



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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Our sympathies to the families,
relatives and friends of **Eileen O'Kane**
and **Gerald Fitzgerald** whose funerals
took place here this week.



SEASON OF CREATION

Watch "Pope Francis' message to
begin the Season of Creation"
on our website
www.mountmerrionparish.ie

A few words from Fr Joe.....

Good news is always welcome and it has been great during the week to hear about the plan for reopening society as we learn to live with the residual of Covid. The expression 'new normal' is being used to describe how we will do things in a familiar way, with great hope and expectations, while remaining alert to public health and the well being of ourselves and others. Immense gratitude is felt for all in the medical and scientific world who have brought us to this point and to all who work in the community who have supported us during the past 18 months. At this time there are many priorities, to get young people back to school and college, to get business working again, to restore the activities in the community that we all depend on.

For the parish and for the whole church this is also a time of finding our way into this new normal. On the one hand are the practical adjustments and adaptations to accommodate congregations and gatherings at 50% capacity and then a month later the return to full congregations, singing etc. To keep it simple from Sept 6th we will close off every second bench and set the capacity of the church at around 300. We will begin to return to the usual mass collections and use of leaflets. Hand sanitiser will continue to be available and mask wearing will continue according to health guidance. Our priority is to have safe, comfortable gatherings with full participation in the liturgy. Of course, we don't know how quickly parishioners will want to return to Mass and we have to hope that the space available will meet this demand. By the end of October, we will see the end of restrictions and guidelines and be fully active once again.

Soon the parish centre will be able to offer normal services, meetings can resume and ministries can be refreshed and renewed.

There is a backlog of sacraments waiting to be rescheduled which has to be undertaken alongside the usual daily masses and funerals. We are actively working with schools and parents to find days and times for all these postponed celebrations.

This is a demanding time for all parish staff, and the priests, so your support and patience will also be greatly needed and much appreciated.

Thanks to all who participated in Fr Tony's anniversary last weekend and to those who contributed to the Haiti school project in his memory.

The Season of Creation began on Sept 1st and there will be many ways in the next 6 weeks to reflect together on the earth as our common home and the needs of the poor.

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 04th	Tuesday 07th
18.00 Brendan O'Donoghue – 2nd A	10.00 Liturgical Service
Kathleen Brangan – R.D	Wednesday 08th
Jack Hennigan – A	10.00 Seamus Sweeney – 2nd A
John Cribbin – R	Anne Sweetman – A
Kathleen Simpson – 6th A	Special Intention
Sunday 05th	Friday 10th
11.30 Maria O'Neill – 1st A	10.00 John Dalton – 1st A
Tom Murphy – A	Sunday 12th
Michael Farrell – 36th A	10.00 Don and
Gretta Nolan – 4th A	Marie Cockburn – A
Barbara Leahy – A	11.30 Philip Capaldi – 1st A
Monday 06th	Rita O'Toole – 10th A
10.00 For all who are ill	7.30 John Clifford O'Sullivan - A
Josephine O'Leary – A	
Anne Sweetman – A	

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage, do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming to save you!'

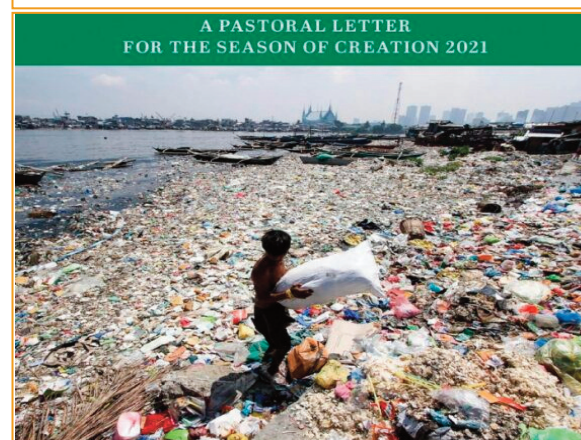
God's word is always calling out to us anew, inviting us to ways of seeing more keenly and hearing more deeply. What are today's readings bringing to my attention?

Isaiah, **in the First Reading**, offers a theme as he calls us to see what needs to be seen, to hear properly, to move lithely and with purpose, and to speak honestly and with joy.

The Psalm, also, speaks of profound attentiveness as it invites us to notice the Lord's priorities – the oppressed and needy come before all else. I might ask how this sits with today's culture and with my own daily life-choices?

In both **Second Reading** and **Gospel**, we are left in no doubt about those whom God chooses. Through today's word, the Lord is making an appeal to me – to notice, to be moved and to imitate.

Let's pray, this week, that we ourselves might be opened to the wonders of the Lord and also to his challenges as we try to resist being closed to the plight of those whom God raises to first place.



The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor

THE CLIMATE CATASTROPHE – CREATION'S URGENT CALL FOR CHANGE

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

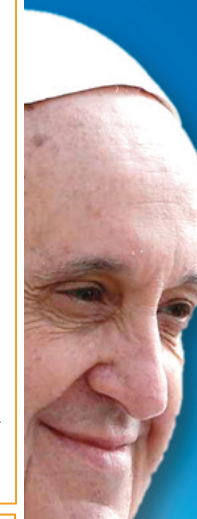
Archdiocese of Dublin

We welcome Archbishop
Dermot Farrell's
Pastoral letter on the
Climate Crisis,
**"The Cry of the Earth -
the Cry of the Poor"**

Copies are available from
Veritas publications.
<https://www.veritasbooksonline.com>

POPE FRANCIS

*God opens himself and
seeks to communicate and
reconcile with mankind.
We too should do the same.*



*Let us put all the means to
receive and listen to God's
Word and overcome our
egotism by opening
ourselves to others,
forgetting ourselves,
for this paves the way
towards reconciliation and
communication with God
and with the people around
us.*

**Hope starts with
one step.
Change happens with
many.**

11th September 2021

REGISTER

DONATE

Claire Byrne is asking the people of Ireland
to take to the pathways of their
communities and Walk While You Can this
September. Will you join her?

RTE's Claire had a special friendship with
Fr. Tony and has been our walk ambassador
since 2019.



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