



# Baptism of the Lord

## Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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### WHAT WOULD THREE WISE WOMEN DO?'

- 1 Ask directions & arrive on time
- 2 Deliver the baby
- 3 Tidy up the stable
- 4 Make a casserole

Check out the Faith Space near back of church.



### THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards, letters  
and gifts I received from you at  
Christmas. I've read every one  
of them. I'm overwhelmed by  
your kindness.

Sadly, I can no longer write or  
type so please accept this as a  
sign of my gratitude.

I wish you and your families a  
very happy new year.  
Please keep praying for me as I  
pray for you.

Fr Tony



### SPECIAL MASS for those who were Baptised in Mount Merrion Church in 2018

All are welcome to join with the families  
and the community  
on Sunday 20th January at  
11.15am Family Mass

Follow by Tea / Coffee  
in the Community Centre

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday 12th

10.00 Ann D'Arcy [A]  
6.00 Hal & Tom Lloyd, their son Tom  
and daughter Win O'Tierney  
Mary McGrath [M.M]

#### Sunday 13th

10.00 Finbarr & Noreen Golden [A]  
Special Intention  
Mary Sheridan [RD] and Peter Meehan [A]  
11.15 Alice and Josh Regan [A]  
7.30 Joe Walsh [A]  
Mary & Eddie Cummins [A]  
Emer Ryan [1stA]  
and her husband Michael [A]  
Thomas Carroll [M.M.]  
and his son Paul Carroll [A]

#### Monday 14th January

10.00 For all who are ill

#### Tuesday 15th

10.00 Liturgical Service

#### Wednesday 16th

10.00

#### Thursday 17th

10.00 Niall Harnett [A]  
Kathleen Ryan [A]

#### Friday 18th

10.00

#### Saturday 19th

10.00  
6.00 The Scully Family [R]  
Simone Kenny [A]  
Marie Cockburn [A]  
Don Cockburn [R]  
Hilary Family [A]

#### Sunday 20th

10.00 John & Mary Glynn [A]  
11.15 John O'Connell [A]  
Margaret & Patrick O'Connor  
Patsy, Teddy & John O'Connor [A]  
7.30



### YOU ARE INVITED

To a Breakfast Meeting for Women  
Saturday January 26th - 9.00-11.00am

Speaker: Ruth Burns

(Inspired by many years of work in the garden, Ruth  
will bring wise insights which are applicable to  
ourselves, our lives and relationships and even to our  
gardens)

Topic: **Soils, Seasons and Beauty**  
(Learning Life's Lessons from Nature)

Venue: **Union Cafe, Deerpark Road, Mount Merrion**  
Price: €6 (Coffee/Tea Scone)

Bookings to: womensbreakfast1@gmail.com  
Text: (085)1909661.

Please book by Jan 23 and ensure your booking has  
been confirmed. (Organised by Ecumenical Women's  
Group)

### YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE EXAMPLE OF MARY JANUARY REFLECTION BY FR. JACOB BODDICKER

The world ushers in a New Year each January, so named after the Latin word for "door": we stand on the threshold of another Year of Our Lord. It is the world's New Year; as a Church we've already celebrated the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent, a season in which we prepared for the coming of the New Man. December is a month of celebrating something new—a child!—while the world around us sees only what is old, thinks only about the past year. Now the world looks to the New Year and we, instead, look to Mary: we thus begin with the great Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1st.

Mary guards the threshold of the world's New Year, she who is hailed as the "gate of heaven, star of the sea": she through whom the Son of God entered into a dying humanity. The world shouts "Happy New Year" while we say "Hail Mary!" Why? In Advent we prepared for the birth of Christ, and now we prepare to go out into the world and echo the message of the angels: "...a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). We now look to another year of living our faith in a world that increasingly resists the joy of the Gospel, which says there is no room for the Son of God. We ask Mary, who emptied herself that she might contain the living Word of God, to make room in us, that like her we might bear Christ into the world. Mary bore Christ with her wherever she went; this year let us do likewise.



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of  
**Mary Lawler** whose funeral took place here this week

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### 18-25 JANUARY

It was the great desire of Jesus, the night before his Passion and Death, that all his disciples be united as one, and each year from 18-25th January, the Church prays in particular for this desire of Jesus. This year the theme and texts for the Week of Prayer has been prepared by an ecumenical group in Indonesia. The theme is: "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" Deut 16:18-20. Evening Prayer will be offered for this great desire of Jesus at 4.30pm each day at the Carmelite Monastery, Upper Kilmacud Road. More details can be found on the Church notice boards and on the Kilmacud Carmel website: www.kilmacudcarmel.ie. All are welcome to come and pray with us any or all of the days. We would be particularly grateful for support for our guest speakers:

#### Friday 18th:

Rev. Ian Gallagher, St. Brigid's Church of Ireland, Stillorgan

#### Wednesday 23rd:

Rev. Dr. Heather Morris, Home Mission Department,  
Methodist Church in Ireland

#### Friday 25th:

Rev. Ibrahim (Hann) Riberu OCD, St Joseph's Carmelite  
Commisariate, Indonesia.