



The Season of Lent



# Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

5th March 2023

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## God has saved us by his own grace

Today's readings encourage us to think about our journey of faith in the company of the transfigured Lord, and the importance of trusting in the call and grace of God our Father.

The **First Reading** tells of God's astonishing call to Abram to abandon his land, his family and his nation, and Abram's generous response. With divine blessing and guidance, Abram (who becomes Abraham) finds a new home and a new life, serving as an example to us all.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul makes it clear that we are called to holiness: a holiness not of our own making, but of God. Like Timothy, we are reminded that we are not alone. We are invited to rely on the divine power and grace revealed by the life and death of Christ Jesus. Like Abraham, we, too, must learn to live by trusting in God's grace and his calling of us. **(Second Reading)**

Trust in God the Father is exemplified above all in the life of Jesus. Today's **Gospel** shows him transfigured on the mountain top, radiant with divine light. The Father proclaims Jesus as his Beloved Son, and adds the all-important invitation: 'Listen to him'.

The Psalm meditates on the creative power of the Lord, encouraging us to put our trust in the One who fills the earth with his love.

This week, we may like to pray for a deepening personal relationship with Christ Jesus. We ask to listen to his voice, to hear his call to personal ministry, and to feel his touch in our daily lives.

## Walk While You Can on Tour 2023 'The Camino' - A walk of Remembrance

This year marks the fifth anniversary of the original 'Walk While You Can' charity walk, organised by Fr. Tony Coote and friends, to raise funds and awareness in the fight against Motor Neurone Disease.



To mark this anniversary, and to bring the WWYC community together once again, we are taking the event on tour, walking the Camino trail in northern Spain.

Would You be interested in walking with the family and friends of Fr. Tony on the dates **Sunday June 25th to Sunday July 2nd 2023**? This is an open invite and all walkers would be most welcome. Craic is guaranteed as is the Sunshine.

If you are interested in joining us on this Walk of Remembrance and would like some more information, please email *Kieran Coote* at [kierancoote@gmail.com](mailto:kierancoote@gmail.com) to receive an information pack.

*Hope begins with one step, change happens with many (Fr. Tony)*

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday 04th March**  
6.00 Loretta Moran – 1st A  
Edward Warren – MM
- Sunday 05th March**  
10.00 Margaret and Colm Boland – A  
Anne and Brian Rush – A  
Ellen Lucas – A  
David Nolan  
11.30 Joe Lynch – M.M  
Stanley Linehan – 1st A
- Monday 06th**  
10.00 For all who are ill
- Tuesday 07th**  
10.00 Liturgical Service
- Thursday 09th**  
10.00 Josephine Kennedy – A
- Saturday 11th**  
6.00 Aidan Moran – 3rd A
- Sunday 12th**  
10.00 Gerard Cooney – 3rd A  
11.30 Eileen McCann – A  
7.30 Bridget Horgan – 2nd A

## 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



Archdiocese of Dublin

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

**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)

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## 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



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Paul Dowley and Joan McSwiney** whose funerals took place here this week.

## RELIGIOUS ITEMS FOR SALE

Sisters from St Elizabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus will be with us on the weekend of the **4th & 5th March**, before and after Mass. They sell icons, cards, pottery items, rosaries etc to raise funds for their orphanage. Please support them if you can. All proceeds to support an orphanage and psychiatric hospital.



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Mass collection  
60% CLERGY  
40% SHARE



## 50th Anniversary Prayer

We pray for God's blessing on the work of Trócaire. We pray that all people may continue to work together for the respect of our shared human dignity and shared human rights.

We thank God for the partners and generous supporters who have enabled Trócaire to continue their work for over fifty years, empowering communities to work together for a just world.

We pray for peace and may that peace be mine and yours, and with all people experiencing crises in our world.  
Amen

*In Somalia, Trócaire works with local education committees to support girls to stay in school in the Gedo region. (Photo: Joy Obuya/Trócaire)*

## THE CHRISTIAN IMAGINATION. THE 'CAMINO' OF THE LENT READINGS.

**Kieran O'Mahony**

**Monday March 6th 7pm**

**St Mary's Church, Haddington Road**

Followed by refreshments and conversations

Kieran O'Mahony OSA is an Augustinian priest and a scripture scholar. He lectures in the Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy, as Associate Professor and Head of Department. Over the years, Kieran has developed a special interest in the lectionary (the cycle of readings on Sundays) and has published a series of 9 books on the readings from Advent to Pentecost.

He is also a founder member of the Tarsus Scripture School, the online bible studies service. Currently, he is assisting in Donnybrook Parish. When not mulling over the Bible, archaeology and history, Kieran cycles a good deal and enjoys the music of JS Bach.

His own website is [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie)



There are as many ways to pray as there are moments in life.

Sometimes you seek out a quiet spot and you want to be alone, sometimes you look for a friend and you want to be together. Sometimes you'd like a book or some music. Sometimes you want to sing with hundreds, sometimes only a whisper with a few. Sometimes you want to say it with words, sometimes with a deep silence. In all those moments, you gradually make your life more a prayer and you open your hands to be led by God even to where you would rather not go. Henri J.M. Nouwen