



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



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



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Mass collection
60% CLERGY
40% SHARE

A few words from Fr Joe.....

Kilmacud Parish hosted an excellent talk on the Synod about a week ago. The only female Secretary General of a Department in the Irish Bishops Conference, Julieann Moran was the speaker. Her address on the Synod pathway was passionate, informed and lively. At one point, she used the expression 'optics' when describing an experience at the European Synod meeting in Prague. She had gone into the opening session, where all the countries of Europe were reporting back on the Synod outcomes in their own country. To her amazement the room was laid out with rows of seats facing a stage, where 6 priests or bishops were sitting up on high looking down, and all the participants, men and women, lay and ordained were on the lower level. She recounted how she had stood and asked to speak, and in her address challenged the optics of the men on the stage. She encouraged them to come down into the gathering and in the format of every other meeting in the whole synod process, sit in a circle where all can listen to each other.

I was fascinated to see the images of the opening of the next chapter of the Synod of the whole church in Rome this week. In the Paul VI Hall there were only round tables, Pope Francis sat on the same level as the participants and addressed them eye to eye. I don't think anyone could be other than impressed with the optics of that moment.

The Synod is important, new ideas are being explored, men clerical and lay and some women are full participants, with voting rights, a first for the church. We are all invited to accompany the Synod with prayer, to read about it in a weekly Synod newsletter, and to talk to each other about it. I hope it's not just the optics that are changing!

WOULD YOU CONSIDER SERVING AS A MINISTER FOR THE EUCHARIST?

Mount Merrion Parish is blessed with a great team of Ministers for the Eucharist catering for all the weekday and weekend Masses. But we need more help!

We will have further details next weekend at all the weekend masses, and a number of existing ministers will better outline what is involved. Following this, we will have an information meeting/training in early November for all those interested. Even if you decide not to continue with the process to be commissioned a Minister of the Eucharist, we would encourage people to come along at this point to gain a deeper understanding of the role, and its function in the church.

If you have any questions or wish to indicate in interest in coming to the training/Information meeting, please contact us on 083 881 7171 or leave your details with Vivienne in the parish office (parishoffice@mountmerrionparish.ie).



Saturday 7th October

6.00 Manie Kelly – R.D

Sunday 8th October

10.00 Maureen Craddock – A
(also remembering Eileen, Felix and Alice Craddock)

Pauline Moriarty – A

Bridie Gallagher – A

Bonnie O'Sullivan – 1st A

11.30 Betty King – A

Linda McEnroe – 2nd A

Oona Linehan – 10th A

Sean Mulligan – A

Hal and Marcella McCarthy – A

7.30 Linda McEnroe – 2nd A

Monday 9th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 10th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Friday 13th

10.00 Michael Healy – M.M

ARISE!
Diocesan Youth Leadership Certificate

September 30th
Finding Your Place: Voluntary Ministry

October 28th
Leading Prayer: Advent and Lent

November 25th
Laudato Si'

December 16th
Lectio Divina and Bible Exploration

January 27th
Communicating Faith

February 17th
Discerning the Way Forward

April 27th
Retreat and Graduation

Cost for 6 Modules & Retreat: €70 (€50 Student Rate)

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ARISE!
Just a Young Adult Ministry



The Synod on Synodality – Communion, Participation and Mission, opened in Rome on October 4th, representing the next stage in the process of listening and discerning what God wants from us His People in the world of today.

Copies of this week's synodal newsletter are available in the Church or parish office

'The Vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel'

The image of the people of God as a vineyard is familiar in the Scriptures. We can rejoice in seeing the Church as the vineyard of the Lord, but we also need to respond to God's gifts and use them well.

In Isaiah's 'Song of the Vineyard', God has made the people of Israel his vineyard (**First Reading**). He lovingly cares for it, but sadly the people fail to respond.

The **Psalm** picks up the same theme. It is an appeal to God to turn again and visit the vine he has planted.

The vineyard appears in the **Gospel** too, but here the tenants are reproached. Not only are they not profitable, but they murder the owner's son.

St Paul writes that the peace of God is ours if we can only trust in him (**Second Reading**). We are to pursue all that is good and pure, and produce the fruit worthy of the Lord.

This week, may we be full of thanksgiving for all that we have received, and always turn to the Lord in prayer.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2023, October 10th

The UN's World Mental Health Day is celebrated annually on October 10th. This year's theme is "Mental Health is a Global Human Right". See www.mentalhealthireland.ie and their special WMHD 2023 website.

See also www.stpatricks.ie for the launch of their WMHD 2023 advocacy campaign "Accept, Act, Adapt" which encourages people across Ireland to look towards a future where mental health is accepted without stigma and where people adapt to support MH in their daily lives.



APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
LAUDATE DEUM
Of the Holy Father Francis
To all people of good will on the climate crisis

VATICAN NEWS: LAUNCH of POPE FRANCIS "LAUDATE DEUM"

On October 4th - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation "LAUDATE DEUM" (Praise God), a follow-up to his Encyclical "LAUDATO SI".

In the new document, Pope Francis says "Our responses have not been adequate" and "We must reconsider the question of human power, its meaning, and its limits" as "a healthy ecology is the result of interaction between humans and the environment". See <https://www.vaticannews.va/en>