

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: Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am | 11.30am | 7:30pm



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of Christopher Philip Dowling whose funeral took place here.





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"Pollination at the

Parish Community

Centre'

A few words from Fr Joe.....

I was invited to the home of a young woman whose wedding was coming up so that I could get to know her parents. The senior couple lived in a very fine house, with large well-proportioned rooms, many open fires, lovely art on the walls and then as the invitation was for Sunday lunch we got to see the dining room too. I've actually never been in a private home with a table which seats 24, but there it was, quite stunning. As we walked in I noticed that there were no places set for us at this huge table, as we were seated at the smaller table set in the bay window. As I looked around this wonderful room my eye was drawn to the two floor to ceiling cabinets, one full of Waterford Crystal, the other Silver. There was a glass for every drink, one for water, at least three sizes for wine, two for sherry and one for liquors, 24 of everything, it was a lot of glass and I couldn't imagen how they kept it all clean. The other cabinet held his collection of silver gravy dishes, collected over a life time, there must have been almost 50 of them. The conversation at the table included a bit of about where the young couple would live, a modern apartment, where the talk of glass was all about the sliding patio doors and silver was the colour of their appliances. Would they be expecting to start their own collection of Waterford Glass I asked, maybe from wedding gifts? Well they roared laughing, there was no interest or place in their lives for the things their parents held so dear. I've rarely been as conscious of how quickly one generation can move on, with no disrespect to the parents, but finding their own interests, deciding what sort of radically different home they aspired too and how they would create a beautiful home. The desire was for exactly the same outcome, the choices and way to create that, totally different.

The same couple were keen for the church wedding, but not the same sort of commitment to parish, Sunday liturgy or the ministries and social mission of the church. They, and all their friends, hadn't quite worked out what sort of church they will build up, if any at all. But they were confident of their love for each other, their commitment to marriage and to family life, they were and continue to be highly motivated to make a better world.

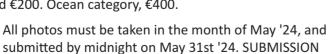
I wonder who will take all that glass, and the silver gravy boats, when the big house is sold?

NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY WEEK IRELAND May 17th-26th 2024 **BIODIVERSITY PHOTOGRAPHER of the YEAR 2024**

All amateur photographers, including beginners, are invited to capture an image of some of the biodiversity and wildlife in your area, celebrating Ireland's rich web of life, and enter the competition. The winner will receive €500, 2nd €300, 3rd €200. Ocean category, €400.

opens May 1st.

Photographers will have the opportunity to display their work at an exhibition at the Parish Community Centre during the Sept-Oct 2024 "Season of Creation".







Saturday 4th May

6.00 Noel Kennedy – A Séamus Harrison - RIP

Sunday 5th May

10.00 John Tonge – 1st A Seamus Miller - A

11.30 Edmond Aboud - 7th A

Monday 6th May

Mass in Kilmacud at 10am

Tuesday 7th May

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 8th May

10.00 Margaret Burns – Remembrance Elizabeth Heather – A

Friday 10th May

10.00 Michael Sweeney – A

Saturday 11th May

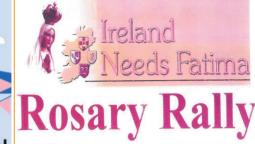
6.00 Baby Molly Taylor Smyth – 4th A

Sunday 12th May

7.30 Marie Guilfoyle - A



BAGS & ACCESSORIES - BBQ - BOOKS - BRIC A BRAC BOTTLE STALL - CAKES & DELI - CLOTHES - GAMES JEWELLERY & GIFTS - MAYPOLE - PICTURES PLANTS - RAFFLE - SWEETS - TEA ROOM



Join us in a Public Square Rosary Rally for the conversion of Ireland. This is one of over 560 such Rosary Rallies across the country.

When: Saturday, 11th of May at 4:00pm

Where:

STARTING AT CARMELITE MONASTRY ROEBUCK ROAD AT 3.30PM TO THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

and its Ireland Needs Fatima campaign For questions or comments, email us a rosary.rally@isfcc.org
Visit our website at www.ISFCC.org

Bank Holiday Mass Arrangements for May, June & August across the Parish Partnership Mass will be at 10am in Kilmacud only

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.'

Today's readings centre on the theme of love: the totally faithful, unconditional love of God for us.

The **First Reading** describes a turning point in the growth of the Early Church. Peter visits the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion and Gentile, announcing that 'God does not have favourites'. God reaches out to those who listen to him through his Holy Spirit. He creates a community of love that embraces all humanity.

St John (Second Reading) reminds us that God loved us first. God's nature is love. The great depth of that love is revealed in God sending Jesus, whose self-sacrifice redeems our sins and draws us into the life of God.

The **Gospel** shows us Jesus teaching his disciples about his loving relationship with his Father. Jesus chooses and invites us into that same intimate relationship. He tells us how to follow him: that we should love one another.

The **Psalmist** encourages us to sing praise joyfully to the Lord whose love offers salvation to all.

As we approach the end of the Easter season, we pray for the grace that we ourselves might reflect the gift of God's love, through our actions to our brothers and sisters, and to all creation. We also give thanks for the love of our friends, and for the joy that they bring to our lives.



LAUDATO SI WEEK 2024. 19 - 26 MAY

This year's Laudato Si Week theme is inspired by the symbol for the forthcoming Season of Creation '24, "First Fruits". The Week also coincides with National Biodiversity Week, 17 - 26 May '24.

"Let us be SEEDS OF HOPE in our lives and our world. rooted in faith and love."

"There are no lasting changes without cultural changes....and there are no cultural changes without personal changes (Laudate Deum, 70).

https://laudatosiweek.org/

