

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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



Saint Joseph's Young Priests Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on **Saturday June 25th**. We will be going by bus **leaving the Goat pub at 8 am**. If you would like to join us please contact Gerry Quinn 087 817 2728 or Bernie Doherty, 0879612303



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A few words from Fr Joe.....

A few years ago, I was in the company of some Jewish people, they were from a liberal faith community and in the course of the conversation they used the words, observant and orthodox, a lot. They explained that they belonged to a tradition, with many rules, and specific expectations of its members, which has led to different groups forming within their religious community. Some people of their faith are hugely orthodox and go to great lengths to observe all their rules, others, like the people I met, don't. But they are all Jewish. I remember feeling that their experience was very different to ours in the Catholic church.

Sometime later I heard the expression 'A la carte Catholics' for the first time and opinions expressed about the members of our own faith community who were perceived to pick and choose from among the teaching of the Church. Many times, since then, I've felt myself to be either among likeminded people, or I've felt that I didn't meet the expectations of my fellow Catholics, I was either too liberal or conservative depending on the topic.

Recently while talking to a couple about their choice of a Church wedding they used those words again, telling me that they weren't very orthodox, and didn't go along with a lot of Church teaching, and that they rarely observe the norms and rules that the church prescribes. They explained that their parents don't really attend church and that other than the bit of religion they learnt in school no one has really impressed on them what exactly it is that practicing Catholics do, other than going to Mass. They were attracted to the church as a place to be married because they felt it communicates stability and permanence, goodness and spiritual life, all things they want in their life together, and they were grateful for the welcome and support. These little moments, when openness to the divine and significant life choices coincide are precious.

I guess we have never all been one in heart and mind, that there have always been different insights, perspectives, experiences which are held within the common life we share as members of the Church. Respectful dialogue, mutual support, a common search for truth, and learning about and within our tradition seems like the best road forward.

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On the 'fiftieth day' ('Pentecost' in Greek) after Passover, the disciples are back in Jerusalem to celebrate Shavuot, the Jewish harvest festival commemorating God's provision and sustenance. But rather than them offering the first fruits of the wheat harvest to the Lord, we see the Lord coming to provide for them in the form of the Holy Spirit (**First Reading**), the gift of the Lord's own self.

This gift of the promised Advocate of peace, given in the form of breath (**Gospel**), will keep us faithful to the Gospel with sustaining life, joy and renewal (**Psalm**). It is also given for a good purpose, that we might go out to witness to the power of the Spirit by lives of faith, service and unity (**Second Reading**).

This week, let's pray for an outpouring of God's love into our hearts, so that feeling renewed and full of the Lord's riches, we might willingly go out to share that richness. We also continue to pray for the peace of the world.



Saturday 04th
6.00 Michael and
Kathleen O'Rourke – A
Enid Blake -A

Sunday 05th
10.00 Aoife McEvoy Murman - A
7.30 John MacMahon – A

Monday 06th
10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 07th
10.00 Liturgical Service
Wednesday 08th
10.00 Nancy Plunkett – 1st A
NO 10 am Mass Saturday 11th
Sunday 12th
11.30 Paul Sharpe – M.M
Ellen and
Michael Rogan - A

Building Hope

Mount Merrion Parish Gathering

Mount Merrion Parish held its Building Hope gathering on Tuesday 31st May. It was a wet evening but that did not dampen a great turn out, where approximately sixty five parishioners gathered in the Community Centre to share their views about the Parish Profile and the Framework for Pastoral Renewal, emerging from the 2021 Building Hope Task Force Report.

We focussed upon the four key dimensions of Faith, Servant Leadership, Welcome and Social Justice and how these important themes are working well in our parish, and why, and/or which need development and in what way. Finally, we discussed how we might in new Partnership with local parishes, share our gifts, talents, and resources, and with which parishes we might best do that.

There was great energy, joy, hope and enthusiasm with our sharing on the night. **A BIG Thank You** to everyone who helped out on the night, to those who attended and those who provided their insights and thoughts across email. Mount Merrion Parish is wonderfully blessed. We plan to submit one Building Hope Response with your data, to the Diocese by mid-June.

Let us continue to pray the Building Hope Prayer at this special time, between Pentecost and Corpus Christi as we pilgrim on our way.

The Parish Building Hope Leadership Group
(Fr Joe, John Barry, Orla O'Grady Walshe, Audrey O'Sullivan and Martina McNamara).



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

FR BRIAN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION

Mount Merrion Parish celebrates Fr Brian's Golden Jubilee of Ordination with a Mass of Thanksgiving at **12noon on Saturday 11th June**. All are invited. Afterwards all are welcome to the Community Centre for a reception.



Congratulations
Fr. Brian

The LORD has sworn and will not repent:
"You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek".
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Bus Leaving: **The Parish** at: **8.00am**

on: **Saturday 18th June**

Contact: **Eddie Hannigan** Tel: **086 382 3435**

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.

Building Hope