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## Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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### MASS TIMES

Monday: 10.00 am  
Tuesday: 10:00 am Liturgical Service  
Wednesday: 10:00am  
Thursday: 10:00am  
Friday: 10:00am  
Saturday: 10am | Vigil: 6:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am | 7:30pm



Our sympathies to the families,  
relatives and friends of **Laina  
Murphy, Marie Travers, Eileen  
O'Donoghue** whose funerals took  
place here.



**XELDA QR CODE**  
Mass collection  
60% CLERGY  
40% SHARE

### A few words from Fr Joe.....

There has been a lot of counting going on during the week. Mostly about the votes, who got them, who got in, who lost out. But there has also been the counting of medals at the games in Rome, and some considerable joy to see the Irish flag raised, and some exceptional new athletes coming into our conversation. There were also too many goals conceded in Portugal, plenty of points on the board in the RDS as Leinster march on, and so it goes.

While all that as has been happening, I've been counting funerals! One on Friday, Saturday, Monday, Thursday and Saturday with a wedding on Friday and baptisms both weekends. It's as intense a week as I can remember and obviously not a pace that any one of us could sustain. We have been talking a lot about funeral ministry both at parish and the wider diocesan level and some ideas have been discussed about how we might adapt and have more lay involvement and even services without a priest. Any change in what the parishes can offer the bereaved would of course take reflection, training and good will.

For anyone interested in a significant ministry that could have serious impact and be both challenging and hugely rewarding, this might be one to consider. There are of course many other valuable areas of service and ministry that are open to parishioners interested in the present health and future well-being of the parish. I'm counting on people to come forward, to take on responsibility for your faith community into the future.

These summer weeks are an ideal time to think through what we want from the church and how our service to each other might reinvigorate participation, prayer and worship. The future is in our hands, we will be as strong as our shared effort makes possible, let's all work together and go forward with hope.

### SUMMER SCHEDULE OF MASSES IN OUR PARTNERSHIP: CLONSKEAGH-MOUNT MERRION-KILMACUD Effective from vigil Mass on Saturday 1st June until including Sunday 25th August

	Clonskeagh	Kilmacud	Mount Merrion
Saturday Vigil		6pm	6pm
Sunday	10.30am	11.30am	10am 7.30pm

(Saturday morning Mass may be combined at Kilmacud if necessary)



This year's wildflower meadow exposition will take place next Thursday, the **20th of June at 7pm.**

Meet at the front door of Mount Merrion church. It will take less than an hour.



### Saturday 15th June

10.00 Sidney O'Toole R.D.  
Special Intention  
6.00 Paulette Dupla – Months Mind  
Sunday 16th June  
10.00 James Larkin – 68th A  
Mary and David Larkin – Remembrance  
Adrienne Troy – A  
Mona Smiley – 4th A  
7.30 Neil Horgan (Sr) – 50th A  
Tom and Carmel Madden – A

### Monday 17th June

10.00 For all who are ill  
Special Intention

### Tuesday 18th June

10.00 Liturgical Service

### Saturday 22nd June

10.00 Brendan Breen – 3rd A  
6.00 Mary Kelly – Months Mind  
Attracta Maher – Months Mind

### Sunday 23rd June

10.00 Martin Murphy – 1st A  
Anita Gallagher – A

### 'This is what the Kingdom of God is like ...

Our readings this week are full of hope and confidence. May we grow in joyful hope as we pray and ponder them. The theme of growth, seeds, and trees winds in and out of these readings. So does the notion of universality: God's kingdom is for the whole of humanity.

In the **First Reading**, God, through the prophet Ezekiel, promises the tiny remnant of Israel that they will grow into a new people, just as the cedar grows from a small shoot.

The **Psalms** is a song of thanksgiving to the Lord who enables the just to grow and flourish like a cedar.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, reminds the Corinthians of the confidence they have, despite the tensions of living while waiting for the Lord. This fills them with the expectation of being with him one day.

The **Gospel** contains two parables of the Kingdom: that of the seed, growing secretly; and the parable of the mustard seed. Both parables reveal God working continuously for the growth of his kingdom.

As we go about our lives this week, we may find other metaphors for the God who works secretly for his kingdom in all those around us, in our surroundings and in all events.

### ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY PILGRIMAGE

Please join us for a Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on **Saturday June 22nd**

### SCHEDULE:

8am: Leaving the Goat Grill  
2pm: Outdoor Stations of the Cross  
3pm: Celebrated Mass at Knock Basilica with Anointing of the Sick  
€60 includes tea/ coffee/ scone on the way and evening meal on return journey Please contact, [Bernie at 087 9612303](mailto:Bernie@0879612303)

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom a free summer school on prayer starting on the 16th of June from 7:30pm to 8:30pm for 7 Sundays. Each session is stand-alone so you can attend as many or as few as you wish. To join email Paul at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com).

### SUMMER DUES - 15TH/16TH JUNE 2024

Our Gospel reading at Mass today talks about sowing seed on the land. Priests and other parish leaders and ministers are being asked to find new and creative ways of sowing the word of God, seeking to build up partnerships of parishes in the times that are upon us. Night and day, while we are asleep, when we are awake, the seed is spouting and growing; how we do not know (Mark 4:26-34).

The mustard tree emerges from the tiniest of seeds. We do not yet know what will emerge for the Church locally, but 'we are always full of confidence' (2 Corinthians 5:6). We are full of prayer too – it is the Lord's work, the work of the Holy Spirit who calls us to mission.

Please support your priests through the Summer Dues collection. The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we sow seeds for a future harvest, trusting always in God's plans for us.

Enquiries about the Summer Dues collection can be directed to Funding Development Officer Patricia Clifford at [patricia.clifford@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:patricia.clifford@dublindiocese.ie) or **01 8087527**. Envelopes available at the back of the church.

