



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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Monday: 10am
Tuesday: 10:00 am Liturgical Service
Wednesday: 10:00am
Thursday: 10:00am
Friday: 10:00am
Saturday: 10am and Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 10:00am | 7:30pm



Our sympathies to the families,
relatives, and friends of **Michael
Surdival, Maura Harmon & Philip
Curran** whose funerals took place here.



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POPE FRANCIS REFLECTED ON THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

This parable, in a simple, yet stimulating way, indicates a style of life, in which the centre of gravity is not ourselves, but others. Like the doctor of the law in the day's Gospel, we might ask ourselves, Who is my neighbour? Is it my friends, my parents, my fellow countrymen?

Jesus does not answer the question directly, but instead tells of the Good Samaritan, a man who did not observe the true religion, but who nonetheless helped the poor, abandoned victim of robbers – in contrast to the priest and the Levite who simply passed him by. This story, completely reverses our perspective. It is not up to us to try to categorize people, to see if they count as our neighbours. Rather, the decision to be, or not be a neighbour, depends on us. It depends on me to be or not be a neighbour to the person I meet who has need of my help, even if he is a stranger, or even hostile.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the doctor of the law – and he tells us, too –to do as the Good Samaritan had done. We must have the attitude of the Good Samaritan to demonstrate our faith. Faith without works is dead. We should ask ourselves, if our faith is fruitful, if it produces good works, or if, on the other hand, it is sterile, and so more dead than alive.

We should ask ourselves this question often, because it is precisely on this question that we will be judged at the end of our lives. The Lord, will ask us, “Do you remember that time on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho? That man, who was half-dead, was me. Do you remember? That hungry child was me. Do you remember? That migrant who so many people wanted to chase away was me. Those grandparents, abandoned in rest homes, were me. Those sick people in the hospital, who no one went to find, were me.”

Blessed Virgin help us to walk along the paths of generous love towards others, the path of the Good Samaritan.



Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where
there is injury, pardon, where there is doubt,
faith, where there is despair, hope, where there is
darkness, light, where there is sadness, joy.
St. Francis

“The quality of mercy is not strained.
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed:
It blesseth him that
gives and him that takes.”
- Shakespeare



Saturday 12th July
6.00 Trish Fox – 1st Anniversary
Sunday 13th July
10.00 Maureen and Michael O'Connor – A
Margaret and Peter Farrell – A
Margaret and Kevin O'Gorman – A
Sr Mary O'Connor – R.D

Monday 14th July
10.00 For all who are ill
Bregeen Duplaa – Birthday Wishes

Tuesday 15th July
10.00 Liturgical Service

Saturday 19th July
6.00 Brendan Scott – 30th A

Sunday 20th July
10.00 Dr. John Ryan – 3rd A
Eithne MacDonald – 4th A

Who is my neighbour?

Today's readings call us to love and serve others with compassion, and to care especially for those most in need.

The **First Reading** teaches us that God's word is not beyond our reach. It is already in our hearts; it is there for us to proclaim and live out with all our heart and soul.

The **Psalm** celebrates the compassion and kindness of God, who hears and revives the hearts of those in need, and acts to save them.

In the **Gospel**, a lawyer asks Jesus, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus uses the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan to answer both this and the lawyer's second question, 'Who is my neighbour?' Regardless of who that person is, we must put their needs before our own. Just as Jesus shows compassion and mercy to us through his saving love, so must we try to do the same for others.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) reminds us that Christ is the One who shows us God. Through him everything is created and held together. Christ leads the Church, reconciling all things by his death on the cross.

Love and compassion are
necessities, not luxuries. Without
them humanity cannot survive.
Dalai Lama

Vocations Society of Saint Joseph's annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island will take place on **Sunday 27th July**.

Our celebrant will be the Rev. Paul Dempsey the Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. Please contact me for all information,
[Bernie 087 9612303](mailto:Bernie.087.9612303).

ALL SAINTS' CONCERT

taking place in the All Saints Church,
Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock.

Sarah Thursfield
(Contralto)
&
David O'Shea
(Organ)

Sunday 13th July 2025 at 7pm

Tickets - €15 each
Unreserved Seating.
Light refreshments afterwards included in the ticket price.

Tickets available at the door.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2025

CELEBRATING THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY
THEME: 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (cf. Sir 14, 2)

Sunday 27 July 2025



Photo credit: Sinead Mallon

- Chief Celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy
- Choirs and Music by director Una Nolan
- Special Guest Dana Rosemary Scallan
- Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica - 2:30pm
- Holy Sacrament of Mass - 3:00pm
- Rosary Procession (weather permitting)
- Children's Prayer appeal inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents, send it or bring to the CGA Knock Shrine

Organise transport with your local parish.

World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2025



Plenary Indulgence granted for the occasion

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