

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

11th May 2025

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Saturday 10th May
 6.00 Baby Molly Taylor Smith – 5th A
 Rosaleen and Eddie Taylor – Remembrance
 Michael Sweeney – A

Sunday 11th May
 10.00 John Tonge – 2nd A
 Patrick McDermott – R.D
 7.30 Marie Guilfoyle – A

Monday 12th May
 10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 13th May
 10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 14th May
 10.00 Paulette Duplaa – A
 David Egan – A

Saturday 17th May
 6.00 Marion Lane – 2nd A
 Bob and Vincent Kelly – A
 Joseph and Sheila Arkins – A
 Special Intention – Mercedes Kelly

Sunday 18th May
 10.00 Attracta Maher – 1st A
 Bríd McCarthy – 3rd A
 Maureen Beegan – 10th A
 Cormac Lane – A
 Charlotte Murtagh - 15th A
 7.30 Anita Byrne – 1st A
 James Byrne – Months Mind

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 www.mountmerrionparish.ie

A few words from Fr Joe.....

Someone asked during the week if I was busy, to which I naturally replied, yes. The questions continued, “Doing what?” Well this month it’s all about First Penance, First Communion and Funerals, lots of liturgies to prepare and celebrate and recover from. First Penance still generates a little bit of anxiety for the children, it gives them an opportunity for courage to be put into action and it gives expression to acknowledging faults and asking for forgiveness. We all know that it isn’t easy to say sorry and yet the very act of naming something we regret generates the positive experience of being heard, forgiven and encouraged to do better. The First Holy Communion is fascinating, age old traditions of girls in white dresses, boys in smart clothes, parents and grandparents beaming with pride and joy all through the celebration. Stepping forward with hand outstretched to receive the host for the first time, is a most special moment. Children join us at the breaking of the bread and we are delighted to welcome them to the table of the Lord.

As for funerals, three this week, very demanding indeed. The first was the daughter of a school friend, just 33, with a hidden addiction to alcohol bringing a sudden and unexpected end to a talented, generous and gifted life. Her parents spoke at the close of the liturgy with such compassion, understanding and love, and we all wept with them. The second a woman of 52, mother of one beautiful daughter, and adored sister in a big close family. She had many health problems during her life, and her struggles had been supported by a wide circle of friends, their loss was great too. The third a lovely man in his senior years, with a life of more than four score years and ten. The three sons were his principle mourners as his siblings and friends were mostly gone before him. They personified the biblical commandment to ‘honour your mother and father’ as they spoke so tenderly of him and all the many ways he had blessed their lives. No two funerals are the same and every one matters.

Much of this significant pastoral activity is only possible because of the support of ordinary parishioners for the local church. Without you there would not be a beautiful, welcoming church, staffed and resourced so well, for those who mostly join us only for these most significant moments in their lives. Thank you for making the mission of the church possible

LEO XIV IS THE NEW POPE

“Peace be with all of you!” - the first words of Pope Leo XIV. The Conclave has elected Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost as the 267th Bishop of Rome.

Pope Leo belongs to the Augustinian religious order. A core value for the Order of St Augustine, which traces its history to the 13th-century Tuscany region, is to *“live together in harmony, being of one mind and one heart on the way to God”*.

The Augustinians are mendicant, meaning they value travel and serving poor communities. They are named after St Augustine of Hippo, a theologian of Berber origin who died in the year 430.

DUBLIN CITY BOOK FAIR -Sunday, 11th May

Open from 11am – 4pm
 Merrion Community Centre (Beside Church of St. Therese) The Rise, Mount Merrion.
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Books, Rare, Antiquarian, Art, Modern Signed Firsts, History, Literature, Postcards, Ephemera, Military Publications +Collector Items,Prints. Disability friendly, FREE parking.
 Light refreshments available at nominal cost. Info, Email:-lyonshillbooks@eircom.net Info, Email:-fermoy40@gmail.com Mob. 087-2567908
Admission €2.00



Monday: 10am
 Tuesday: 10:00 am Liturgical Service
 Wednesday: 10:00am
 Thursday: 10:00am
 Friday: 10:00am
 Saturday: No 10am
 First Holy Communions
 Vigil: 6:00pm
 Sunday: 10:00am | 7:30pm



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



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 Mass collection
 60% Clergy / 40% SHARE

ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER CANONISATION

A WONDERFUL DAY OF CELEBRATION



Veneration of the Relics of St. Thérèse & Her Parents
St Louis & St Zélie Martin

Exhibition of historical items from the Life of St. Thérèse & The Martin Family

Date:	Saturday 17 May 2025
Time:	2.30pm – 5pm
Location:	Avila Carmelite Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, Eircode D04 YF66
Exhibition:	Historical Items from the life of St. Thérèse and The Martin Family including unique pieces such as Vestments made by Celine Martin
Opening Address:	Fr Michael McGoldrick OCD
Guest Speaker:	Sr. Isabelle Smyth – Medical Missionaries of Mary
Readings:	Extracts from the Book <i>“Stronger Than Steel”</i> – Stories from the Soldiers of the Great War write to St. Thérèse of Lisieux
* Veneration:	Veneration of the Relics will be in the Chapel from 2.30pm – 5pm *

All enquiries to 085 8887549

St Thérèse Relics – The Sweeney Family

Mount Merrion Parish SUMMER CONCERT

An Evening of Music, Song, and Community Spirit
 featuring performances from the **Mount Merrion Parish Choirs**
 with Special Guests:



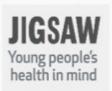
Sandra Oman
 Acclaimed Irish soprano, celebrated for her powerful and moving performances.



Sorcha O'Regan
 Renowned soprano with a rich and expressive voice.

Date: Friday, 30th May 2025
Time: 7:30 PM
Venue: Oatlands Primary School, Woodlands Avenue, Stillorgan
Tickets: €5 per person/ €20 for a family of 4 or more available on Eventbrite.com

All proceeds in aid of Jigsaw – Supporting Youth Mental Health



Join us for a wonderful night of uplifting music – and make a difference!
 Everyone Welcome



LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT
 Catholics for Our Common Home

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

By Pope Francis, from the encyclical Laudato Si'

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen