



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



Our sympathies to the families,
relatives and friends of **Helen Brady, Mr. Edmund Nugent** whose funerals took place
here this week.

NOTICE

Envelopes and blank pages for the Altar List
of the Dead are available in the church.
Masses are offered by all the priests of the
parish during the month of November and
on First Fridays during the year for those
who's names are recorded on the Altar List.

A few words from Fr Joe.....

I have a grandniece called Cleo, a beautiful girl, with long curly hair, a magic smile and a happy disposition. When I heard that a little girl with the same name had disappeared from a camping site in Australia, during a family holiday, it registered with me and I included her in my prayers, hoping for a safe return. There wasn't much news about her in our media in the weeks since she was last seen, until today. On the morning news, there was an interview with a big burly cop, first on the scene when officers broke into a locked house and found a little girl. He told the interviewer that he has said his name to her, once, twice, three times asking her all along what was her name. Eventually she said, "my name is Cleo!" he was choking back tears as he recalled the sheer joy of finding this lost child, alive and well and was able to reunite her with the distraught parents. I'm sure they never gave up hope, but so often these stories don't have any ending at all.

It was 35 years ago that Philip Cairns disappeared on his way from lunch back to school. His mum, Alice has never had a call like this, she along with the families of those who have disappeared are left in a living limbo, never wanting to extinguish hope. I was teaching in Dundrum when he went missing and well remember the posters with his picture on every pole, trying to prompt someone with information to speak out. I've never forgotten him, often think about his family and wonder how it could happen and no one is able or willing to shed light on it, even after all this time.

No one really knows why some prayers are answered and happy outcomes are enjoyed, while others are not answered yet and suffering and loss endure. In both the good outcomes that we celebrate and the sad ones that we hold in our prayers, we are reminded of how precious each child is, how deep our love can be and how hope can never be extinguished from the human heart. When life is over and we are reunited with our departed brothers and sisters, some of these mysteries will be unravelled in the hereafter, and the Lord our God will help us understand more deeply our joys and sorrows.

MISSION APPEALS

This week-end, we welcome Sr. Bride Counihan LSA for the annual Mission Appeal which will take place in our parish, made by the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Assumption. The Little Sisters of the Assumption have been working in the Archdiocese of Dublin since 1891. They would greatly appreciate any support you can give to their missionary work among some of the poorest people of today's world, particularly in Latin America and Africa. We had extended the invitation to Sr. Bride before the special collection organised by Trócaire for East Africa was arranged and hopefully we can support both aspects of this outreach to the developing world.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!

Volunteers needed!



Please speak to a member of the Youth Group after the 7.30pm Sunday Mass or email parishoffice@mountmerrionparish.ie

We, the Youth Group, would love to see you, no matter what your talent is: **singing, reading, playing an instrument or setting up for the mass.** For TY Students, the Youth Group will qualify for your Gaisce Award.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 06th

6.00 Tommy Blake – A

Sunday 07th

10.00 Desmond McAleese – A

John McEvoy – A

Michael Higgins – A

Kerry Reddin - A

11.30 Maisie and

Jack Walsh and their

son Laurence – A

Kathleen Fitzgerald - A

7.30 Mass for the Deceased

Monday 08th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 09th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Saturday 13th

6.00 Christina &

Joseph O'Dwyer-A

Sheila Brennan – 2nd A

Sunday 14th

10.00 Mary, James &

David Larkin-A

Patrick Anthony -A

Maura Anthony – A

Michael Anthony – A

Elizabeth Lovatt Dolan -A

Mary Monks - A

Prayer for Creation

Creator God, we give thanks for the
wonderful gift of creation and your presence
in every part of it.

As we seek to widen our circle of love,
help us to rediscover the value, unity and
sacredness of all that exists.

We seek forgiveness
for the ways in which our actions and
choices have damaged the earth,
affecting the climate, destroying diversity,
and impacting the lives of the poorest of our
sisters and brothers.

In your love, lead us into
solidarity and companionship,
inspire our leaders to courageous decisions,
and grant each of us the
wisdom and commitment to act.

May we treasure earth's resources,
work to reduce our impact on the climate
and be open to a conversion
of heart and lifestyle.

Amen



PARISH BULLETINS:

The Bishops of Ireland have called for a national Church collection on the 6th and 7th of November to support Trócaire in providing life-saving aid to vulnerable communities in East Africa and DRC, where millions of people are being pushed to the edge of starvation. Trócaire teams are already responding on the ground, and are ready to provide more life-saving assistance but need more resources. Any support the Parish can give to this Emergency Appeal will help the urgent work of Trócaire and their hardworking local partners. For more information see www.trocaire.org

'Happy the poor in spirit'

Our readings this week explore the concepts of generosity, humility and self-giving. With the help of the Holy Spirit, they encourage us to live our lives as generously as Jesus did.

The **First Reading** tells us of a poor destitute widow who shows great generosity in her willingness to share what she has with the prophet Elijah, even though widows were among the most vulnerable people in biblical times.

In the **Gospel**, too, it is a widow who wins the praise of Jesus as he observes her give everything she possesses to the Temple treasury. He contrasts this woman's action of deep faith and generosity with that of others, whose behaviour he roundly condemns. Jesus holds her up as a role model to his disciples.

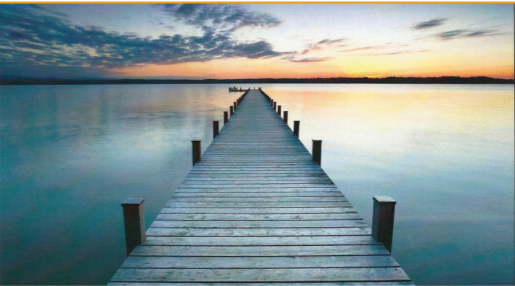
The letter to the Hebrews explains how Jesus undertook an even greater sacrifice, and as the compassionate high priest, offered the gift of his own life for the salvation of humankind. (**Second Reading**)

The **Psalmist** encourages us to call on our innermost self, our 'soul', to give praise to God: our true God who has great concern for the poor, including widows and orphans.

Let us pray this week to the Lord who supports the vulnerable and poor for the grace to be his instruments on earth. We ask for his help to show our care for the outcasts and marginalised of our own day through our loving actions.

AONACH NA NOLLAG/CHRISTMAS FAIR COLÁISTE EOIN & COLÁISTE ÍOSAGÁIN

Although it had been planned to run the Fair as usual on the third Sunday (21st) November, it has been decided, in light of the Government's most recent announcements. to postpone the effort until the spring. Further details to follow.



MASS FOR THE DECEASED SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7th AT 7:30pm

Families of parishioners from Mount Merrion who have been bereaved from October 2020 to date have been invited to attend this special Mass. All parishioners who wish to attend are also most welcome to do so.

The Mass for the bereaved will be preceded by a Candle of Light Ceremony to commemorate all parishioners and friends who have died. A large candle in a storm lantern will be lit before morning Masses on Sunday the 7th. At the end of Mass, the celebrant will take the candle to the Garden of Remembrance in the Church grounds. Members of the Funeral Ministry team will bring containers of flowers. Short prayers will be said around the commemorative stone. Parishioners attending Mass are invited to follow the celebrant outdoors and participate in this prayerful remembrance.

During these days of commemoration parishioners are invited to light candles at any of the shrines in the church and to visit the Sacred Space in memory of family and friends who have died.

GOD WILL BE YOUR EVERLASTING LIGHT (ISAIAH 60:60)