



“Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me.”

-Mark 9:37

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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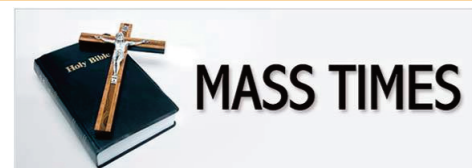
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Monday: 10:00am
Tuesday: 10:00 am Liturgical Service
Wednesday: 10:00am
Thursday: 10:00am
Friday: 10:00am
Saturday: 10:00am | Vigil: 6:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am | 11:30am | 7:30pm



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Aidan Kelly, Jennie Doolan, John Dunne, Frank Scott-Lennon and Brian O'Loughlin** whose funerals took place here this week.

A few words from Fr Joe.....

Each year when the appeal is made for Crosscare we are reminded of the many ways the Church in Dublin is at the service of the poor and people in need here at home. The range of services Crosscare offers embraces many aspects of life dealing with hunger and homelessness, the needs of carers and educational supports for young people, supporting communities and in times of crisis, like COVID 19, rising to new challenges.

More than 50 years ago Archbishop Mc Quaid saw a need to have church and faith based responses to the challenges that effected the lives of members of our faith family and local community. He wanted people to know that when they had a need, their church was there to help. He knew that people looked at the magnificent treasures in the Vatican, and the splendid churches and houses, convents and schools of the local church and saw in them the success and strength of the church. He knew that many people could really only look in from the outside, that they felt excluded and rejected. Poverty can make people feel less than human, lack of resources can be seen in ragged clothes and unwashed bodies, shame often accompanies the poor and isolates them even from the company of the congregations who gather for Mass, prayer and praise of God. He wanted an end to poverty in this diocese. He prayed and worked towards taking steps in health, education and social services that would make a difference for Dublin's poorest. His vision set in motion organisations and agencies that have grown and developed, responded to changing needs and drawing on the gifts and talents of well trained workers. With the constant support of the people of our parishes, each and every year, the work of Crosscare is carried on.

I have always felt a surge of pride when I see one of the vans, with the Crosscare logo, bringing surplus food to one of the centres for distribution. When I went to Portland Row to take some pictures of the homecoming for Kelly Harrington with her gold medal I spotted the huge tribute to her from 'all in Crosscare', as their community café is close by her house.

It has always been inspiring to meet the young people who work for Crosscare, staffing all these many initiatives and hearing their stories of the difference they make in the communities they serve.

I hope we can be generous in our support for their annual appeal which replaces the Share collection this weekend.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th
10.00 Frank Cormican – A
Kathleen Brangan – R.D
18.00 John and Mairead O'Donoghue – A
Ray O'Donoghue - A
Joan Mythen – A
Sunday 19th
10.00 John Lankester – M.M
Deirdre Meehan – 1st A
John and Monica Maher – A
Daniel and Vera King – A
Nancy and Donnie Keane – A
Ethel O'Donovan – 14th A
11.30 Eoin Fennessy – 5th A
Brendan Conway – A
Sadie Mannion – A
Paul Liuzzi – A
7.30 Malachy Cregg - A
Monday 20th
10.00 For all who are ill
Tuesday 21st
10.00 Liturgical Service
Wednesday 22nd
10.00 Justy and Mary Breen – A
Thursday 23rd
10.00 Pat Collins – A
Friday 24th
10.00 Rita Kelly – A
Sunday 26th
11.30 Joseph Lannin – M.M
Stephen Doorly – M.M
Tony O'Donnell – 6th
Oona Linehan - A
Dr. Desmond McCarthy – A
Mary McCarthy Sandez and
Maishreid McCarthy – A

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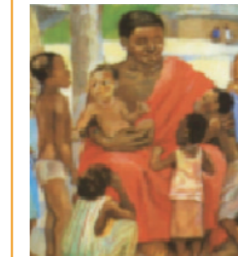
Our readings this Sunday speak about wisdom, but from different perspectives.

We can see the **First Reading** as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion, where the 'godless' regard with contempt those who listen to and follow God's voice, condemning them to cruel death.

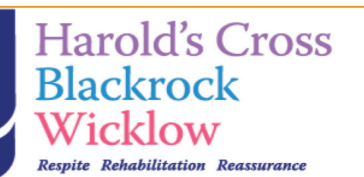
The **Psalms** also speaks of those who have no regard for God. Seeking God's protection from surrounding threats, the psalmist prays with certainty: 'I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.'

The **Second Reading** points out that jealousy and ambition cause division and rivalry, in contrast to the wisdom that comes from above. Such wisdom, which desires humility and not glory, brings us to peace with ourselves and can be attained through prayer. It is 'essentially something pure ... is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good.'

Jesus predicts his own death and resurrection to the disciples, who fail to understand what this means (**Gospel**). They have been arguing which of them is the greatest, but Jesus teaches them that true greatness lies in being the servant or slave of all, especially the weak and the helpless, symbolized by the child he embraces and places in their midst. By welcoming and serving the 'little children' we are welcoming God.



Let's ask this week for the wisdom to see Christ in all the 'little children' we encounter, and pray for a spirit of humility and peace.



LET'S BREW KINDNESS.

HOST A JOYFUL COFFEE MORNING FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS. AND SUPPORT PATIENT CARE IN OUR LADY'S HOSPICE & CARE SERVICES

The crucial funds raised will improve the lives of so many patients, residents and their families.

Host your own Coffee Morning Social on or around 23rd September.

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Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course on prayer starting on Wednesday the 22nd of September at 7.30pm. The course is called 40 Days of Prayer and consists of a 60 minute weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation and a time for prayer and sharing. If you'd like to join please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com



CREATION HOUR

Sunday, September 19th, @ 4pm
Church of St. Therese, The Rise,
Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin.

A celebration of Creation with reflections, poems, readings, birdsong, live music, and seed exchange. Bring along your garden seeds (paper bag/envelope and name of plant or flower) to share!

<http://www.mountmerrionparish.ie> <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2021>