



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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MASS TIMES

Monday: 10:00am
Tuesday: 10:00am 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 **Catherine O'Shea** whose funeral took place here this week.

CAR PARKING

I haven't been able to come to an agreement with my preferred car park management company just yet. Clamping is a sticking point, for me it is an option of last resort. So the discussions will have to go on a while longer and so no change is imminent in any of the three parishes. Anyone with knowledge and expertise in this field is welcome to get in touch.

A few words from Fr Joe.....

Energy! Every parish needs plenty of energy. The energy that comes from the sun certainly gives us a lift and makes the church building and environment more pleasant, the energy that comes from the Spirit leads our hearts and minds along the right path, but the energy I'm speaking of is human energy. This is one of the great gifts that we all have and are free to share. The ability to know and love your church, want to be busy and active in your parish, seeking out and connecting with like-minded fellow parishioners with a desire to do things together, this is what we need, lots and lots of people with energy to share.

Ever since the day I was ordained I have been in awe of the people who bring their energy to the parish and I admire their huge contribution to making the parish an attractive spiritual home. It takes energy to set up a parish in the first place, getting church, hall and school built! Then maintaining the facilities while building the community takes even more energy. When you come into any situation where there is positive energy it immediately connects with that part of yourself that if joyful and able to be uplifted, we celebrate and rejoice in such an atmosphere. We have that here and we are so blessed.

I have also learnt over time that not everyone's energy is abundant and flowing powerfully at the same time! There are days when nothing seems hard, when the energy flows and while we may be tired at days end, it is a contented fatigue. But of course, there are those days when the energy is sapped, we feel tired and listless and can barely look after our own needs never mind thinking about doing anything for others, and that's ok too. I've learnt the hard way that when my energy levels are up, someone on a bit of a downer can find me very annoying! Too bright and cheerful, too many ideas and plans can drive another person bonkers. 'Leave me alone, disappear, go away' are all perfectly normal responses and that's just fine too.

Advent is an opportunity to begin again as another Church year is kicked off. The wreath with its ever-green foliage is an affirmation of life, the candles are only lit one by one, week by week and the bright white light of the nativity won't burn until the circle is first completed, marking the time spent making ready. If you have energy, and can share it, know that the parish needs you. If you are tired and have given as much as you can, know that the parish appreciates you. If you need a little booster to get back in touch with your spiritual energy, then Advent will be a perfect time for you.



“May Advent be a time of hope.
We go to encounter the Lord
who comes to encounter us.”

POPE FRANCIS



Saturday 27th
10.00 John Dooly – 1st A
6.00 Donors Intentions
Patrick, Nora and Tristan Moran -A
Sunday 28th
10.00 Rev. Fr. Philip O'Driscoll – B.R
Desmond & Bernadette Doran – A
Noel Hickey – A
Mary and Joe Kenny - A
Maurice, Sheila and Anna Hegarty
– A
11.30 Niamh White – 3rd A
Anna O'Boyle – A
Mary Butler – R.D
7.30 Jerry Murray – A
Monday 29th
10.00 For all who are ill
Paddy Sullivan - A
Tuesday 30th
10.00 Liturgical Service
Wednesday 01st Dec
10.00 John and Maureen Hallahan – A
Tom Plunkett – A
Brian Lawlor – A
Desmond & Bernadette Doran – A

Thursday 02nd
10.00 Thomas Lyons - A
Friday 03rd
10.00 Margaret du Moulin – 1st A
and her husband John – R
Saturday 04th
6.00 Dr. Michael and Margaret Daly – A
Victor Duggan – A
Sunday 05th
10.00 Donal Meehan – A
Eileen Kelly – A
James Kelly – R
John O'Reilly – A
Richella O'Reilly – A
Edmond Nugent – M.M
Stella and Bob Brennan – A
11.30 James and Eileen Dempsey – A
Bernadette Pinkerton – A
Frank Sharpe - A
7.30 Helen Brady – M.M

'STAY AWAKE, PRAYING AT ALL TIMES'

Today marks the beginning of Advent, a time of watchfulness, waiting and renewed hope, as we get ready to welcome the Lord into our hearts and lives this Christmas.

The **First Reading** focuses our gaze on God's promise to David to raise up a 'virtuous branch'. God fulfils that promise by sending his only Son, Jesus, into the world: our Saviour and King in whom we can have total confidence, who rules with honesty and integrity.



The **Psalmist** recognizes the Lord as his Saviour, desiring to follow his ways of truth, love and faithfulness. We too join in the psalm refrain, 'lifting up our souls' in prayer as we wait for the Lord.

Jesus foretells the end times in the rather ominous-sounding **Gospel**, telling his disciples to 'stay awake' and not get distracted by the 'cares of life'. But he has a message of hope too: we don't need to be afraid, for we will see the Son of Man coming to save us. God keeps his promises, so we can hold our heads high and stand confident in his presence. Meanwhile we can pray and try to lead good lives.

St Paul tells us how we can do this in the **Second Reading**. We are to live as Jesus teaches, 'loving one another and the whole human race', and putting Jesus and his values at the centre of our daily lives.

This week as I wait for the Lord, I may like to spend some time each day prayerfully taking stock of how ready I am to receive Jesus, however, wherever and whenever he comes to me.

““We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.”

1st Week of Advent (HOPE)



28 Nov 1st Sunday of Advent

Today we begin our new church year. Why not collect greenery & make an Advent wreath? Let's live Advent as a time of prayerful preparation for the coming of our Lord.



29 Nov – Monday

Wake up! Be ready! ...Jesus comes to us through people, situations, our own prayer... Lord, Help me to pay attention!

30 Nov – Tuesday – Feast of St Andrew, Apostle

Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men.

1 Dec - Wednesday

The crowds came to Jesus. He healed them. He fed them. Prepare our hearts, O Lord, so we may be worthy of the banquet of eternal life, Amen



2 Dec – Thursday

Let's take one action today to help care for our beautiful world – our Common Home.



3 Dec – Friday – Feast of St Francis Xavier

Faith healed the blind men in today's gospel. Lord, please touch my life where it needs healing.



4 Dec – Saturday

Lord make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Amen