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Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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MASS TIMES

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

Rest in Peace

Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Linda McEnroe** whose funeral took place here this week.

A few words from Fr Joe.....

“Warp speed”, “Beam me up Scottie”, “To go bravely where no man has gone before”, these lines from Star Trek were a part of mine, my sisters and many others childhood. The Star Fleet mission was to explore new frontiers and they got into a lot of tight situations along the way. Yet somehow, no matter the adversity, how big the enemy fleet, or the technical issues, they stuck together, and prevailed. It was almost like there was a higher power watching over them, delivering them from hopeless situations and refreshing them to regroup and set out again. Maybe it was Mr Spock’s pointy ears that kept them going!

These memories were awoken from the deep recess of my psyche during the week when William Shatner, who played Captain Kirk back then and now aged 90, was sent into space by Jeff Bezos. There was a certain amount of hype before the event, he would be the oldest human ever to go into orbit and given his age it was both an act of courage and a huge risk for him to do this. I didn’t get caught up in finding out how to watch it live, but I do admit to being captivated by his interview immediately after touch down.

The news item captured first an image of take-off, the cigarette shape rocket rising straight up from the earth, then into orbit and finally out of the bright blue sky, over the desert the little capsule with its three parachutes appeared and fell rapidly to earth, landing in a huge explosion of sand. And moments later, there he was, old yet strong, standing in the desert in his flying suit, gushing emotion filled words of joy. He said it was the “most profound experience of my life”, clearly the reality far exceeded the thousands of times he had flown into space in the safety of a movie set and studio!

He described passing through the soft blue atmosphere of earth and into the darkness of space and looking at the fragile earth and loving it all the more. He was moved to reflect on life and death and wonder if this cosmic journey in a capsule was any way life the journey of the soul. At the end, he said “I hope I never recover from this” as is so often the case when a profound spiritual experience touches into the depth of our being, we would want to hold on to it forever. Perhaps he has had his faith affirmed, his hope strengthened and his resolve to be ready to meet his creator renewed. He is an extraordinary man, whose personal experience, now shared and seen can touch us all and move our hearts and minds to contemplation of God and as the hymn says ‘his power throughout the universe displayed.’



Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing;

God never changes.

Patience obtains all things.

He who possesses God lacks nothing.

God alone suffices.

St. Teresa of Avila

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 16th

10.00 Brid and Dom Clancy - A

6.00 Brian O'Loughlin – M.M

Sunday 17th

10.00 Sharon Lee – M.M

Brigid Murtagh – A

Ursula Caffrey - A

11.30 Sean Mulligan – A

Hal & Marcella McCarthy -A

Maura, Ika & Vera Cleary – A

Ray Doyle – A

Agnes Costello – A

7.30 Margaret Costello-Cooney – R

Monday 18th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 19th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Thursday 21st

10.00 Kathleen Dineen – A

Marie Dunne – A

Patrick J Dunne – R

Saturday 23rd

6.00 Kitty and Paddy Lyons – A

Eddie and Mary Cummins – A

Sunday 24th

10.00 Brian Doyle – 1st A

Gerry and Sheila McAleer - A



UCD Institute for Discovery are delighted to invite members of the local community and beyond to join the 'Intergenerational Jigsaw Club' via Zoom, from **Friday 22nd October, 3pm-5pm**. The Jigsaw Club will run every Friday from 3pm-5pm on Zoom and you can join for as little or as long as you like. Open to everyone and we also have jigsaws available for collection in UCD. Please email us at discovery@ucd.ie or phone Theresa on 01-7162268 for the Zoom link or if you need assistance with Zoom.

Christ: Priest and Suffering Servant

This Sunday, following the predictions Jesus gave of his suffering and death, we contemplate our Saviour and the implications for us, his followers.

The First Reading comes from part of Isaiah’s last song of the suffering servant. It foretells Jesus taking on our faults, and speaks not only of his Passion, but also his glory.

The Psalm sings of God’s love as he rescues those who hope in him.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as human and weak like us, but also as the supreme high priest. We can be confident that he will always help us.

In the Gospel, James and John hope for privileged places in the kingdom, but learn that they, like Jesus, must go through suffering and death. They are asked to serve, not to dominate.

Perhaps this week we can deepen our understanding of what Christ has won for us, and express our gratitude through service of others.

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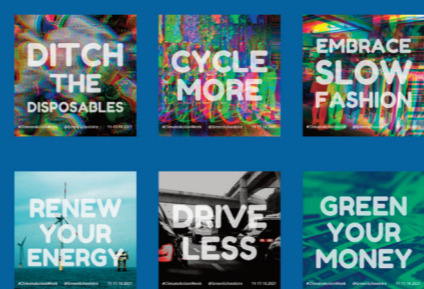


DIOCESAN SYNODAL PATHWAY

*For a Synodal Church:
Communion, Participation and Mission*

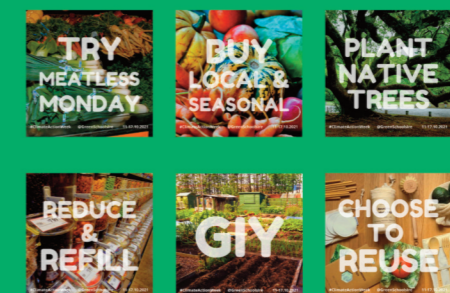
In every diocese, throughout the world, the Synodal process will be launched on October 17th. The opening liturgy for the Archdiocese of Dublin will take place in the Pro-Cathedral at 3pm. Archbishop Dermot Farrell has invited a representative from each parish to attend and we invite you to join us online <https://dublindiocese.ie/watch-listen-live/>

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