

"Create in me
a clean heart"

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

29th August 2021

www.mountmerrionparish.ie

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Joe Mullan Administrator
Mount Merrion, Kilmacud & Clonskeagh
79 The Rise - text 087 232 6254
email seosamh139@gmail.com
Fr. Donie O'Connor Text 0899796447

Fr. Paddy O'Byrne C.C.
Kilmacud Tel: 2882257

Fr. Brian O'Reilly A.P

Audrey O'Sullivan Chairperson, PPC

PARISH OFFICE

Monday – Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm

Parish Secretary: Vivienne Dempsey
Tel. 2881271

E:parishoffice@mountmerrionparish.ie
Head Sacristan: Shubert Laxina

COMMUNITY CENTRE Tel. 2884485
E:mountmerrioncommunitycentre@gmail.com

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Helpline 086 6009857



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
www.mountmerrionparish.ie

Rest in
Peace

Our sympathies to the families,
relatives and friends of
**John Lankester, Wadi Aboud,
John Power, Margaret Slater,** whose
funerals took place here this week.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is
having an outdoor collection for this
weekend Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th
of August. Your generosity is appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th	Tuesday 31st
10.00 Reddy Day – R Yvonne O'Driscoll – RD	10.00 Liturgical Service
18.00 Fr. Tony Coote – 2nd A Sheila Sweeney – A Susan O'Sullivan – A	Wednesday 01st September
Sunday 29th	10.00 Bridie and Sheila Connolly – A Kevin Dineen – A
10.00 Philomena Donnelly – A Michael Lydon – A	Saturday 04th
11.30 Rayno Campher – 1st A David Simpson – 12th A	18.00 Brendan O'Donoghue – 2nd A Kathleen Brangan - RD
Monday 30th	Sunday 05th
10.00 For all who are ill Special Intention Matt Doolin – A	11.30 Maria O'Neill – 1st A Tom Murphy – A Gretta Nolan – 4th A

A few words from Fr Joe.....

This weekend we remember Fr Tony at his second anniversary. His fruitful ministry, courage and strength, pastoral vision and compassion for others will always be in our minds and hearts.

This time last year we planted a tree, placed a bench and memorial and



connected with the ongoing work in Haiti. At that time we also mentioned the renovation and dedication of the Pastoral Meeting Room in Mount Merrion to his memory and I am happy to say that work is almost complete.



Here follows a letter and some images from the Haiti project which will remain as one of his transformative legacies contributing to the education and well being of many children and young people. We continue to remember his family and friends who miss him dearly as we pray for him and trust that he is living in the house of the Father in eternal light and peace.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
September 1st 2021

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.

Laudato Si'

Update from Haiti on Fr Tony's 2nd Anniversary

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you and those closest to you are safe and well. With the progression of the vaccination programme hopefully you are all getting ever closer to returning to something approaching normality.

As you will have likely read in the news recently, things are anything but normal for the people of Haiti at present. Since July there has been a presidential assassination, an earthquake and tropical storm Grace. This is before we even consider the wider civil unrest and rise of gang activity, general political instability, the impact of Covid, the extreme levels of poverty and the increase in prices of basic necessities in recent years. Unfortunately, this is not an exhaustive list of the extremely challenging realities facing the Haitian people each day.

There is no doubting the complexities of the challenges facing Haiti, but the Haitian people are so much more than their incredibly difficult circumstances. However, I wanted to touch base with you all on a good news story! Work began in July on the construction of the first two classrooms of **Fr.Tony Junior High**. In early July Sr.Patricia Dillon, RJM and our local partner, held a beautiful start of project ceremony in the Fon Ibo community. Parents, teachers, students and community members gathered in thanksgiving for the generosity of Fr. Tony and asked for his guiding spirit in this project. Each participant carried a foundation rock to the site where the classrooms will be built. A local priest, Fr.Dachemy blessed the site as the whole community gathered there. The project is currently in its final stages with the roof being completed and the finishing touches applied before, for the first time ever in the Fon Ibo, students will be able to attend 7th grade in the next couple of weeks once schools return. As soon as I heard news of the earthquake I was in touch with my Haitian friends and Sr.Patricia and thankfully, though they felt tremors from the quake, everyone in community was safe. I was also hugely relieved that the construction of Fr. Tony Junior High was undamaged.

Fr. Tony Junior High is going to give the opportunity to very many children to continue their educational journey when otherwise it would have finished at primary level. In such a difficult time in Haiti, and as we mark Tony's second anniversary, it is very fitting that a project in his name is providing such hope and light. I hope you all as parishioners realise that this project could not have got to this point without your support and we are so grateful for that.

Our new website will be launched within the next week and you can keep up to date on the project and see pictures at www.soleyhaiti.org.

Patrick O'Neill, Chairperson,
Solèy Haiti

