

Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give you.

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

'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.



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Conor Gunne** whose funeral took place here.



XELDA QR CODE
Mass collection
60% CLERGY
40% SHARE

A few words from Fr Joe.....

We have had a lot of funerals here in recent months. When I mention that to my own family and friends they often ask, "is the parish very old?". Of course, they mean are the parishioners mostly in their senior years! It is true that many of the wonderful folks free to come to daily mass are retired, and that the older generation are more likely to keep coming on Sundays, but the reality is that the parish has a mixed range of ages, that while more elderly people come for burial in fact we can die at any age. So, whether those who we have buried have lived long lives, or sadly died from some illness or disease while still in the prime of life, loss of a loved one is hard experience each and every time. It makes us think about life.

When we meet people to prepare funerals, I am struck by the generosity of the bereaved who always find nice things to say about the person who has died. There are admirable qualities in each and every person and naming them gives great consolation to those left behind. What makes a person loved and cherished? Often it is their simple human qualities of gentleness, kindness, thoughtfulness and compassion. There is often mention of being a good listener, supportive and challenging. Their spiritual life often gets a mention, 'they had great faith' is a comment frequently expressed.

In this moment in Ireland, with church practice declining and priests and nuns playing a smaller part in education I really admire everyone, like parents and teachers who guide people to have values and beliefs that make them so loveable and appreciated. I think there is still a lot in the Gospel and the teaching of Jesus worth bringing into our everyday lives. Faith can give us solid direction in life, drawing us into the mystery of God loving us first and setting us off on the path of full and happy lives being of service to our family and community.



LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2022

"Bringing the whole family together to protect our Common Home" LS 13

Laudato Si Week marks the 7th anniversary of Pope Francis's landmark encyclical on Creation. The global celebration will unite Catholics to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation, rejoice in bringing the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si to life, and intensify our efforts through the dynamic LSi Action Platform, walking the Synodal Path.

MEADOW BLESSING. and PRAYER: SATURDAY 21st after 6pm Vigil Mass in the meadow behind the church, by the school.
See <https://biodiversityweek.ie>



LIBRARY: our church library will feature books and information on Creation and Care of Our Common Home

PANEL DISCUSSION: TUESDAY 24th "What has become of Laudato Si?" with Dr.Ciara Murphy (Jesuit Centre Faith and Justice), Jane Mellett (Trocaire), and Mount Merrion and Shankill parish LSi groups www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie
¶ **HERITAGE:** Visits to view the 5th/6th century St.Brigid church Remnant, at St.Brigid's church Stillorgan, and the Holy Well site at Merville Estate
<https://laudatosiweek.org> <https://laudatosiweek.org>



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 22nd

10.00 Vincent Kelly – A
James McDonnell – 20th A
Sheila and Joseph Arkins – A
Bob Kelly - A
Anne McGlynn – A
11.30 Christine Higgins – A

Monday 23rd

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 24th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 25th

10.00 Special Intention

Thursday 26th

10.00 Fr. Philip O'Driscoll – 2nd A

Saturday 28th

10.00 Noreen Rutledge – A
6.00 Freda Killian – A
Paul Creevy – A
Loretta Moran (née Caravousanos) – M.M

Sunday 29th

10.00 Charles Murtagh – A
Oliver Delaney – A
11.30 Brian Hanna – A
7.30 Jim King - 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
For general Synod information: www.dublindiocese.ie



'A peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.'

As we continue through Eastertide, the readings at Sunday Mass turn towards the Holy Spirit. In Jesus's Farewell Discourse to his disciples (**Gospel**), he announces that he is to return to his Father, and tells them not to be afraid or troubled: he will still be with them through the Holy Spirit. Jesus also bestows on them the gift of his peace.

In the **First Reading**, we see how, despite the differences between members of the early Christian Church, the community was guided by the Holy Spirit in coming to decisions.

The **Second Reading** shows the transformation that has been brought about by the death and resurrection of Christ; the new Jerusalem is in perfect order and needs no temple, because God is already in union with God's people, dwelling in them.

In a song of thanksgiving, the **Psalmist** asks God to bless everyone, and for God's ways and saving help to be known to all.

This week, let us pray for peace for all nations, especially for the people of Ukraine, eastern Europe, Yemen, Syria and Palestine, as well as for ourselves. I may also ask that I share Christ's word with those I encounter through my actions.

You are invited to

THE Building Hope

GATHERING

for
MOUNT MERRION PARISH

on

Tuesday 31st May at 7.30pm

in

The Community Centre

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We will consider together:

- our parish's current pastoral and financial situation,
- what is working well and what needs to be developed,
- how we can share our gifts and talents, team ministries and pastoral provision in partnership with other parishes and with which parishes it would make most sense for us to partner – i.e. the already established grouping and/or a new partnership.

ALL WELCOME

Let us together build hope for a new future and
a new way of being Church.

The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

You constantly journey with us
even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness
to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you
in the faces of one another,
in the breaking of bread

and in the splendour of creation.
May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope
and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in
and through us do much more
than we can dare to imagine
as we live out our baptismal calling
in humble and loving service.

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us.

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