



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



Laudato Si Week May 21st-28th
"Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity"



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A few words from Fr Joe.....

From May 21st-29th we are all invited to make a Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. A prayer has been specially written and will be spoken aloud at every Mass, in every church, in every parish uniting the whole Christian community in asking the Spirit to 'revive and renew us, inspire and enthuse us, unbind and release us'. Archbishop Farrell and his team have taken on the task of Building Hope and we can all benefit from this positive expression of faith and be encouraged on the road to renewal. So, do please respond generously to this invitation to prayer and know that the Spirit can and will convert hearts and minds and transform our parishes.

Another part of the 'Building Hope' process is to ask parishes to work ever more closely in partnership, sharing resources and priests and making the most of what we can do in common. We were asked to form a 'partnership parish council' and the first task to be considered was the review of the Summer Mass Schedule. This group has met for the first time and reflected on the guidelines given by the diocese and suggested reducing the number of Masses this summer. It is proposed to have a Vigil Mass in Kilmacud and Mount Merrion at 6.00pm and one morning Mass in each parish, 10.00am in Mount Merrion, 10.30am in Clonskeagh and 11.30am in Kilmacud and then one Sunday evening Mass in Mount Merrion at 7.30pm. I am sharing this with you now for consideration, reflection and comment and then a final decision will be made and the times published before the end of the month. Parishioners are welcome to email me or drop a note into the parish office. The guidelines given by the Diocese are available on their website under 'Building Hope'

Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

for the renewal of the Church
in the Archdiocese of Dublin

May 21 to 29, 2023

Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us

Open our eyes to see God's grace around us
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us
Open our hearts to welcome God among us

Send us out with joy to live the Gospel
Send us out with peace to act as one
Send us out with love to build up hope

Archdiocese of Dublin

Building Hope through
Prayer, Reflection and Planning



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Lisa Comer and John Tonge** whose funerals took place here.



Saturday 13th

6.00 Eileen Curran- M.M
Eamonn Mongey – 10th A
Joan McCann – R.D
David Egan - A

Sunday 14th

10.00 Alice Murphy -A
Jim Murphy - A
Jim and Eva Coyne – A
11.30 Con McCullagh – 20th A
Vera Murphy – M.M
Patrick Lydon – 49th A
7.30 Patrick Quinn – A

Monday 15th

10.00 For all who are ill
Reddy Day – R

Wednesday 17th

10.00 Barbara Mercer – R.D

Thursday 18th

10.00 Sr. Kathleen Halpin – A

Friday 19th

10.0 Anne McGlynn – A

CALLING ALL INTERESTED IN FLOWER ARRANGING!

The Altar Society is looking for Help....
New members are needed to assist with
the Floral Decorations in our Church.

A Flower Demonstration/Class will be
held in September to train and encourage
anyone interested in volunteering. All
welcome.

Please contact **Claire on**
086 -3310023 for further details.

Your time and Gods time Eucharistic Adoration Church of St. Thérèse

Take a break and join us in prayer on
Sunday May 28th. This is a time for
families, students and all to seek God's
help, seeking his guidance and support
and deepen our connection with him.

11:30 AM: Family mass
12:30 PM: Adoration, reflection, and
personal prayer
1:30 PM: Group Rosary and Divine
Mercy chaplet
2:30 PM: Confession and personal
prayer
3:30-4:00 PM: Closing prayer and words
with Fr. Peter.

Bring your prayer intentions, and
experience the power of collective prayer.

'The Father will give you another Advocate to be with you forever'

Easter tide is nearly at an end. There is a sense that an important event is about to happen. As the readings this week seek to reassure us, we will not be left without comforting support.

In the **First Reading**, we see how active the Apostles are in spreading the Good News. They are welcomed even in Samaria and the people receive the Holy Spirit.

The **Psalm** expresses the joy they must have felt. We can imagine the grateful disciples praying: 'Before you all the earth shall bow, shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

But all was not plain sailing for these new communities. They often encountered persecution (**Second Reading**). Peter tries to encourage them, reminding them of the sufferings of the innocent Jesus. They are to answer their accusers with courtesy and respect.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus reassures his friends. He will not leave them without support, as 'orphans', but will ask his Father to send them help after he has left. The Spirit of truth will be with them.

In my prayer this week, I may want to reflect on Jesus's promises and draw strength from them, so that I can speak to others about my beliefs with greater confidence.



"May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble prayer and loving service"
Building Hope prayer

Patrick Finn Lectures 2023



The talk will take place in our Parish community room inside the church building. The talk is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served and other costs should be much appreciated.

Ciarán O'Carroll is the former Rector of the Irish College in Rome, currently Parish Priest of our neighbouring parish in Donnybrook, and Vicar for Priests of the Archdiocese of Dublin. He is an historian and author of a remarkable book on Cardinal Cullen, Paul Cullen: Cullen Portrait of a Pastoral Revolution (Dublin, Veritas, 2016).

Thursday May 18th 7pm
St Mary's Church, Haddington Road



Can you spare an hour or two for Hospice Sunflower Days?

Sunflower Days is one of Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services most important fundraising events of the year!

- Our volunteers will be returning to shopping centres all over South Dublin on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th June.
- We are currently recruiting volunteers for South Dublin– a few hours can make all the difference!
- Please contact Anne Harrington on 087 6764586 or aharrington@olh.ie



SVP collection will take place the weekend 27th and 28th May.
Many thanks for your generosity.