

Blessed 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

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE
21st February 2022
Fully Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine.
Price €549.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer from Dublin, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement €60.00. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

XELDA QR CODE
Mass collection
60% CLERGY
40% SHARE

A few words from Fr Joe.....
Last Sunday in Kilmacud Parish, Sr. Maria Elena Morales Quintero made her final religious profession as a Clarissan Missionary Sister of the Blessed Sacrament. The gathering in the church for this celebration was unique, religious sisters, priests and people from all over the world came together to participate in this uplifting liturgy. For me it was the first time in my 36 years as a priest to witness this ritual and it was a real privilege to preside and preach.
I'm not sure I've ever seen so many smiling faces, radiant with the joy of the moment, everyone so happy to surround Sr Maria Elena with their prayers, affirmation and affection. Her parents had come all the way from Mexico to be present at her side and the moment when she knelt to receive their blessing was memorable. Her religious superior had come from Spain and the Mother General of the Order watched in through the live stream. An immensely talented group of students from the University Residence run by the sisters in Stillorgan provided wonderful music and song. Students from the language school where she is perfecting her English included a number of sisters and priests from other parts of the world, I had no idea that there were so many of them living here.
At the very heart of the liturgy Sr Maria Elena read out her solemn vows, written in her own hand, they humbly and sincerely communicated her desire to devote her life on earth to the service of God and the Christian community as a religious sister. A very, very special occasion which allows us all both to support the newly professed and appreciate all the more the many religious women who have played such an important part in our lives, in parish, school and hospital.
At the 'cuppa' that followed it was possible to chat to many of the young people and hear their enthusiasm for a faith filled life. I knelt for a blessing from a young Chinese man when he told me that had been ordained just last week by Archbishop Farrell as a member of the Divine Word Missionaries. Three Polish priests told me that they were here to learn English before going on missionary work. Two sisters from the Dominican Republic chatted about their work here at the Apostolic Nunciature. So many uplifting stories, many of them also expressing appreciation for the all the Irish religious men and women who had educated them and trained them in their own country.
So many thanks to the Clarissan Sisters and all who came and made this unique celebration happen. And to Sr Maria Elena we all wish you many happy years in religious life.

ACCORD DUBLIN
CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE
ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ACCORD 12/13 FEBRUARY
The annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend the 12 & 13 February 2022. ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 12th	Tuesday 15th
6.00 Deceased members of the Parkinson and Collins Family Frank and Peg Huggard – A Patricia Campbell – A Kathleen and Michael O'Rourke – A Jerome and Patricia Creedon and their Son John Creedon Mary Murphy – A	10.00 Liturgical Service Thursday 17th 10.00 Michael Burns – A Saturday 19th 6.00 Eileen Pender – A Carmel Hynes - 10th A
Sunday 13th	Sunday 20th
10.00 Frank Carney – A Ray Barry – 1st A Betty Byrne – A 11.30: Tom and Nell Sexton – A Bernadette Monaghan – A Ernest Byrne – A	10.00 Angela Noonan – A 11.30 Seán Downing – A John, Lucie and Nora Golden - A Maurice O'Brien 7.30 Ann O'Donohue – A
Monday 14th	
10.00 For all who are ill	

Happy are those who trust in the Lord
The theme of this Sunday's readings can be summarised in two words: Happiness and Trust.
Looking for happiness has always been at the core of people's preoccupations. In the **First Reading**, Jeremiah tells his audience that they need to make a clear choice: they either trust only in people, or only in God. With striking images from nature, Jeremiah contrasts dry, wild wastelands with a luxurious tree growing by the waterside.
Using similar imagery, the **Psalm** makes the same point: trusting in the Lord will bring happiness. It starts with a 'beatitude' which is also at the core of the Gospel, this year read in Luke's version. Luke's Beatitudes are shorter than those in Matthew's Gospel, and also include warnings for those who have made the wrong choices: 'Alas for you ...'
For Paul in the **Second Reading**, it is Christ's resurrection which is the source of our hopes and happiness. If he had not risen, we would have remained the most unfortunate of all people.
So our prayer this week may well centre around the choices we have made, do make, and will make, as we try to find happiness – not just for ourselves, but also for those around us or for the world at large. We can perhaps also ask the Lord for greater trust in him.

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord."
Jeremiah 17:7

ST VALENTINE'S DAY
CELEBRATE THE JOY OF LOVE
PRAYER ON ST VALENTINE'S DAY
Loving Father,
I pray for an open heart and mind, so that I may recognise and be grateful for all the love in my life. I pray that I might find a new sense of wholeness, joy and peace in your love.
Remove all obstacles so that I may grow in love throughout my life.
Give me the grace to trust in your loving plan for me, so that whatever my circumstances over the course of my life, I may know that I am not alone, that I am loved by You, my Loving Father, who is full of tenderness, mercy and compassion. **AMEN**

ADVANCE NOTICE:
SYNOD GATHERING
Thursday, March 3rd 2022
7pm to 9pm
Community Centre

Please note the date. Invitations and more information will be available next weekend (February 19th&20th) at all Masses, newsletter, and on our website.

TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL
Holy Week and Easter 2022
And their eyes were opened and they recognised him (Luke 24:31)
Jesus Prophet, Martyr, Risen One in Luke-Acts

9 presentations
Jessie Rogers
Sean Goan
Kieran O'Mahony

Jesus the Prophet in Luke-Acts
The death of Jesus in Luke-Acts
The Risen Lord in Luke-Acts

1 webinar
1 meditation

Monday 11 April @ 7.30 pm
Tuesday 19 April @ 7.30 pm

Cost
Registration
Going live

€30 per household
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22 March 2022