



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



The Monthly Collection for SVP will take place the weekend of the 26th and 27th November. Many thanks for your generosity.



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Mass collection
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A few words from Fr Joe.....

Walking through the church grounds the other day I stopped to watch the gardeners at work. One man was blowing the leaves into piles, while another shovelled them into blue bags. His friend was bent over digging small holes under a tree, preparing a place for bulbs which will flower in spring. Another was running the mower over the grass, which amazingly was still growing in the early days of November. All the gardeners were dressed in winter clothes, hats, padded jackets, gloves, slightly reddened faces and just the odd little drip at the end of the nose showing the chilly temperature. I really loved watching these men taking care of the environment around the church as winter creeps in. Now the trees are bare, the flowers have died away and fewer people stop and sit, that's winter.

As nature shows us that dying is a natural part of cycle and rhythm of life, we enter into a month of special remembrance of the dead. Those who left us during the past year are honoured at an annual mass for the bereaved, led by the funeral ministry team, and it's always deeply moving to see so many parishioners and friends, united by a common bond of loss, and yet able to support each other on the journey of grief. We have marked the Feast of All Saints and mark All Souls Day. Many have sat down and written an Altar List, composing memories with the names of generations past. As I wrote my mother's name, Julie, I realised that today, November 13th is her 32nd anniversary, they are gone from us, but never forgotten. Our Scripture reassures that we are a people of hope and the Lord himself has promised to bring us to a place prepared.

Last year in this November note I wrote about a boy tragically killed by a sliotar in a freak accident at school, I wonder how his family are doing, and pray for them. Since then so many have died in war, famine, pandemic and so many accidents. The bravery of another young boy, Hamish O'Flaherty and his courageous words continue to inspire us, speaking at his dad's funeral in Creeslough he encouraged us to "be grateful: for your families, take care of them. Be thankful because you won't have them forever. So, use the time you have wisely."

We can't live in an endless summer, we grow in faith by accepting loss and praying for the dead. We can use our time wisely. May they rest in peace. Amen.



AONACH NA NOLLAG/CHRISTMAS FAIR COLÁISTE EOIN & COLÁISTE ÍOSAGÁIN

The two schools will be holding their Annual Christmas Fair on **Sunday 21st November** between **1.00pm – 4:30pm**. Items for sale such as CAKES, CRAFTS, PLANTS, DVDs, BOTTLES for the Bottle Wheel, PRIZES for the Wheel of Fortune and other items will be gratefully accepted over the next few weeks in the two schools, or feel free to contact 2884002 or 2884028 to arrange for collection. For the first time, this occasion will take place in the larger Sports Hall of the two schools. BOOKS are especially welcome, especially those new, nearly-new or those in the Irish language. All donations gratefully received. [Contact Liam at 2833125](mailto:Liam@2833125) for further information.



Saturday 12th

6.00 Jack O'Loughlin – A

Sunday 13th

10.00 Mary, Jim and their Son
David Larkin – A
Deceased members of
the Meehan and
O'Driscoll Families – A
John and Mary Weafer – A
Sheila and Michael
Brennan – A
Bill Walshe – A
11.30 Christina Williams – A
Joe Maguire – A
7.30 Bobbie and
Paddy Browne – A #

Monday 14th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 15th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Friday 18th

10.00 Brian Glynn – B.R

Saturday 19th

6.00 Conor O'Neill – A

Sunday 20th

10.00 Harold Clarke – M.M
11.30 Joe Kennedy – A
Tom and Nell Sexton – A
Sheila Walshe – A



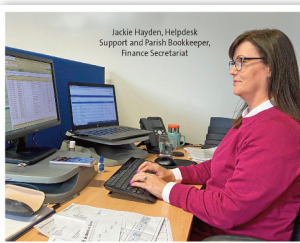
The Lisieux Singers would like to welcome new members. We are a small group who sing at 6pm Mass on Saturdays, with a practice just before Mass. Our current singers are all females in their twenties and we would welcome anyone who thinks they will feel comfortable in our group. If you are interested in joining us, talk to us after Mass or email maedhbh1@gmail.com with your details and we will get back in touch with you.

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SHARE
APPEAL SUNDAY
November 12/13, 2022



Fr Martin Noone, Director of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Patricia Carroll, Director of the Office of Mission & Ministry, Fr Gareth Byrne, Moderator of the Diocesan Catechists, and Mary Irwin, PA to Archbishop Farrell



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FOR YOU THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL SHINE OUT WITH HEALING IN ITS RAYS

As we approach the end of the Church's year, today's readings lead us to think about the passage of time and the end of the world. Though outwardly daunting, they provide a message of hope for those who stay faithful to God's love.

The prophet Malachi (First Reading) uses stark imagery to portray the fate of those who do not respect the Lord. But the ones who remain faithful to him will see the day that is coming as a time of joy and healing.

In the Gospel, Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, but tells us not to fear wars, persecution, and natural disasters. While these things may seem like the end, in fact they are not: he cautions us not to be deceived by those claiming that 'the time has come'. Even when in difficulty, we are not to worry about what to say: the Spirit of Jesus will give us words and wisdom, as we bear witness to Christ. By staying secure in the love that God has for us, we will be held safe.

Paul presents himself as a model to the Thessalonian church (Second Reading), spreading the Good News and earning his keep. He stresses the importance of the whole community working for the good of all, rather than sitting around thinking about the future.

The Psalmist is certain of the Lord's coming, when justice will prevail. All creation is invited to join in the joyful proclamation of that coming.

This week, I may like to pray for trust and inner strength, keeping Christ at my side, and responding to him in every moment of my daily life.



St. Laurence O'Toole,
man of faith,
you had the openness to
accept a position of
leadership in your
community
at an early age.
Bless our young people
with a spirit of generosity
to offer themselves in the
service of the Gospel.

St Laurence O'Toole
Pray for us.