The Parable Teller

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Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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Charity Registration No. 20016166



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

Men for Christ Conference

SAT SEPT 17TH STARTS AT 2PM

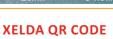
LIVE ON RADIO MARIA IRELAND











Mass collection 60% CLERGY 40% SHARE

A few words from Fr Joe.....

I was at Mass one day during the week at Holy Cross Monastery near Rostrevor, Co. Down. The Abbot was the presider and preacher. About 10 people made up the congregation and there were another 6 monks present. All in all, a small gathering. Mass lasted almost 50 minutes, the pace was gentle, the music really beautiful, the homily was probably a little over 10 minutes.

The Abbot explored the readings and gave a profound reflection on the Gospel values and offered some insights into how these readings might be applied to life. The main theme was reconciliation and he made a distinction between the legal process, where in the courts, with the impartial judge, attentive jury and attentive presentation of evidence, everything leads towards a judgement. In court, very often one side feels vindicated, while at the same time the other side can be distressed not to win their case. With some wisdom and insight, he compared that process with the journey towards reconciliation as an expression of faith and outcome of grace. For him reconciliation is a process where each party tries both to understand their own role in dispute, conflict or crisis and with some grace can also try to understand their antagonist. For reconciliation to be effected both parties are led towards each other, and standing on the ground of mutual respect, they can see each other. The grace, informed by prayer and reflection, brings to both sides a victory. In seeking to be people who work for reconciliation, when we are not actually in a moment of crisis, he suggested that we try and understand the roots of anger, division and conflict, seeing that very often the person who annoys, upsets or hurts us can be suffering from some stress, crisis, depression or loss and just isn't their best self. Having that insight when we are drawn into difficult situations can helps us to seek the grace of reconciliation.

I hope I have captured a little of what I carried away from that liturgy, a reflection on the Gospel that lingered with me during that day and since then. This experience renewed my faith in the value of even small groups gathering, people participating well and presiders and preachers having a word well prepared. Maybe the 50 minutes is better suited to the Monastery!

cross care

Crosscare Annual Appeal 2022

The Annual Crosscare Collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, September 17th and 18th. This year, Crosscare are looking for help for their Homeless Prevention and Food Poverty Support Services - both of which are coming under increasing demand from people struggling to find accommodation and families coping with increases in fuel prices and the cost of living. We Would ask for your support for Crosscare in next weekend's second collection or by donating online at www.crosscare.ie

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

St Theresa's Bridge Club (Mount Merrion Parish Club) Every Wednesday at 7.15PM Mount Merrion Community Centre Friendly Players & Sociable Crowd

€7 Per Night - Great Value! Prizes Every Week!!

Contact: Phyllis (086-3668744) Fidelma (086-1629019) Kay (086-8446358)



Saturday 10th

6.00 Marie and Don Cockburn – A Brian Taylor - R The Johnson Family - Special Intention Jennie Doolan - 1st A and her

husband Brian - 20th A Sunday 11th

10.00 Vera and Dan King – R Doris Lawlor – R Nancy and Donie Keane R

- 11.30 John Dunne 1st A Margaret Mckay - A Barbara Leahy – 4th A Fr. Malachy Steenson – R.D.
- 7.30 Toni Hannigan 12th A

SEED SAVING

September 6th - October 1st, 2022

DLR Biodiversity

Learn about gathering and storing local seeds to help conserve

Mount Merrion parish's unique biodiversity Seed Exchange and

Scout Garden projects.

4 Weeks: 2 Online Sessions, 4 Field Sessions.

Booking: email:- onboarding@veri.ie

Phone: - 083 0879146

CREATION HOUR 2022

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th,

Church of St. Thérèse, The Rise, Mount Merrion, Co.Dublin

Join us in a celebration of Creation

inspired by Balally parish's

EARTH DAY service, and

featuring excerpts from

Brian Grogan's

CREATION WALK:

THE AMAZING STORY OF A

SMALL BLUE PLANET.

and a seed exchange.

Bring along your garden seeds,

(paper bag/envelope and name of plant or flower).

With reflections, poetry, readings,

at 4pm

TRAINING

Monday 12th

10.00 For all who are ill Tuesday 13th 10.00 Liturgical Service

Saturday 17th 10.00 Sharon Lee - 1st A

6.00 Brian O'Loughlin - A John and Mairead O'Donoghue – A

Sunday 18th

10.00 Ethal O'Donovan – A 11.30 Teresa Hussey – 1st A Rita O'Toole - 11th A Frank Cormican – A Sadie Mannion – 12th A Brendan Conway - 4th A



MOUNT MERRION COMMUNITY CENTRE AND GARDEN

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 12.30 - 3.00 pm

> BRING YOUR PICNIC, A RUG . . . A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT . . .

CELEBRATING THE END OF LOCKDOWNS! *NEW BEGINNINGS*





LAUDATO SI: INSPIRING OUR PARISHES

with

Jane Mellett, Laudato Si Officer, Trocaire

Members of SAGE - Shankill Action for a **Green Earth**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 7-9pm

Parish Community Centre Church of St. Thérèse, Mt. Merrion

You are invited to come along and hear about how parishes are responding to the climate and biodiversity crises, and how Pope Francis' "Laudato SI" encyclical is alerting us to the need to "Care for Our Common Home"

Light Refreshments provided

