



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

All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on **Saturday June 3rd** from 1pm in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin. A bus will leave from Dublin. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment. [Ring Loirín: 087 241 2611](tel:0872412611)



XELDA QR CODE
Mass collection
60% CLERGY
40% SHARE

A few words from Fr Joe.....

I often wondered what it is like to work in a charity shop. I can just imagine families dropping in bags and boxes containing the things too good to throw out, but not special enough to keep, the bits and pieces of someone now gone from us. The people who donate, definitely want this gift to be a blessing for someone else, a stranger who will give new life to old things. I had a mini experience of this recently when a family member dropped in a box of bits and pieces that had belonged to her uncle, a Vincentian priest, who had taught me in school.

When Fr Frank died many years ago his sister had been given his possession and had filled a drawer with them in her home, where they had sat undisturbed for many years. She died recently and I celebrated her funeral, so her niece thought that we might benefit from these religious items.

I sat down and opened the box, taking out first his 'Stole' the decorated garment he wore when celebrating the sacraments. Then an Icon of Our Lady, he was devoted to our heavenly mother. Next prayer books, old and new and finally a flag from the Eucharistic Congress of 1932, a family heirloom that he had looked after, all folded up in tissue and protected in a cardboard box. And there it was, reminders of a man who ministered, prayed and read, devoted to his family, his students and his community.

I think of him all the more this weekend because of Pentecost. He was a member of Charismatic Renewal in the 70's and ran 'Life in the Spirit' seminars in school for us as teenagers. He believed that with The Holy Spirit all things were possible, he prayed that this same Spirit would be in our hearts, enlighten our minds, and help us boys to become adult followers of the Lord, and to do great things. He believed in us like a parent does with their own child and he prayed for us constantly. So many memories came back opening that box, and I'm delighted to wear his stole, read his books and pray with his Icon. His spirit lives on.

**"The Holy Spirit
is the living presence of God in the Church.
He keeps the Church moving forward.
More and more, beyond the limits, onwards.
The Holy Spirit with His gifts guides the Church.
You cannot understand the Church of Jesus
without this Paraclete,
whom the Lord sends us for this very reason...
And we Christians must ask the Lord for the grace of
docility to the Holy Spirit,
who speaks to us in our heart...
who is always speaking to us."**



Our sympathies to the families,
relatives and friends of **Marion Lane**
whose funeral took place here.

PATRICIAN MEETING

Subject: My Bible
Speaker: Richard Liffey
Date : 29th May 2023 At 8.10pm
Venue: Community Centre,
Mount Merrion. All Are Welcome



Saturday 27th May

10.00 Andrew Fitzgerald – R.D
Dolores Brown – R.D
6.00 John O'Neill - M.M
Freda Killian – A
Paul Creevy – A
Joan Hughes – A
Anthony Haniver – R.D

Sunday 28th

10.00 Brid McCarthy – A
Charles Murtagh – A
Vincent and Bob Kelly – A
Joseph and Sheila Arkins – A
11.30 Mary Irwin – 7th A
Paul Robinson – A
Josef and Barbara Brezina – A
7.30 Jim King – A
Kevin Costelloe – A

Monday 29th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 30th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 31st

10.00 Frank McCaffrey – 1st A

Thursday 1st

10.00 Valerie Mac Amhlaigh -19th A
Gus Mac Amhlaigh - 13th A

YOUR TIME AND GOD'S TIME EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Church of St. Thérèse
North Avenue, Co Dublin A94YW74



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.
4:00 PM: Tea and coffee in the community centre.

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

'Peace be with you!'

'Peace be with you!' With these words the Risen Lord stood amongst his fear-filled followers (**Gospel**). He breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. With their hearts filled with joy, Jesus sent them out to bring the fire of his love to all.

With the Holy Spirit transforming their lives, the disciples began speaking in many different languages (**First Reading**). Christ was calling them to share the Gospel to the whole world. We too are baptised in this same Spirit.

Each of us has been given a unique gift, so that together as a community we become the risen Christ, bringing love and goodness to all people (**Second Reading**). Filled with the Holy Spirit we become a new creation in the Lord.

The Psalm joyfully proclaims a time of rejuvenation as the spirit of the Lord moves over the earth.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us ask for a spirit of renewal for the whole Christian community. We pray that we may overcome any fear, doubt or differences, and be united in giving expression to the joy of Resurrection, each of us doing so in our own unique way, whilst rooted in the same spirit of transforming love.



THE LETTER

The Letter tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss Pope Francis' Creation encyclical LAUDATO SI, with the Pope himself. LS encourages us to see how "everything is connected". The way we treat the Earth, our common home, is a reflection of how we treat each other. Caring for each other means caring for the home we share. SEE www.theletterfilm.org to view the film and to read or download the Laudato Si text.



**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](tel:0876764586) or aharrington@olh.ie

FEAST OF PENTECOST



As we celebrate 'the great beginning of the Church,' the coming of the Holy Spirit to the confused and astonished disciples, the scripture readings give contrasting images of what that experience might be like.

In the first reading, the gift of the Holy Spirit is an overwhelming experience, full of the noise and power of wind and the warmth of fire, but then in John's Gospel Jesus gives the Holy Spirit as gently and quietly as His breath.

We praise God for this great Gift, and ask for a new outpouring in our day. We pray for ourselves, and for Christian communities all over the world, that however the Holy Spirit comes to us in our particular circumstances, we may recognise that Presence, as life-giving encouragement to grow in faith, hope and trust in the Lord.

Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples took the message of Jesus out into the streets of Jerusalem, and from there, to the whole world. May we too spread the Good News of Jesus by our words, our actions and our way of being.

**Come, Holy Spirit, breathe
new life into your people.
Show us the true meaning of
the gospel and enkindle our
hearts with a love that will
transform our lives! Amen**



Saint Joseph's Young Priests Society's annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday June 24th**. Places are limited and should you wish to join us in visiting this beautiful shrine please contact **Bernie** on [01 2884665](tel:012884665) to book your place.