

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter 25th September 2022

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A few words from Fr Joe.....

Opening of the academic year Masses and Services are a wonderful

gathering of the whole school community. For many reasons, an energy

the pew. The young people pack so many into each bench that there is

pulsates through the environment when so many students gather with their

teachers in the church. The daily and Sunday congregations tend to spread

out, each person keeping a healthy gap from the person at the other end of

always one practically falling off the end. For the young, their strength is in

Catholics, even at their young age, they have learnt that in church we never

sing out loud in praise of God, nor do we offer responses with all the umph

of which they are able. Our church is still far too solemn. Yet they do bring

I love the opportunity to gather, pray and talk to the whole school

why the message of Jesus Christ that has given my own life meaning,

teachers their choir makes great music which all enjoy.

talented singers, accomplished musicians and with the guidance of talented

community, but I don't find it easy. I admit to being perplexed at times as to

excitement, joy and many challenges just doesn't seem to land in the youth

her inspiration and being her anchor, seeing him as someone who stretched

back and appreciating how faith has helped. For the young growing into life, meeting endless new challenges, coming to know themselves and others,

embracing life with passion it might not be so easy to embrace an anchor!

Reuven Simon and Joseph Sebastian died in a drowning accident in Derry

of life just as they were beginning to live. The loss, grief and shock rippled

community. Each of these communities of life loved them, celebrated their

gifts and mourned their passing. Their classmates cried, prayed and stood in

that young people are innately religious, need ritual and a message of hope,

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Dominican College Sion Hill is holding an Open Evening on Thursday 29th

September from 4:30pm - 7:00pm. The Open Evening is an opportunity for

children and their parents to come in and see the school's range of activities

and facilities at first hand. Sion Hill is a non-fee-paying secondary school for

through the community where they lived, the faith community to which

silence. When I watched that response to loss it renewed my conviction

they belonged and they were buried in the uniforms of their school

just as the school year began. These two typical 16 year olds were taken out

culture of today. Queen Elizabeth spoke of Jesus as her role model giving

out his hands in love, acceptance and healing taught her to seek out and respect and value all people. That is a wisdom that comes late in life looking

closeness, being together, doing something in common. Of course, being

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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



The Monthly Collection for SVP will take place this weekend of 24th and 25th September. Many thanks for your generosity.



XELDA OR CODE Mass collection 60% CLERGY 40% SHARE



girls located in Blackrock.

and they get it.

Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of Noel Duffy, Dr. Padraig Johnson and Michael Gannon whose funerals took place here this week.

Mass Intentions				
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Saturday 24th

10.00 Reddy Day – A 6.00 Rita Kelly – A Monica Maher – 4th A John Maher – 40th A Joan Mythen - A Sunday 25th 10.00 Tony O'Donnell – A Floor Staunton – R.D 11.30 Eoin Fennessy – 6th A Margaret McGreevy – M.M 7.30 Malachy Cregg – A Thursday 29th 10.00 Tom and Frances Mc Kenna – A

Saturday 01st October

10.00 Cicely and John Gallagher – A 6.00 Margaret Burns – A Josephine Doherty – A Angela Caslin – A Deceased members of the Collins and Parkinson Families – A

David Kelly – 3rd A Sunday 02nd October 10.00 Pauline Moriarty – A Brian O'Connor – 1st A Matthew Crotty – 1st A remembering his parents Andrew and Ita Crotty 11.30 Philomena Dillon - A Maighread, Mary and Dr. Desmond McCarthy – A



watch the video at @ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYvtg Lc2E8 or on our website www.mountmerrionparish.ie



"When I look at the heavens, the moon and the stars you have established, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? (PSALM 8:3-4).

https://www.trocaire.org/docu ments/creation-walk-stationsthe-story-of-our-universe/

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

Humans are commanded to care for God's creation. (Genesis 2:15)







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



FLORAL ART GROUP MOUNT MERRION CHURCH



Mount Merrion Parish is renewing its Team that decorates the Church with Flowers at Christmas, Easter and during the School year especially at First Communions and Confirmation Celebrations. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to become part of this dynamic Team, make a valuable contribution to your parish, enjoy great camaraderie and develop lifelong skills and friendships?

Find out more at a **MEETING** in the Community Centre on Friday 30th September 2022 at 10.30am or call Claire on 086-3310023. New Rotas being drawn up!



PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE & CO. MAYO PARISHES WITHIN ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 12th October 2022 €599.00 per person sharing. Price includes 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport. Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement €100.00. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com