

Love one another as  
I have loved you.

## Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

15th May 2022

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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

### 'Date for the Diary'

Fr Brian is celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Ordination, there will be Mass at 12noon on Saturday 11th June, followed by a reception in the Community Centre.

### SeniorLine Needs New Volunteers

We are Ireland's national line for older people and we need new volunteers, women and men aged 55+. Full training is provided. All details from Anne at 087-7450721.  
We would love to hear from you.



**XELDA QR CODE**  
Mass collection  
60% CLERGY  
40% SHARE

### A few words from Fr Joe.....

This weekend we have a collection for 'Lay Ministry', it replaces the traditional collection for the support of students for the priesthood, which we normally had on the Sunday after Good Shepherd Sunday with all its emphasis on vocations. So, last weekend we may have heard that there is not one single solitary seminarian training for the ordained ministry in the Dublin Diocese. From a population of 1.3 million people, with all those homes, parishes, schools and colleges, no one at all has discerned that call at this moment.

The Holy Spirit has the same task and responsibility to the Father and the Son, to move deep in the hearts of people of faith, and move them to seek to leadership in service of the Christian community. Priesthood and the religious life served the church well for centuries, but now that huge movement has come to a pause.

If we believe that the Spirit hasn't given up, taken a break, left these shores for more fertile places, that same Spirit must be moving into the hearts and minds of men and women with a new purpose. I've no doubt that the exclusion of women from ordained ministry has contributed to this crisis, and now neither men nor women are being ordained, so I imagine that the new models of ministry are for everyone.

We have always had powerful lay leaders in the Catholic Church, both in the local parishes and in the movements and organisations which have given expression to compassionate care in medical, educational and social arenas. So now we must seek out those who have the capacity and competence to take up leadership. Those who can contribute much in a voluntary capacity are invaluable but in justice there must also be funded posts at every level of church activity if we are to grow stronger.

So, do please contribute to the collection and then demand to see that the monies given are translated in the training and remuneration for catechists, pastoral leaders, youth animators, music ministry, and social media experts. We have to invest in people and support them, and then they can take on roles in the local church in a manner that benefits us all.

### Opportunity for expressions of interest:

From time to time the Parish Office would benefit from the assistance of a volunteer to man the phone, and assist parishioners with some routine needs. This might just be for 2 hours on occasion. We would like to recruit about 5 parishioners to be on this panel and to train them together. This position would suit anyone, male or female, who is comfortable on the phone, easy with people and careful in recording information. If you are interested please pass on your contact information to Vivienne in the office.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on **Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am to 1.00pm. All are welcome**



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **James Markey, May Giblin, Paul Sharpe** whose funerals took place here.



### Saturday 14th

6.00 Baby Molly Taylor- Smith – 2nd A  
Joan Hughes - A

### Sunday 15th

10.00 Joan Morrison – R.D  
11.30 John McDermott – 6th A  
Michele Dogherty (Spillane) – M.M  
Dr. Patrick Quinn - A  
Paul Robinson – 3rd A

### Monday 16th

10.00 For all who are ill

### Tuesday 17th

10.00 Liturgical Service

### Wednesday 18th

10.00 Gerry O'Brien – A

### Sunday 22nd

10.00 Vincent Kelly – A  
James McDonnell – 20th A  
Sheila and Joseph Arkins – A  
Bob Kelly - A

### JOURNEYING TOGETHER THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

2021 – 2023

Pope Francis invited Catholics and all of good faith across the world to take part in a time of prayerful reflection, listening and sharing to better hear the voice of God's Spirit, and to help direct the Church into the future. The Journey will lead to a meeting of Church leaders in Rome (The Universal Synod) in 2023, and a National Synod in Ireland within the next 5 years. Our parish's "listening" phase began with two Synod "Gathering" meetings on March 3rd and April 4th - led by our Dublin Diocesan-trained Parish Synod and Core Parish Teams - when we gathered to share and listen to each other as we each responded to a set of four questions: "When you think of your experience of Church, what brings Joy/Sorrow/Hope/Fear?" The responses have now been carefully and respectfully collated and a Report/Feedback Form has been returned to the Diocese Synod Committee to be incorporated into the overall Report for the Rome Synod.

To see our Synod Gathering

Feedback: [www.mountmerrionparish.ie](http://www.mountmerrionparish.ie)

For general Synod information: [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie)



Listening and  
Journeying Together

May 22-29, 2022

### 'Love one another, just as I have loved you'

As Eastertide continues, we are invited to live as part of God's glorious plan to bring about a new creation. Jesus's new commandment to 'love one another just as I have loved you' is the key to transforming our world. **(Gospel)**

The **First Reading** continues the story of the mission of Paul and Barnabas. Just as they encouraged the new Christian disciples to persevere in faith, we too can be encouraged to see what can be achieved when we allow God to work within and among us.

The **Psalms** call us to sing of God's goodness with the whole of creation, proclaiming God's compassion, love and glory to all.

The vision of the heavenly Jerusalem in the **Second Reading** promises a new heaven and a new earth – a new creation where God lives among God's people, becoming God-with-us.

This week I might pray to love others more and more as Jesus loves us, so that I can help play my own part in making all things new. I remember those parts of the world where hatred and destruction are evident, asking that love and mercy may prevail.

Archdiocese of Dublin



## LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION

SATURDAY SUNDAY  
**14th & 15th May 2022**

Very grateful for your support

Working  
alongside each  
other  
to effect renewal.

Including and  
accompanying all,  
especially those  
on the margins.

Supporting  
and resourcing  
faith  
development.

## Hospice Sunflower Days

Can you spare an hour for Hospice Sunflower Days?

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services needs your help!

**Sunflower Days 10th & 11th June**

Can you donate an hour or two to sell Sunflower merchandise and help raise funds for our national collection day?

Please contact **Anne 01 4911072** or [fundraising@olh.ie](mailto:fundraising@olh.ie). Thank you

