



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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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

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteers urgently required to assist Funeral Ministry Team. To discuss & learn more about this Ministry – contact **Jackie on 0872390786** by text or leave your name and contact details with Vivienne in the Sacristy office or with any of the Funeral Ministry Team.



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Mass collection
60% CLERGY
40% SHARE

A few words from Fr Joe.....

This weekend is a time for prayers for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Every year on Good Shepherd Sunday, in the middle of the Easter Season, we pray that the seed of vocation will awaken a call in those the Lord is inviting to dedicate their lives to ordained ministry in the Church. Traditionally we don't speak so much about the priesthood of all the baptised, but rather focus on the ordained and the consecrated on this particular Sunday.

In the Ireland, in times past, this call to serve the Church found a response in every town and village and most families, so we not only had an abundance of men and women in clerical and religious garb walking among us, on the streets, in our schools, hospitals and institutions but we had such a surplus that many went on the missions and ministered far from home.

All that is changed utterly. Clonliffe College closed 21 years ago as our diocesan seminary and next Tuesday the chairs we sat on, the plates we ate off, the church benches we prayed on, will all be auctioned off. The building, sold for development, will soon become a refuge for people arriving from Ukraine and the former seminary will be bursting at the seams once again, but this time women and children will be part of the community!

Our way of being church was too dependent on priests, but now we are coming to a crisis, the model is still reliant on the priesthood, for sacraments and leadership, and we simply have no vocations at all to this way of serving God and the Church. The remaining men in ministry cannot carry on without radical change and undoubtedly this will require a new level of participation, involvement and responsibility of men and women, rooted in that same priesthood of the baptised. Our Building Hope reflection may awaken new ways of being church together. Please don't sit back and watch, step up and get involved, that's our vocation today.

The weapons of the #Gospel are prayer, tenderness, forgiveness and freely-given love for one's neighbour, to any neighbour. This is how God's #peace is brought into the world. This is why the armed aggression of these days, like every war, represents an outrage against God.
- Pope Francis



Thank you so much for all your help with the Advocate collection this year. We wish to acknowledge receipt of **€2915.00**. We really appreciate all your hard work and support and would like to thank you for your generous contribution to the collection.



Saturday 07th

10.00 Margaret Burns – A
Edmond Aboud – 5th A

6.00 Sean Timoney – R.D

Sunday 08th

10.00 Special Intention
Mary Monks – 1st A
Noel McGoldrick – R.D
Barry Fehily – R.D

11.30 Brendan Piggott – A

7.30 Marie Guilfoyle – A

Monday 09th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 10th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 11th

10.00 Michael Sweeney – 10th A
Sean Ramsbottom – R.D

Saturday 14th

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

Sunday 15th

10.00 Joan Morrison – R.D

11.30 Jhn McDermott – 6th A

What My Sheep Know

By Deborah Ann

His sheep hears His voice,
they follow Him eagerly
for they know their burdens
He'll take from them happily.

They know they can trust,
their Shepherd to guide
and all of their daily needs
He will joyfully provide.

His sheep sing their praises,
they have nothing to fear
for they know their Shepherd
is always close and near.

They know they are safe,
from all danger and harm
they know they're sheltered
in His gracious, loving arms.

His sheep stay close to Him,
they abide cheerfully
for they love their Shepherd
and stick by Him faithfully!



'I know them and they follow me.'

On this 'Good Shepherd Sunday', the Gospel verses are taken from the tenth chapter of St John. Here Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd, who brings life, love and protection to those within his flock.

In the **First Reading** we follow Paul and Barnabas to Antioch, where their message is rejected by the Jewish leaders. Undeterred, they turn their preaching to those termed pagans. To the joy of the disciples, these people readily hear and receive the message of eternal life offered by the Lord, fulfilling the commission given by Jesus himself.

The **Psalm** celebrates the joy, gladness and mercy that this eternal life promises to those who delight in being the Lord's people, the sheep of his flock.

The **Second Reading** recounts John's vision of heaven. Amid countless souls robed in the whitest of garments, we see Jesus as the Lamb, standing at the throne of God. We hear of the gifts of protection from hunger, thirst and sorrow which come to those who stand before God's throne.

Jesus, the shepherd himself, speaks in the **Gospel**, reminding us of the blessings of care and protection his sheep are promised – both now, and in eternal life, with Jesus and the Father.

This week, perhaps we can pray especially for those who, for whatever reason, may feel lost and without the protection of the shepherd they once knew. We also remember those who are searching for a flock in which to make their home.



May
Month of Mary,
Our Blessed Mother

Building Hope

The great social, cultural and religious change of our time brings challenges and opportunities for all people—both for people of faith and for people who do not see themselves in this way. In response, the Archdiocese of Dublin is initiating a process of review and renewal, and is providing a Statement of Mission as a starting point for reflection and conversation in each parish and in the diocese as a whole.

The Statement of Mission can be found at www.dublindiocese.ie

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. Thank you

