



## Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

22nd January 2023

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### LAUDATE 2023 FESTIVAL

The Laudate 2023 festival events will be celebrated as a follow-on from Catholic Schools Week in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Laudate Festival brings a large choir of several hundred children together in each of the venues below to raise the roof in songs of praise to God and to lead us in reflection. You are invited to add your voice to the gathered singers. The repertoire is suitable for parish choirs and congregational singing for all occasions.

Laudate 2023 Festival Celebrations:

Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road,  
on Tuesday, January 31, 7-8.15pm

**Church of St Therese, Mount Merrion,  
on Wednesday, February 1, 7.00-8.15pm**

Church of the Holy Spirit, Greenhills,  
on Thursday, February 2, Laudate Festival Night

**Entry is free for all. All are welcome.**

### Week of Christian Unity

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from  
18th to 25th of January**

Each year from 18-25th January, the Church prays in particular for the desire of Jesus that all his disciples be united as one. The theme and texts for the Week of Prayer this year has been prepared by an ecumenical group in Minnesota, USA. The theme is: "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17)

Evening Prayer will be offered for this great desire of Jesus at 4.30pm each day at the Carmelite Monastery, Upper Kilmacud Road. More details of guest speakers can be found on the Church notice boards and on the Kilmacud Carmel website: [www.kilmacudcarmel.ie](http://www.kilmacudcarmel.ie).

All are welcome to come and pray with us any or all of the days. We also hope to have a live-stream each evening.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH AND LOVE 22 JANUARY – 29 JANUARY

#### THE DAILY THEMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| Monday:<br>Walking Together<br>in Faith | Tuesday:<br>Walking Together<br>in Love | Wednesday:<br>Walking Together<br>to Celebrate -<br>Grandparents Day | Thursday:<br>Walking Together<br>to Transform our<br>World | Friday:<br>Walking<br>Together<br>in Hope |
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"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord  
require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

(Mic 6:8)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday 21st

10.00 Ann Darcy – A  
Sr. Mary Delourd – 99th Birthday  
Mary Cummins – R.D  
6.00 Ronnie Larkin – MM  
Donald Hickey – A  
The Hilary Family – A  
Margaret O'hUadhaigh – 3rd A

#### Sunday 22nd

10.00 Ministers of the Word – Special Intentions  
Thomas Kevin Smith – 9th A  
Dave Walsh – 5th A  
Bill Lawlor – A  
William Joy – R.D  
11.30 Peter Murphy – 2nd A  
Paddy, Elizabeth and Bridget Duffy – A  
Jim Williams – M.M  
Therese Murphy – 2nd A  
7.30 Nora and Eoin De Blacam – A

#### Monday 23rd

10.00 For all who are ill

#### Tuesday 24th

10.00 Liturgical Service

#### Thursday 26th

10.00 The Shanahan Family – A

#### Saturday 28th

6.00 Doreen Cleary – 1st A  
Paddy and Eileen MacMahon – A

#### Sunday 29th

10.00 Micheál Gabriel Ó'Cuinneagáin – A  
Clodna Drury Byrne – M.M  
11.30 John Sheridan – 1st A  
Kathleen Hogan – M.M  
John Donnellan – A  
7.30 Tom and Peggy Duffy - A

### JANUARY 22ND: SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

At the end of 2019, the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis proposed setting aside one Sunday a year given over entirely to the Word of God - marking the reality that without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and his Church in the world would be incomprehensible. As St. Jerome reminded us, 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ'.

Today is a day to give thanks for the Word of God, which we hear in our readings whenever we attend Mass or other liturgical ceremonies. The Three Year Sunday Cycle [Years A, B, and C] gives us readings from the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke - with connected First Readings from the Old Testament - and a continuous reading from the letters of St. Paul. We get St. John's Gospel throughout the year as it fits the feast we are marking and in the Weekday Two Year Cycle [I and II], we get an opportunity to hear about many of the best known events from the Old Testament and the Book of Revelation.

Today is also a day to express our appreciation to our Ministers of the Word, who proclaim our readings and our priests who help us to apply what we hear to the bits and pieces of our daily lives.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 'DO THIS IN MEMORY' FAMILY PREPARATION



This weekend we welcome the boys and girls who will be receiving their First Holy Communion in May to our Family Mass. This is an opportunity for us all to remember to pray for them and their families over the next few weeks as they prepare for their special day.

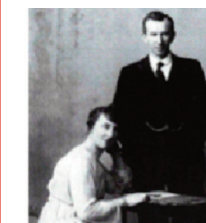


### MOUNT MERRION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**Fionán Lynch rebel Kerryman to Circuit Court Judge**

*presented by Tim Lynch assisted by daughter Lasara*



*Tim Lynch, Mount Merrion resident, is Professor of Neurology, University College Dublin and holds many other notable medical positions publishing over eighty articles in peer-reviewed journals on the genetics of Parkinson's disease, neurodegeneration and other movement disorders. Tim is a direct descendant of Fionan Lynch and his daughter Lasara won an award for her school project on Fionán Lynch.*

**8.00pm Thursday 2nd February 2023**

**THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MOUNT MERRION**

Admission: Members No charge (see Season Membership) Non-Members: €4.00 (Students €2.00). While the Society will endeavour to deliver the published agenda, lectures and speakers may be changed due to circumstances outside its control

## CARING FOR ALL CREATION



## You are invited to a screening of "The Letter"

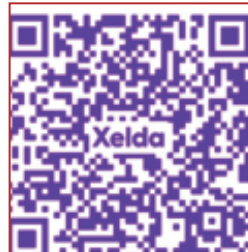
In 2015, Pope Francis made a powerful intervention in the story of climate change. The encyclical (Papal letter), called "Laudato Si - Praise be to you" from St. Francis' "Canticle of the Creatures", is a celebration in a new documentary – though in keeping with Pope Francis's own style, he is not the centre of the story. Instead, the documentary draws our attention to voices from the margins, from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawaii. As a diverse group of activists travel to Rome to meet the Pope and share their perspectives, we get an active demonstration of what it means to seek the Common Good.

**Date: Thursday, January 26th  
@ 7.30pm-9.30pm**

**Venue: Community Centre,  
Church of St. Therese, Mt. Merrion**

**Mount Merrion Care for Creation Group**

*Light refreshments available*



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**Mass collection**  
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Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **John Corr** whose funeral took place here this week.