



# Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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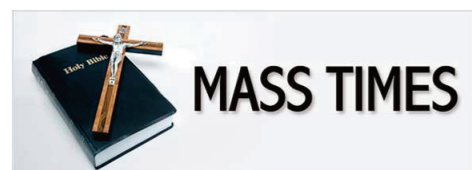
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Monday: 10:00am  
Tuesday: 10:00 am Liturgical Service  
Wednesday: 10:00am  
Thursday: 10:00am  
Friday: 10:00am  
Saturday: 10:00am | Vigil: 6:00pm  
Sunday: 10:00am | 11:30am | 7:30pm



Our sympathies to the families,  
relatives and friends of **Frances Thérèse  
Dowling and Matthew Crotty**  
whose funerals took place here this  
week.

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

During the week, I was preparing a homily for the opening of the year Mass in a boy's secondary school. Moments like this are a great opportunity to speak to young people who little by little are coming to identify with the ethos and culture of their Catholic school and are present at the Mass. When they join with the whole school community, teachers, school leadership and parents and form a community of faith, they are empowered for excellence. They stand with their individual gifts, in the common uniform of the school and shedding head phones, tablets and phones, their immense potential for goodness can be awakened.

There is so much I'd love to be able to get across to them, to reinforce what they already know, that each one of them is a precious son of God, that they are loved, cherished and admired by the God who created them and by the family, school and community that they live in. I'd like them to know that their faith is a gift and that deepening their relationship with the Lord, being true Christian disciples will make them better men. I'd love to encourage them to pray, to identify with the social teaching of the church, to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, visit those who are sick and in prison. I'd love them to be a Good Samaritan in their own community, crossing the road to connect with the wounded, the outcast, the lad with a broken heart or spirit. I would like them to be men of the Beatitudes, gentle, humble and kind. I'd love to see them tap into the gift of the Holy Spirit that they received at Confirmation, that they would have wisdom and understanding, good judgement and have a capacity for wonder and awe.

It's a struggle for me to speak into a teenage culture. As we get older and the gap widens between our time and theirs, things change. Our young people are freer, fitter, stronger, better dressed, with endless opportunities to learn, travel and explore life. Yet they bleed, bruise and weep in similar ways to everyone who went before them. Life can have disappointments, friendships can be lost, confidence drains away and dreams shatter for them too. So, it's important to have spiritual strength in the core of their being.

So, I tell them that being a practicing catholic, a young person with a living faith, nourished by the sacraments and joined to the community of believers, is a good life choice, one that will bring abundant blessings, and definitely make them better boyfriend material. Can you tell them the same thing, and if you meet one at Church greet them with your best smile and kindest word.

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31.10.'21-12.11.'21

# PRAYER VIGIL

Sunday October 31st, 2-5pm  
Church of St. Thérèse,  
Mt. Merrion, Co. Dublin

**'All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of Creation'**  
Pope Francis

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd  
6.00 Kitty and Paddy Lyons – A  
Eddie and Mary Cummins – A  
Sunday 24th  
10.00 Brian Doyle – 1st A  
Gerry and Sheela McAleer - A  
Brian O'Connor – R.D  
Josie McGovern – R.D  
11.30 Joe Power – A  
Patrick and Elizabeth Moran - A  
Monday 25th  
10.00 For all who are ill  
Tuesday 26th  
10.00 Liturgical Service  
Saturday 30th  
6.00 Mary and Archie Aylward - A  
Sunday 31st  
10.00 Bonnie O'Reilly - A

## 'I will comfort you as I gather you and lead you back'

The readings this week challenge us to reflect both on the ways we might be blind, and on the gift of new vision that is freely offered.

In the **First Reading**, the prophet Jeremiah speaks of a God who gathers his people to heal them.

The **Psalms** sing of these and other wonderful works: 'The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy'.

The author of the letter to the Hebrews (**Second Reading**) shows that the high priest is one called by God to deal gently with the people, because he himself knows weakness.

And in the **Gospel**, Jesus calls Bartimaeus, a blind beggar of Jericho, to him into discipleship. Though blind, Bartimaeus already has insight into who Jesus is and, when he hears him pass by, shouts in desperation even when told to be quiet. For Bartimaeus, Jesus is now 'Master', and his relationship with him brings healing and new life.

Let's pray, this week, that we might recognise the great things the Lord works for us, and that our hope lies in God, who calls to us through our weaknesses and limitations.

## Listening to LGBTQ Catholics Kate Moynihan

Zoom Thursday 28th October at 8.00 p.m.

Pope Francis is inviting Catholics on the margins to voice their dreams, ideas and concerns in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023. He has consistently prioritised those who are marginalised and feel discarded. We have invited Kate Moynihan CEO of LINC, an organisation advocating for lesbian and bisexual women, to speak to issues affecting LGBTQ Catholics.

"The Church's attitude has made the life of LGBT people miserable." (Archbishop Diarmuid Martin)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86913523267?pwd=bXpveDJmdGNCOGkrYVFKWkdNkZnNzZ09>  
Meeting ID: 869 1352 3267  
Passcode: 354624

Archdiocese of Dublin

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the original Latin, meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, and is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synodal Pathway from 2021 to 2023, we will use this prayer.

**Prayer for the Synod:  
*Adsumus Sancte Spiritus***

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

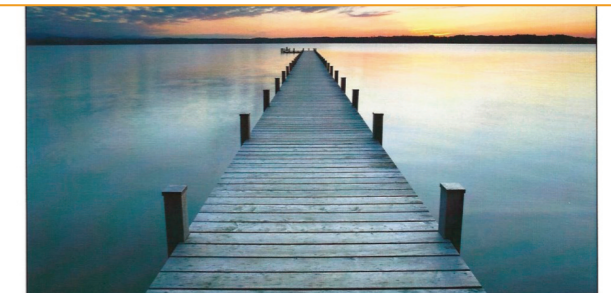
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of the truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

**DIOCESAN SYNODAL PATHWAY**  
October 2021 – April 2022

The logo for the Dublin Archdiocesan Synodal Path is inspired by the phrase "we are all in the same boat"

- The lighthouse represents the guiding light of the Holy Spirit who guides us on our way.
- The boat represents the Church, the People of God journeying together.
- The water represents the waters of baptism and the equality of all the baptised.



## MASS FOR THE DECEASED SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> AT 7:30pm

Families of parishioners from Mount Merrion who have been bereaved from October 2020 to date have been invited to attend this special Mass. All parishioners who wish to attend are also most welcome to do so.

The Mass for the bereaved will be preceded by a Candle of Light Ceremony to commemorate all parishioners and friends who have died. A large candle in a storm lantern will be lit before morning Masses on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. At the end of Mass, the celebrant will take the candle to the Garden of Remembrance in the Church grounds. Members of the Funeral Ministry team will bring containers of flowers. Short prayers will be said around the commemorative stone. Parishioners attending Mass are invited to follow the celebrant outdoors and participate in this prayerful remembrance.

During these days of commemoration parishioners are invited to light candles at any of the shrines in the church and to visit the Sacred Space in memory of family and friends who have died.

**GOD WILL BE YOUR EVERLASTING LIGHT (ISAIAH 60:60)**

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2021

is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Mission helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. This year's theme **'We Cannot Remain Silent – We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20)'**

**World Mission Sunday Collection replaces the 2nd collection  
Sunday 24th October 2021**