



# Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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Charity Registration No. 20016166

### 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



The Monthly Collection for SVDP will take place the weekend of the **26th and 27th February**.

Many thanks for your generosity.



**XELDA QR CODE**  
Mass collection  
60% CLERGY  
40% SHARE

### A few words from Fr Joe.....

Every time I meet or chat with Fr Donie he shares just how many people have asked him about how I'm getting on, so to ease the demands on him, and others, to answer that question I thought it might be a good idea to give a little update myself.

It's just about 6 weeks now since I had surgery to remove my problematic prostate. The operation was both uncomplicated and successful, and to date I've had no set backs at all. So, I've been experiencing the miracle of healing, discovering that the body is programmed to repair itself, that pain and discomfort which were so evident in the first couple of weeks somehow dissipate and day by day strength returns. I will be a happier man when the waterworks begin to function normally and exercise and excursions will be manageable again.

At a time like this one of the joys is being on the receiving end of care and support. I have three sisters and they generously made themselves available, in a rota, so that I had company and an extra set of hands for the first couple of weeks. During this time family, friends and parishioners have offered prayers and support and endless little moments of kindness have helped keep me in good spirits. Cards have dropped thought the letter box, texts and messages popped up on the phone all offering a kind and encouraging word. For some strange reason, many of those who have been in touch encourage me to take whatever time is necessary to heal, advising me not to rush back, to have patience, not an easy mind set for me!

I guess this is about the half way point and I imagine that getting back to work by the end of March is entirely likely. I really appreciate the extra effort that the other members of the team here are making to allow me this space, everyone has been so generous and understanding. Thank you all and I hope to see you soon when health and strength are restored.

### PEOPLE OF HOPE - FAITH SHARING GROUP

The holy season of Lent is just around the corner. Are you looking for a focus this Lent? Are you hungry for the Word of God, spiritual nourishment?

Please join us as we reflect on the Scriptures from the Sundays in Lent. Each of the six sessions (60 minutes) uses a different character from the Lenten Scriptures as a focus for reflection and sharing. The "People of Hope" for the six sessions are JESUS; PETER, JAMES AND JOHN; SAMARITAN WOMAN; BLIND MAN; LAZARUS; and US. The resource has been provided by the Archdiocese of Dublin Office of Mission and Ministry and the meetings will be facilitated by Bernadette Mclvor.

The meetings will take place in the Meeting Room of the Parish Office from 10.30 - 11.30 on the following Wednesdays - Feb 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

Please leave your name and telephone number with the Parish Office (01 2881271) by Monday February 20th if you would like to attend.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday 18th

6.00 Joe Cosgrave – 1st A  
Patricia Campbell – 10th A  
Walter, Jim and Nellie Parkinson – A  
Eamon Larkin – 12th A  
Roma and Nino Cafolla – A  
Carmel Hynes – 12th A

#### Sunday 19th

10.00 Noreen O'Driscoll – R.D  
Joan Doyle – R.D  
Christine Nolan - A  
Joseph Conroy – R.D  
11.30 Jean Munnelly – 1st A  
Nell Sexton – A and Tom Sexton – R  
Margaret Shanahan - A  
James Lawlor - A

#### Monday 20th

10.00 For all who are ill  
Karl Grafen – R.D  
Special Intention

#### Tuesday 21st

10.00 Liturgical Service

#### Wednesday 22nd Ash Wednesday

### NOTICE

There will be no 7.30pm Mass on Sunday 26th February due to the Goethe Choir, St. Matthew's Passion Concert at 7pm

### UKRAINIAN FAMILY IN NEED OF ACCOMMODATION IN VICINITY OF MOUNT MERRION

It has come to our attention that a Ukrainian family (Mum and two children) who have been living in Mount Merrion require new accommodation. The children are settled in one of our national schools so understandably they would very much like to stay in the general area. The government payment of €800 a month is available. If you think you might know of suitable accommodation, please contact the parish office for further details. Please also pray for the family.

### SOLEY HAITI



A collection will be taken up this weekend the 18th & 19th February for the final classroom in Fr Tony Junior High. Your support is hugely appreciated. Donations can also be made online at [www.soleyhaiti.org](http://www.soleyhaiti.org)

### BUILDING HOPE: LENTEN TALKS

Across the Diocese, 90% of parish responses to the 2022 Building Hope survey stated the need for Faith Formation. Parish ministers and interested parishioners are invited to the "Building Hope through God's Word" workshop, and the 5 sessions on "Building Hope Through Servant Leadership" . The Framework for Pastoral Renewal schema illustrates the Servant Leadership dimension.

### BUILDING HOPE THROUGH SERVANT LEADERSHIP



Five sessions on Monday Events in Lent to introduce you to the practice of servant leadership.

**27th February**  
**6th March**  
**13th March**  
**20th March**  
**27th March**

All at 7.30pm to 9pm  
in St Paul's Centre for Mission and Ministry Arran Quay

This is especially for all those in parish ministries and pastoral councils.

Led by Peter Siney and Patricia Carrol from the Office for Mission and Ministry

To register please email [peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie)

### NOTICE



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Paul Regan** whose funeral took place here this week.

An SMA missionary priest will visit the parish on Saturday **25th and Sunday 26th February** to speak at all the masses about Mission Awareness and their work in Africa.

Envelopes will be available for those who want to make a contribution. Thank You.

### BACH'S ST. MATTHEW PASSION

7pm Sunday 26 February 2023 in the church of St. Thérèse, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin

The Goethe Choir is delighted to be able to present a performance of JS Bach's magnificent St. Matthew Passion, one of the cornerstones of western civilisation, this is a rare opportunity to hear the work performed live in Ireland and one not to be missed. The performance will be conducted by our musical director John Dexter