



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



Has it ever struck you that the Lord might be lonely in the tabernacle? That He is always happy to see even the most casual of droppers-in prepared to keep Him company, even for a little while?

At present there is Eucharistic Adoration in the church after 10am Mass on Wednesday and Friday mornings until 1pm. The Lord, as ever, will be there. All are welcome.

A few words from Fr Joe.....

I can't remember the last time a week passed by and I didn't say at least one funeral Mass. Free from that obligation I've been busy this week with some of the practical things that need to be attended too at the three churches. An issue with the 'Loop' system in Kilmacud, the ongoing improvements to the front entrance to the Church there and responding to a serious and I hope isolated act of vandalism, took up a lot of time. While I was there looking after these various bits and pieces of housekeeping I was made aware that the pub and shops nearby had introduced parking restrictions. Needless to say, when such changes occur it's very likely that there will be increased use of the church parking.

During the summer, I had two companies look at the parking situation at all three parishes. From these meetings, we began to get an idea of the difference in approach with 'pay and display' and various types of barriers. Many people have mentioned to me the parking arrangements at Merrion Road Church and Dundrum and how they have tried to manage free and easy access to their parking for Masses and funerals for their parishioners while also getting some much-needed income for the parish from others who just use the church carparks.

In Clonskeagh we are very close to shops, Luas and housing estates and many people park in our grounds. In Mount Merrion the carpark near the Union Café is very busy with people availing of the freely offered space to such an extent that often we find very few spaces available for funerals and parish needs. And in Kilmacud the proximity to a restricted parking area and the village puts a lot of pressure on space.

So, I think the time has come to move towards some car park management system to be put in place in all three parishes. In so far as there is 'pay and display' parking it won't be enforced at Mass times and will always have a 15 mins grace time to facilitate school drop offs etc. There will be special areas around the church restricted and free for those going to mass and to pray. The benefit for the parishes is better management and availability of the car parks when we need them and of course some small income would assist with insurance, lighting and upkeep of the carparks. By keeping the parking cost to just €1 per hour (€5 per day) we would like to encourage people to use the carparks as they do currently. If you have any questions or would like to meet me to discuss this topic please get in touch.

Finally, I had a meeting with a company run by two exceptional young women who are past pupils of Mt Anville School. They have developed a very simple method of cashless payments, using our mobile phones, which I think might be a huge benefit for our parishes. So more about that next week.

Returning to matters more spiritual Fr Alan Hilliard, writer and broadcaster, with a special interest in Migrants, will lead the annual Advent Service of Reflection and Reconciliation on Monday December 20th in St Therese, Mt Merrion at 7.30pm for all three parishes. We are working on dates for sacraments in 2022 and the number and times of Masses for Christmas. We propose to have just one Mass on Sunday 26th December in each church to gather and celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family together.

We continue to do all we can to keep our churches safe in these Covid times and hopefully we will be able to continue without any new restrictions. Please wear your mask, sanitise your hands and maintain social distance.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 20th

6.00 Conor O'Neill – A
Frances Blake – A

Sunday 21st

10.00 Deceased Members of the Eucharistic Adoration
Bill Walshe – A
Margaret Guilfoyle – A
Elizabeth Sheehan – A
Rosaleen and Liam Quinn – A
Ken Rowe – A
Sheila Walshe – A
11.30 Elsie Reville – 2nd A
Dr. John Cribbin – 1st A
Denis Frawley – R.D

7.30 Margaret (Peggy) MacMahon - A
Monday 22nd

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 23rd

10.00 Liturgical Service

Thursday 25th

10.00 Rex and Felix Cronin – A
Alice McMullen - A

Saturday 27th

10.00 John Dooly – 1st A
6.00 Donor's Intentions
Patrick, Nora and Tristan Moran – A

Sunday 28th

10.00 Rev. Fr. Philip O'Driscoll – B.R
Noel Hickey - A
Desmond and Bernadette Doran – A



SVDP Collection will take place on the weekend of the 27th November. Many thanks for your generosity.

TOM INGLIS TO ZOOM FOR ACI NOVEMBER 25TH, 2021, AT 8.00 P.M.

"The majority of Irish people see and understand themselves as Catholics. Being Catholic is embedded in school, community and family life. And yet there seems to be little interest in salvation in and through the Church. Moreover, being Catholic seems no longer relevant to fulfilling social, political, economic and, more significantly, environmental interests." *Tom Inglis - Irish Sociologist and Commentator*

This observation - by the renowned writer on the Catholic Church's 'Moral Monopoly' in 20th century Ireland - will be expanded by Tom on 25th November - for discussion by all who are interested. If, like ACI, you are convinced that 'being Catholic' is far from irrelevant in an ongoing world secular crisis - climatic and otherwise - be sure to join us to tell us why. To join us go to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85832005890?pwd=Y111UEp4OXVxbWsxOFlyWUpCTmF0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 858 3200 5890

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Despite the many challenges and extreme difficulty of life in Haiti at the moment, this past summer the first two classrooms of Fr. Tony Junior High were constructed thanks in large part to the incredible support of Kilmacud and Mount Merrion parishes from these collections in 2020. I am hugely grateful to Fr. Joe and everyone in both parishes to allow us back again this year and these collections will go towards the construction of the final two classrooms of Fr. Tony Junior High which will please God be completed in Summer 2022. We will be collecting outside the church after the Masses on Nov 13/14 in Kilmacud and Nov 20/21 in Mount Merrion), but you can donate at anytime online on our website at the following link <https://www.soleyhaiti.org/fr-tony>

'MINE IS NOT A KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD'

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, brings the Church's year to a close, and calls us to celebrate again Jesus's victory over suffering and death. As servants, we offer all that we are, and invite him to reign within our hearts, so that we can play our part in bringing God's truth, love, justice and peace to the world.

Foretelling the coming of Jesus, the **First Reading** describes Daniel's vision of a 'son of man' coming on the clouds of heaven to be crowned King, with everlasting sovereignty, ruling over an empire that will never be destroyed. Such is his glory that people of all nations and languages become his servants.

The **Psalms** rejoices in the glory of the Lord – the king with majesty enrobed. Through the verses, we are told of the eternal nature of the Lord's power and the trust we can place in him.

Again in the **Second Reading**, Jesus is described as coming on the clouds and as ruler of the kings of the earth. The depth of his love for us has been shown by his sacrifice on the cross, and brings us ever closer to the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

In the **Gospel**, we witness the scene in which Pilate asks Jesus the question, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' In his reply, Jesus speaks of a kingdom in which those who seek the truth listen to his voice and follow his ways.

This week, we ask God for the grace to open our hearts and minds to the needs of those who do not yet know his voice. We pray that by the service of our lives we will draw others to his loving embrace.