



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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A few words from Fr Joe.....

On each one of the past 7 Saturdays I have celebrated Mass for a special occasion, four First Communions, two Weddings and one Jubilee. In between there have been the ordinary daily Masses, many Funerals, some Baptisms and the celebrations on Sundays. We also had wonderful Masses marking the end of the school year and graduations. I mention this, not just to explain why I am feeling so tired, but to emphasise that there is lots going on in our parishes at the moment.

Reading back over some of the reports from the parish meetings for the 'Building Hope' process I was struck by the great hopes that parishioners have for themselves and others, especially the young. Because the 'special' Masses are only attended by those who are invited not everyone in the parish actually gets to see what happens when they are going on.

The First Communions were special because for the first time in two years the family were able to gather, all three generations, grandparents, parents and children. There is something very uplifting to see the pride the senior members of the family have when their own children bring their grandchildren for the sacraments. The children are so serious about their part in this special day and their teachers put extraordinary effort into making everyone feel included. The Communion Day comes at the end of a whole year of preparation and the children's work books were testament to this.

At the weddings, there is huge joy in the celebration as the couple are surrounded by their invited guests, everyone a precious part of their lives. The actual wedding comes after months of preparation, multiple meetings with ourselves, a rehearsal and then the big day itself. The friends, of similar age to the couple, are rarely with us in church so it is especially good to see them.

Likewise, the Masses in school for end of year, or graduation, each one a celebration of gifts and talent, are well prepared and prayed sincerely. The teenagers are another cohort we don't meet often at Mass so it is inspiring to hear their participation in word and song.

All of these 'special' moments might be the only experience of church that many people are having. I know that's not perfect and that Sunday Mass is the 'source and summit' of our faith, but at least it brings people on the margins into contact with the faith community and we get to make them feel welcome here.

As we celebrate 'Corpus Christi' and move on with our reflections about the future of the parish, and the church, we need to keep an awareness of how to resource and support these 'special' moments along with the regular liturgies each day.

WORLD REFUGEE WEEK JUNE 20-27th 2022

Journeys of Healing Exhibition
Christchurch Cathedral

Journeys of Healing

Creative exhibition featuring
art, poetry and reflections on refugee and asylum-seeker experiences

For more information go to:
<https://christchurchcathedral.ie>
www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie

Refugee
Week



Saturday 18th

10.00 Conor Gunne – M.M.

6.00 Anita Gallagher - A

Sunday 19th

10.00 James, Mary &

David Larkin - A

Baby Max Donnelly – 21st A

11.30 Bríd McCarthy – M.M

Seamus Smyth – 2nd A

Monday 20th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 21st

10.00 Liturgical Service

Thursday 23rd

10.00 Charles Williams – 2nd A

Saturday 25th

10.00 Michael McCarthy – R

Sean Tiernan – A

Pauline Curran – A

6.00 Margaret and

Hugh Marron – A

Kathryn Broderick

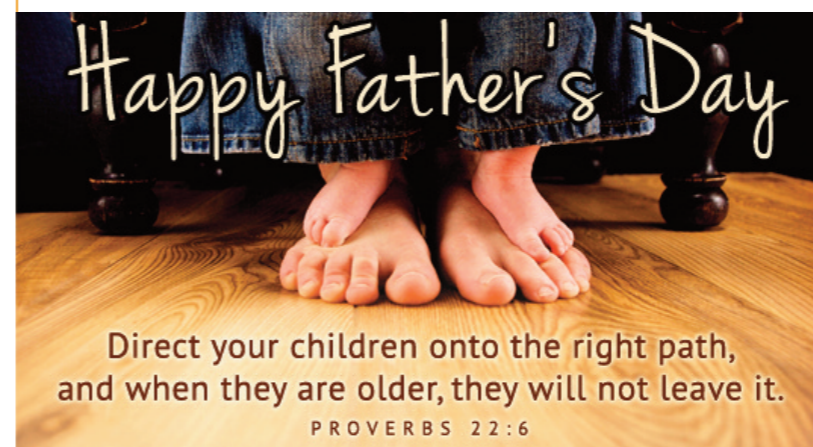
Moore– 2nd A

Michael Doherty – 1st A

Jimmy Markey – M.M

Sunday 26th

11.30 Brendan Breen – 1st A



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

ALTAR SOCIETY REVIVAL..... NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

The Altar Society in Mount Merrion has been working in the Church of St Therese since it opened over 60 years ago.



The Flower Team arranges the lovely floral displays, and the Linen Team ensures that all the altar cloths used in Liturgies are washed and ironed and kept in excellent condition.

The first post Covid Meeting of the Altar Society will take place in the Community Centre after 10am Mass on Friday 24th June 2022. New simplified and streamlined rotas will be drawn up and we will have a small Celebration to mark the occasion.

New members are needed. Become part of this dynamic Team, make a valuable contribution to your parish, enjoy great camaraderie and develop lifelong skills and friendships.



For further details contact **Claire** on 086-3310023.

The Lord is the strength of his people

This Sunday we are invited to consider God's invitation to each one of us—to repentance, to knowing God as our deepest desire, to oneness with others in faith, to following Jesus by imitating his way of life. The readings give us much to ponder.

Zechariah (**First Reading**) is writing at a time of exile, but there is hope. The Lord will pour out a spirit of kindness and prayer over the people of Israel, and springs of new life will be opened, cleansing the people from their sins. What seems a catastrophe will open them to God in a new way.

First-hand testimony is given in the **Psalms**. The yearnings of the psalmist are met with the fullness of God's love.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) shows that this fullness of God really means that we are all children of the One God. In Christ there are no distinctions, only unity.

Finally, the **Gospel** reveals the source of this new life and unity with God. The cross, which is Christ's destiny and the beginning of his life in us, sends us out with strength to bear our own crosses.

This week, we might pray especially for all those around us who carry a heavy burden, asking that they feel able to seek shelter and be strengthened in the shadow of the wings of the Lord.

Summer Dues 2022



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PRIESTS

Archdiocese of Dublin

Archbishop Farrell is once again asking the parishioners to make a summer offering towards the support and upkeep of their priests. As Covid restrictions reduced significantly the monies collected in parishes earlier in the year the summer offering will help to make up the shortfall.

WILDFLOWER MEADOW INSPECTION BEHIND CHURCH

This will happen this year on Mid-Summers day, Tuesday the 21st of June. Meet at front doors at 7pm.



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Mass collection
60% CLERGY
40% SHARE