

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Luke 10:25-37

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



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of Elizabeth Smith (née Sharpe) whose Funerals took place here this week.



XELDA QR CODE
Mass collection
60% CLERGY
40% SHARE

A few words from Fr Joe.....

Many single people eat alone most of the time, maybe with the radio playing in the background; familiar voices and music softens the isolation. As someone who is single, and lives alone I can speak both to the value and pain of sitting without company at the table, meal after meal, day after day until it becomes so normal that you forget that food is best shared!

Holidays can interrupt that pattern of behaviour and that has certainly been my experience for the past two weeks. Breakfast is so much more relaxed when you aren't looking at the clock, watching your time and thinking about the first work commitment of the day. It also tastes so much better in the garden, still wearing pyjamas and unwashed. The simple joy of answering questions like "How did you sleep?" and "Do you dream?" is a blessing of being in company. Then planning the day, rather than the desk diary determining the agenda, is pure bliss. Those seven breakfasts, in company with a couple of friends, were my holiday highlight.

Week two was also very pleasant, but in a totally different way, 12 visitors arrived, 3 couples, 6 children. The drought of company caused by Covid brought the younger generation, with spouses and kids, home from Australia, USA and Scotland. It was summer of 2018/19 since we had last met and boy but those kids had changed. It was funny making introductions again, one who was 3 last visit, and is now 6 needed a couple of days to rediscover who all these 'aunties and uncles' are, when in fact we are the 'great aunties and uncles!' Meal times were a hoot, you quickly discover that different words are used in the various countries for similar foods, condiments and cutlery. Some eat happily with food piled on the plate, another likes everything separated. Phones and tablets were of course banned from the table, as was shouting, but every meal mattered. The sheer energy, the unbridled joy and the occasional quiet or withdrawn child, was very joyful.

Finally, I return to my own house, and share breakfast with Fr John, and that too is just lovely.

I say all of this to remind myself, and all of us, that breaking bread together, sitting down in company, sharing the stories of life and planning for the day and time ahead is best done with others.

Our shared life in parish and church, day by day and Sunday after Sunday, needs these moments of sitting together, talking, listening, sharing. We are better together, please encourage your own people to return to the Eucharist, to the gathering of the community and the breaking of the Bread.

**"The quality of mercy is not strained.
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed:
It blesseth him that
gives and him that takes."
- Shakespeare**



Saturday 9th

10.00 Jane McEnroe – 10th A

Sunday 10th

7.30 Carmel Madden – M.M

Monday 11th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 12th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 13th

10.00 Joan Kevin – A

Friday 15th

10.00 Margaret Colfer – A

Special Intention

Saturday 16th

6.00 Frank McCaffrey – M.M



St. Thérèse Bridge Club In the Community Centre

Wednesday's at 7.15pm

All Welcome



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The Carmelite Sisters, Upper Kilmacud Road, invite you to join them in celebrating the **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Saturday 16th July.**

Morning Mass will be at 9am with our O.Carm chaplain and blessing of Scapulars.

An evening mass at 5pm will be celebrated by Fr John Grennan OCD and Enrolment in the Brown Scapular will take place immediately after Mass.

We wish all of you a very happy and blessed Feast Day. Your intentions will be remembered in our prayers.

'And who is my neighbour?'

Today's readings celebrate the nearness of the Lord to us. Created through God and for God, we are drawn ever closer by peace and reconciliation. Not only that. We are also called to become like the Lord in our service to all.

The **First Reading** commands us to love, and gives us the means to do it. The law, or word, is not beyond our reach but is as close to us as our very hearts. And the help and compassion of the Lord for the poor and needy can be seen by our service. It is through this that, hearts will revive (**Psalms**).

The **Second Reading** makes clear that all is possible by Christ and his cross. He holds everything in being from the beginning and, even now, is drawing us together in deeper unity.

Finally, the parable of the Good Samaritan (**Gospel**) gives us a concrete example of what this service, this command to love, this deeper unity without bias or prejudice, looks like.

Let's pray, this week, that we might have renewed confidence, trust, and hope in the Good Samaritan who comes close to us in our need, that we might go out so that God's desires for all people might be seen by our loving response.

Summer Dues

2022



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Archdiocese of Dublin

Archbishop Farrell is once again asking the parishioners to make a summer offering towards the support and up keep 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.