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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 | 7:30pm

SVP
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Monthly Collection for SVDP will take place this weekend of the 26th and 27th August. Many thanks for your generosity.

Rest in Peace

Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Kevin John O’Gorman, Edward (Ted) Humphries and Caitlín (Cití) Uí Chochláin** whose funeral took place here.

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Mass collection
60% CLERGY
40% SHARE

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

27th August 2023

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A few words from Fr Joe.....

I saw a message online from Charlie Bird with an update on his condition and mention that he is now under hospice care where he lives in Wicklow. He said that his great hope is to meet his end, at home, surrounded by those who love him the most. He also gave a little plug for the Hospice coffee morning to come. His courage and resilience as he lives with MND is so reminiscent of Fr Tony, whose 4th anniversary we mark next week on August 29th. We continue to thank God for Fr Tony’s life and ministry and the many ways he inspired people to reflect on the gift of life, the call of Christ and to live the Gospel message of love and joy. May his encouragement for prayer, lay ministry, for life long learning and an inclusive and progressive Church continue to bear fruit. This vision of Church is captured within the Synodal Process of renewal that continues to unfold at this time, with a special focus on creation and the church being a home for all and welcoming place for the poor and marginalised. It is our common task to bring this to life, here and now, by the way we share our gifts, time and talent and commit to enthusiastic service within the faith community. The power of change is in our hands and the Spirit of God is alive and active in our midst.

End of the summer schedule of weekend Masses.

This weekend we conclude the summer schedule and return from Sept 2nd to the familiar schedule of Masses. Any feedback on the experience of the summer schedule is welcome and the Parish Pastoral Council would be happy to hear comments from parishioners.

Walk While You Can on Tour 2023 ‘The Camino’.
A walk of Remembrance

Greetings friends and Parishioners of Mount Merrion some good news for you. Our inaugural Camino walk has been successfully completed. It was truly an amazing experience to walk the hills and valleys of beautiful north-west Spain, along the trails that pilgrims have walked for a thousand years and more. I was honoured to walk with a fantastic group of individuals from your parish and beyond. Our walk of remembrance will truly be remembered by all of us.

I would like to thank you all for all your kindness and support before and during our endeavours. We felt the love and it helped us all up some of the many hills we encountered. We have also raised a considerable sum in aid of the Irish Motor Neuron Assoc. and will be presenting our cheque to them after Saturdays six o clock mass, a mass at which Fr.Tony will be remembered. Hopefully we will see you there to offer our thanks in person.

‘Hope begins with one step, change happens with many’

Thank You.
Warmest Regards
Kiera

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 26th
10.00 Mass for Life
6.00 Fr. Tony Coote – 4th A
Tommy McLoughlin – 4th A
Eileen O’Kane – A and Joseph O’Kane – R
James Dupla Hopkins – Special Intention

Sunday 27th
10.00 Noeline Fitzgerald – M.M
Helen and Arthur McRory – RD
Vincent Feehan – A
Michael Lydon -21st A
Yvonne Little - R.D

15.30 Blessing of the Hands Ceremony
7.30 Dermot Deering – A
Mary O’Colmáin – A

Monday 28th
10.00 For all who are ill
Ciara Squires – Special Intention

Tuesday 29th
10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 30th
10.00 Special Intention
Thursday 31st
10.00 Kevin Dinnen – A

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage
7th – 12th September, 2023

Thank you to everyone for donations received so far. The Dublin Diocese undertakes two pilgrimages to Lourdes each year. The pilgrimage in September is one of the biggest events in the Diocesan calendar and is lead by the Archbishop. Any further donations gratefully received. They can be left into the Parish Office.

Beginning in September, a new Diocesan Youth Leadership Course will take place. This course will equip young adults to take on leadership roles in their parish setting and for peer-to-peer ministry, as well as training those looking to accompany young adults in their parish. Each month, new skills are learnt and will be put into practice at the retreat day which will be shaped and organised by the course participants. For more information email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Please bless all children in the new school year. Give them strenght to learn, concentrate and act in love towards their classmates. Watch over them at home and at school. When days become challenging, grant them peace and relaxation. Guide them in their mind, thoughts and body.

We thank you for this new school year and ask that you bless the students, families and teachers that make school such a wonderful place.

Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023
A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
SEPTEMBER 1st 2023

"Dear brothers and sisters.....the theme of this year's Season of Creation is inspired by Amos 5:24 'Let Justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream'. God wants justice to reign....it is as essential to our life as God's children as water is for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed. When we 'seek first the kingdom of God' (Mt 6.33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures".

In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared Synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again and the Holy Spirit hover over the waters and guide our efforts to 'renew the face of the earth'. (Ps 104:30) POPE FRANCIS, Rome, May 2023

‘But you, who do you say I am?’

Today’s readings focus on the way God looks on the lowly, the ones who need help.

The **Gospel** encourages us to reflect on our own faith in Jesus. As we seek to answer truthfully Jesus’s question about his identity, we may also ponder on Peter, a simple fisherman, who is given the keys of the Kingdom and entrusted to build the Lord’s church.

In the **First Reading**, a lowly servant is also given keys. He is entrusted with authority and will become a father to the nations. The key of the house of David is on his shoulder.

The **Psalm** expresses the gratitude of a lowly person. In their distress they call and the Lord answers, giving them the strength they need.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, asks several questions that no one can really answer. Thereby he leads us to realise the omnipotence, benevolence and wisdom of God.

This week, like St Paul, we might also want to give glory to the Lord. Through our prayer we trust that God will help and empower the lowly and the needy, whether near at hand or further afield.

SUMMER WEEKEND MASS TIMES		
KILMACUD	MOUNT MERRION	CLONSKEAGH
WEEKEND MASS TIMES	WEEKEND MASS TIMES	WEEKEND MASS TIMES
SATURDAY 6.00pm	SATURDAY 6.00pm	SUNDAY 10.30am
SUNDAY 11.30am	SUNDAY 10.00am 7.30pm	