Kathleen Kehoe – A  
Niall Harnett – A  
Sunday 11th  
11.30 Sylvester Rabitte – 1st A

*Be a Witness of Charity*

PLEASE SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE *Peter's Pence Collection*

JULY 3RD/4TH

Archdiocese of Dublin



We invite you to take part  
Consultation form is live from 27th June to the 18th July  
See your parish website or [www.dublindioocese.ie](http://www.dublindioocese.ie)



Dear Parishioners,  
Archbishop Farrell has recently established a Task Force called "Building Hope". This Building Hope Task Force has been asked to assess the needs of the people of the Archdiocese as they emerge from Covid-19 and how the Archdiocese might undertake a radical renewal to support parish communities into the future, with renewed creativity. Parish Pastoral Councils, and Parish Finance Committees across the Archdiocese have shared information. Now, the Task Force is seeking your views and you are invited to contribute your thoughts and experiences in support of this objective, by completing the e-form available online at <https://dublindioocese.ie/taskforce-request-for-contributions/>. You can share your thoughts from now up until the 18th July. Why not take the opportunity to shape what a faith community might look like in the future? Sharing your thoughts and experiences will be invaluable to the Task Force.  
Audrey O'Sullivan | Parish Executive Team

### TASK FORCE PRAYER

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.  
You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.  
We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.  
Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of your creation.  
May the Risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.  
May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word bringing forth truth, justice and peace.  
May the Holy Spirit working in and through us, do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.  
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord Amen.

St Laurence O' Toole: pray for us.  
St Brigid: pray for us.