



# Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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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

### NOTICE

**Cliona Collins** is the new Child Safeguarding Officer for Mount Merrion Parish and **Clare Sheridan** has taken over the lead for the Family Mass on Sundays.

### Short article for Mount Merrion "Sunday Message" Sunday 10th October

Greetings!

It is both a joy and a relief to hear that things are on track for a reopening of society after 22nd October. Such great news, after a long and challenging period of lockdown that brought such change to our lives.

With this reopening, is an opportunity for us as a community of faith, to reflect on our parish life and consider how we might re-engage and re-energise our Parish, after being apart for so long. We are now able to come back as a full praying community. Alleluia! The question now, perhaps, is how do we re-convene to further deepen our faith, come together to praise our God, and reach out to our neighbours in need? This could be viewed as a time of "re-set".

But in a new way. One simple way to start, might be to meet up and reconnect with the parish ministry group with which you are part. "Check-in" and see how is everyone doing? Or maybe there are parish ministry groups with which you might like to become involved (if so reach out!).

Greeting each other in the church and saying "hello" is a charitable act of kindness. So is a smile. This "re-set" may help us as a parish community to reflect on how we are now, post Covid. Are there things we could do differently? We could reflect and discuss the outputs from the Diocesan "Task Force" Building Hope, due shortly and learn (from 3000 submissions), what has been, and is, on people's minds and how we feel. We can think about the new Diocesan Synod due to be launched at the Pro-Cathedral on 17th October (a time of prayer for church renewal).

This time of joyful welcome and reconnecting of us all in our parish life can also support us in our prayer and discernment process in forming (in due course) our new Pastoral Parish Council (2022 – 2025).

For now, this is a time of invitation and re-opening. Emerging. Why not reach out with your views to the Parish office. Put faith into action! Let us listen and rejoice! Let us praise our God! May God bless our endeavours in our parish life; may God keep us close to Him. And may we reach out to our neighbour and those most in need of a kindness, our love and support.

The Parish Executive Team

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 09th

10.00 Charlie Mc Adam – R.D

6.00 Gerald Fitzgerald – M.M

Mark and Eilis Taylor – A

Mary and Patrick Johnson – A

Jim and Creina Deighan – A

Sunday 10th

10.00 Carl and Sinead Duane – A

Felix and Alice Craddock and their

daughters Maureen and Eileen - A

Joe Soden – A

Gerald Dunleavy – R.D

7.30 Joseph Wylde – A

Monday 11th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 12th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Sunday 17th

10.00 Brigid Murtagh – A

11.30 Sean Mulligan – A

Hal & Marcella McCarthy -A

### TASK FORCE



Archbishop Farrell has established a Task Force called Building Hope.

The Task Force has been asked to begin with an assessment of the needs of the people of the Archdiocese emerging from Covid-19 and to work to support parish communities to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity.

Sharing your thoughts and experiences will be invaluable as we seek to enable the Archdiocese to act now so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead.

### The word of God is alive and active!

The readings this week give us an opportunity to step back from the busyness of our everyday lives to consider more deeply the riches we have been given, and what it is we truly value.

In the **First Reading**, the spirit of Wisdom has come to the writer through prayer. Beside her, everything else that might be valued on earth seems worthless, and pales into insignificance.

The **Psalmist** revels in the joy that comes from knowing the love of God, and witnessing to God's glory. It is through constantly pursuing wisdom of heart that we will be sustained in our service of the Lord.

In the **Second Reading** the author of the letter to the Hebrews likens the word of God to a sword that can penetrate every aspect of our lives. Living and acting in accordance with the word draws us ever closer to the God who knows and loves us through and through.

These themes of wisdom, selfless values, and service to the Lord are drawn together in the **Gospel** story of the rich young man, whose attachment to wealth prevents him from truly following Jesus.

Through this encounter, Jesus teaches that whatever we leave behind to follow him will be far surpassed by the treasures we will inherit in heaven.

During this week, we might pray for the gift of ever greater wisdom to help us recognise and seize every opportunity to show our love of God through the good we do each day.



*How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the Kingdom of God!*

Chinese depiction of Jesus and the rich man (Beijing, 1879) Wikimedia Commons



## Scoil San Treasa

Parents who are interested in enrolling a child in Junior Infants in Scoil San Treasa for the school year 2022-2023 should note that as per the Admission Notice, the school will commence accepting applications for admission to Junior Infants 2022-2023 on **1st October 2021** and will cease accepting applications on 31st October 2021.

The current Admission Policy is available at [www.sstreaa.ie](http://www.sstreaa.ie).