



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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MASS TIMES

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

Rest in Peace
Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Stanley Linehan & Margaret Boland** whose funerals took place here.

Confirmation!
Congratulations to the Pupils of 6th Class in Mount Anville School for their Confirmation.



XELDA QR CODE
Mass collection
60% CLERGY
40% SHARE

A few words from Fr Joe.....

I went to Irish College in St Michael's, Omeath, in 1972. I don't think it was very successful in so far as learning the language went but a couple of very strong memories remain with me from that experience. The first is of being with the children displaced from Belfast. 1972 was the worst year of the troubles in Northern Ireland, Stormont had fallen, Direct Rule was introduced, the streets were flooded with British soldiers and the IRA campaign of terror was in full flight. In May of that year eight people were killed in Anderstown, the Catholic heartland, when an IRA bomb exploded prematurely. Many people had to leave their homes and crossed over the border into the neighbouring counties. Our Irish College received many children from that conflict. Even as an 11-year-old I can remember them being traumatised, fragile, scared. We slept in dormitories, according to our age, but every morning you would see 2, 3 or 4 brothers in one bed, they felt safer together.

The second memory is also strong, maybe a little strange, but next to the Irish College was a Shrine to Our Lady and some religious items were sold from a little wooden hut. Medals and rosary beads, little statues and prayer cards, candles and scapulars. The Belfast children loved to go there and with their few pennies buy medals and beads to wear for prayer and protection. They had an innate faith that God and Mary would watch over them.

I've thought a lot about that period in history in recent days, looking at the images from Ukraine of tanks, and rocket launchers, barricades and brave men and women are seen protecting their towns and villages, hoping to repel the immensely powerful military forces which have invaded their neighbourhood. The death and destruction is heart breaking. Seeing lines of people inching towards shelter and generous people welcoming them in, restores faith in humanity. Sisters, priests, brothers and parishes are there with them, offering refuge and safe space, food and clothing. As some among them come here, in time, we might like the Irish College, find a space for them and inspired by their courage, our faith and the example of others, do all we can. We pray constantly for peace.

PARISH COLLECTION
SUNDAY 27 MARCH

It is a source of inspiration that people all over Ireland are responding with customary generosity to support humanitarian efforts in this crisis. Many parish communities have already established links with charitable projects to support refugees and those remaining in Ukraine. Recognising these urgent needs, the bishops are asking that a special collection be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday 27 March. - Bishops

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 12th

6.00
Michael Kelly – A
Patrick and Rosaleen McGann – A
Aidan Moran – 2nd A
Gerard Cooney – A

Tuesday 15th

10.00
Liturgical Service

Wednesday 16th

10.00
Dermot O'Beirne – 2nd A

Sunday 13th

10.00
Special Intention
Eileen McCann – A
Maura Mulcahy – A
Patrick Scally – A

Saturday 19th

6.00
Michael Harnett – A
Joe Cosgrave – M.M

Sunday 20th

10.00
Michael Dineen – A
11.30
Bobby and Peter O'Connor – A
Joan Munnely – M.M

Monday 14th

10.00
For all who are ill



For the last couple of years, we haven't been able to gather together to celebrate our Patron Saint. So, this year maybe we can do him proud. In Kilmacud there will be Masses at 10.00 and 11.30am and in Mount Merrion at 10.00am and Clonskeagh at 10.00am. This year it would be uplifting to gather in great numbers, for the Mass and celebration. Feel free to 'wear the green' and really make this day special. This might be an opportunity for many families to return to Mass. The usual 10.00am Masses will be celebrated on March 18th, the new Bank Holiday.

LISTENING TO OUR YOUNG CHURCH DUBLIN DIOCESAN TEEN SYNOD

Event: Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod
Event Timing: **Thursday 31st March 6.30 to 8.00pm**
Organisation: Archdiocese of Dublin
Location: Zoom
Audience: Teenagers 13-17 years old.
Zoom Admin Hosts: Kirsten Mahon & Gerard Hanley
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Young People of Dublin - This is your chance! Pope Francis wants to hear what you think or feel about our Church. We would love to hear your voice at our Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod!

Join us online: **Thursday 31st March 6:30pm - 8pm**

'This is my Son the Chosen One. Listen to him!'

'Listen to him ...!' Lent is a season of seeking out and listening to the Lord. Every year on this Second Sunday, we read an account of the Transfiguration: a transforming spiritual encounter linking Jesus to the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. Here we see a foretaste of the glory of the Risen Christ: a vision of how our lives are transformed by the presence of Christ within us.

The **First Reading** tells of a meeting between God and Abram. Through Abram's faith, God makes an eternal covenant with the people of Israel.

The **Psalms** is a song of longing and hope in the faith of the Lord: a call to prayer that encourages us to seek God's light, guidance and strength.

In the letter to the Philippians (**Second Reading**), we are entreated to be united in our faith. Christ will transfigure us.

In Luke's **Gospel** account of the Transfiguration, Jesus takes his close companions with him to pray. Here Jesus is placed firmly in the context of the fulfilment of God's Covenant to the people of Israel. There are echoes of the past, and glimpses of Jesus's coming death in the weariness of the disciples praying with him. This short passage has a very clear message for us today: 'Listen!'

As we enter into prayer this week, let us remember we are never alone as we pray. As companions in Christ, we are part of an eternal community united by the light of Christ within us. Christ is our help and our stronghold: together let us answer the call and listen to him.

Invitations with more details will be available at Masses, and on our website.



Synodal Pathway

www.dublindiocese.ie/synod

You are warmly invited to two Synodal gatherings in March, in the parish of **Mount Merrion**. The word "synodal" means journeying together and these gatherings will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other's experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment.

Second Gathering

Time: 7pm - 9pm
Date: Monday 4th April
Venue: Community Centre