



# Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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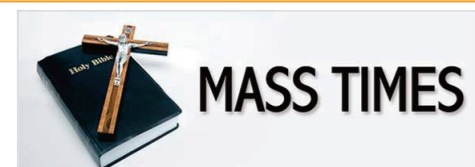
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Monday: 10:00am

Tuesday: 10:00 am Liturgical Service

Wednesday: 10:00am

Thursday: 10:00am

Friday: 10:00am

Saturday: 10:00am | Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am | 11:30am | 7:30pm



The Annual Crosscare Collection for Community and Homeless will take place next weekend 18th, 19th September.

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

The last trip I made before Covid was a two-night visit to Munich to visit my niece, her husband and two children. I always enjoy seeing them when they visit Ireland but with so many people to see and so much to do when they are back, it is hard to have much time with them. I'm always happy making the trip over to them, sharing family meals together, taking the kids out for treats, that works well. In February 2020, kissing Aisling goodbye at the airport, and saying "See you soon" actually turned into a separation of over 18 months.

Last week they were home and I headed up North to have a day with them. The reunion was joyful, lots of smiles and laughter, relief in the still not full on bear hugs! I took the two kids out for a hike and ice cream, one had changed school and become a teenager, the other was full of chat about her First Communion which will happen in September, more than a year later than planned. Then we sat in our childhood haunt for the ice creams and treats, all of this was so uplifting, but I felt that to enjoy the moment there wasn't much talk about how the last 18 months had been for them. It wasn't until we sat at the dinner table that the conversation turned to how they coped, both adults working from home, the kids doing their school work, all of them 'stuck' in the house during the long Covid winter. They developed coping mechanisms, a walk before lunch in the nearby forest, every day, in all weathers, getting some outside time in the day light. There was pain and struggle in that conversation, so much isolation from family and friends and also much that they were grateful for. Then after that part of the conversation, with the reality faced and shared, we began to talk about the future. What are you looking forward too? What will be different in at school and work? How will we all have changed and yet remain pretty much the same.

I mention all of this because I believe in parish life, in our groups and ministries we will need to enjoy getting back together, and then talk through the experience of Covid and then plan for the future. We will be reawakening the life we share in common and taking steps to go forward as a faith community. We will both experience change and meet the familiar. The future depends on a renewal of our energies, our contribution to parish and our capacity to welcome change. It's not going to be easy, so let's go forward one step at a time, and don't forget to stop for ice cream, walks and treats!

### NOTICE

Applications are invited for appointment as **Part -time Manager of Mount Merrion Parish Community Centre.**

- ◆ Applications should have Management – Administrative experience.
- ◆ Applications in writing with detailed CV should be addressed to the Chairperson and delivered before 5pm Monday 13th September to the Parish Community Centre.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th

10.00 Enid Blake – A

Bridie Blake – A

Sunday 12th

10.00 Don and Marie Cockburn – A

Jim and Mary Dowling

11.30 Philip Capaldi – 1st A

Rita O'Toole – 10th A

Brian Courtney – R.D

Anne Keane – R.D

7.30 John Clifford O'Sullivan - A

Monday 13th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 14th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Thursday 16th

10.00 Yvonne O'Driscoll – M.M

Saturday 18th

10.00 Frank Cormican – A

18.00 John and Mairead O'Donoghue – A

Joan Mythen – A

Sunday 19th

10.00 John Lankester – M.M

Deirdre Meehan – 1st A

John and Monica Maher – A

11.30 Eoin Fennessy – 5th A

Brendan Conway – A

Sadie Mannion – A

Paul Liuzzi – A

7.30 Malachy Cregg - A



### 86th Dublin Mt Merrion Scouts Scout Hall, Church of St Therese

Scouting is back for 2021/2 Programme with a NEW Venturer group (aged 15+)

We have limited spaces for children in:

- Beavers (6-8yrs) Wed eve 7-8pm
- Scouts (12-14 yrs.) Tues eve 7.30-9.00pm
- Venturers (15-17yrs) Sunday 7-9pm
- Cubs (9-11 yrs) FULL (Mon 7.15-8.30pm)

There's an active programme of weekly meetings, weekend activities and Summer Camp in Co Cork in August 2022. If you are interested in becoming a leader or wish to put your child on our waiting list for this year, contact us. Children of scout leaders have preference for any vacancies. Email: 86mtmerrionscouts@gmail.com or search Facebook for us "86th Mount Merrion Scouts"

### You are the Christ!'

This Sunday we contemplate Jesus, who is, as Peter declares, the Christ, the anointed one of God. Our readings help us to understand the journey Jesus takes to show his love for us.

The **First Reading** from Isaiah is part of the song of the Suffering Servant. He is to suffer much but he retains his complete confidence and trust in God.

The section of the **Psalm** given today complements this reading. The psalmist suffers greatly but gives thanks because the Lord has heard his cry and saved him.

James, in the **Second Reading**, underlines the practical consequences of our faith: the loving response the faithful follower must give.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus questions his disciples about what people are saying of him. When Peter declares that he is the Christ, Jesus reveals the suffering ahead of him and also, that we his disciples, are to follow the same path.

In our prayer this week, perhaps we can be conscious that we are disciples of Jesus, living out our lives in his name.



The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). This year's theme is "**Restoring Our Common Home**". We are asked to join together to celebrate and protect Our Home through prayer, reflection and action.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION: For "Creation time Thought for the Day" and "Recommended Reading for SoC 2021" see <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2021/>

"A Prayer for Our Earth from Laudato Si" <https://audioboom.com/posts/3519999-a-prayer-for-our-earth-from-laudato-si>

ACTION: With Ireland's schools and communities, to help plant a tree and restore 1m native Irish trees to our environment: <https://easytreesie.com/> Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition. To help Restore Our Common Home, we are being urged to raise our voices in the run up to the global UN Conferences COP 15 (Biodiversity) and COP24 (November, Glasgow) <https://thecatholicpetition.org/>

**CREATION HOUR.** Sunday, September 19th, 4pm Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion. A celebration of Creation with reflections, poems, readings, birdsong, live music, and seed exchange. Bring along your garden seeds (paper bag and name of plant or flower) to share!

