



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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MASS TIMES

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



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Ted O'Neill** whose funeral took place here.

PATRICIAN MEETING

Subject/Title: The Healing Power Of God
Speaker: Maria Mann
Date: Wednesday 30th October At 8pm
Venue: Community Centre, Mount Merrion

ALL ARE WELCOME



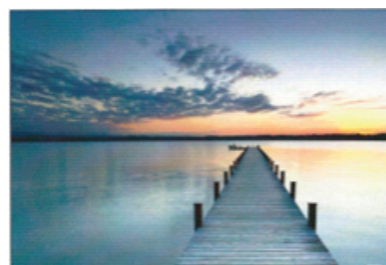
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Mass collection
60% CLERGY
40% SHARE

A few words from Fr Joe.....

During the month of October each year the Diocese asks us to count the numbers coming to Mass. No one will be surprised to learn that in the last 10 years the numbers have dropped off dramatically. In Mount Merrion for example the reduction is 50%, from just over 1,600 people at Mass each weekend to 800 now. In Kilmacud the average attendance this year is 450 and in Clonskeagh around 125. So, in total across the three parishes in our partnership we have approximately 1,375 people attending Sunday Mass. What this figure captures, but doesn't make specific, is that each weekend our congregations are a combination of regular weekly mass goers and those who come for a particular reason such as an anniversary Mass or the Do This in Memory Mass. What this figure doesn't capture is all the activity that happens during the week and the hundreds of people who attend funerals and other liturgies. Nor does it include the parishioners who participate online from their homes.

The Diocese asks for this information as part of the general planning for the allocation of priests and resources. The Diocese has published on their website a document called 'Pastoral Strategic Planning Resource 2025-2027'. This is the guiding document for Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees and the whole parish community to use as we prepare for an implement real change in our parish structures. The future planning depends on active and committed parish groups reading, praying, reflecting and making hard decision so that we can responsibly harness the resources we have and use them prudently.

Just as the numbers at Mass have dropped off so too there is a decline in volunteering and many of the parish committees are short of members. This might be a moment to recognise and respond to the need for new energy. Parishioners working together in favour of their precious faith community, supporting the few active priests, and ensuring strong and active participation, can still make for a fantastic, vibrant local church.



MASS FOR THE DECEASED SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD AT 7:30PM

Families of parishioners from Mount Merrion who have been bereaved from November 2023 to October 2024 have been invited to attend this special Mass. All parishioners who wish to attend are also most welcome to do so.

During these days of commemoration parishioners are invited to light candles at any of the 6 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}



Saturday 26th October

6.00 Gerald Fitzgerald – 3rd A, remembering his wife Mary
Pauline Murray – 1st A
Baby Luca Henry – 3rd A

Sunday 27th October

10.00 Denis Ryan – 1st A
Gerry and Sheela McAleer – A
Beatrice Browne – A
Bishop Donal Murray – R.D

7.30 Special Intention

Monday 28th October

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 29th October

10.00 Liturgical Service

Thursday 31st October

10.00 The Daly Family – A

Friday 1st November

10.00 Altar List of the Dead
Burns, Halpin and Duplaa Families – Remembrance
Cathy Buckley – Months Mind

Saturday 2nd November

6.00 Joseph McPartlin – Months Mind
Ian McDonald – A
Thomas and Margaret McDonald – A
Mary and James Grennan – A
Rosemary Grennan – A

Sunday 3rd November

10.00 Helen Brady – 3rd A
Sheila and Desmond McAleese – A
Edmond Nugent – 3rd A
7.30 Mass for the Deceased



MOUNT MERRION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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De Valera: the man who put Ireland on the Moon

presented by *Leo Enright*

In the past half-century, Ireland has been to the Moon and Mars, landed on a comet and provided the biggest space experiment ever flown by America's Space Shuttle. Twelve Irish citizens have flown in space, and an Irish citizen was head of NASA's Space Shuttle programme for ten years.



Much of this is because of one man, who lived most of his life on Cross Avenue. Leo will explore Eamon De Valera's legacy and its roots in 5,000 years of Irish astronomy.

Leo Enright is one of a handful of journalists in the world who has covered the Space Shuttle programme from start to finish. Leo is the author, with Prof. Carl Sagan, Sir Bernard Lovell and others of the "Encyclopaedia of Space Travel and Astronomy". He is a former Head of Radio News at RTÉ, and continues to broadcast regularly on RTÉ, BBC and Al Jazeera. He was elected. Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society in 1978 and is a recognised expert on the exploration of the planet Mars.

8.00pm Thursday 7th November 2024

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MOUNT MERRION

Admission: Members No charge (see Season Membership) Non-Members: €5.00 (Students €2.00)
While the Society will endeavour to deliver the published agenda, lectures and speakers may be changed due to circumstances outside its control

THE EUCHARIST - WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ... AND WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

Fáinche Ryan

Zoom - Thursday Oct 31st, 2024 - 8.00 p.m.

The Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life' (Lumen Gentium 11), while Augustine, in a homily on the Eucharist advised "It is your own mystery that you are receiving! You are saying "Amen" to what you are ... " This presentation will seek to explain something of the mystery of this gift of the Eucharist, of what it means for a baptised person to participate in the Eucharist, and also the impact of what it means to say that the Church makes the Eucharist while at once the Eucharist makes the Church. The presentation aims to be both instructive and challenging and to go some way toward addressing the many questions put to me over the years about this mystery we receive.

Join Zoom Meeting

on www.zoom.com Meeting ID: 818 1524 7072

Passcode: 066723

or click the link on URL <https://acireland.ie/fainche-ryan-the-eucharist-what-do-we-believe-2/>

Fáinche Ryan is Associate Professor of Theology at the Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin and is the current Vice-President of the European Society of Catholic Theology. She completed her doctorate at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome. In her teaching and research Fáinche studies Eucharistic theology, the important concept of the 'sensus fidei fidelium', and women and their role in theology. Since joining the staff at Trinity she has developed a module on the theology of the early Irish Church, in particular of the Book of Kells. Fáinche has worked on parish missions, and regularly gives input to parish and diocesan groups, often presenting work from her publication with Columba Press, The Eucharist: What do we believe?

The Association of Catholics in Ireland

VOCATIONS SOCIETY OF SAINT JOSEPH " FORMERLY ST.JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY.

Will hold their annual collection on Saturday and Sunday November 2nd and 3rd. There are 20 men who have started their journey to priesthood this September, please help us to help them by a small donation and especially by keeping them in your prayers

AONACH NA NOLLAG/CHRISTMAS FAIR COLÁISTE EOIN & COLÁISTE ÍOSAGÁIN

The two schools will be holding their Annual Christmas Fair on **Sunday 17th November between 1.00pm – 4:30pm**. Items for sale such as CAKES, CRAFTS, PLANTS, TOYS, BOTTLES for the Bottle Wheel, PRIZES for the Wheel of Fortune and other items will be gratefully accepted over the next few weeks in the two schools, or feel free to contact 2884002 to arrange for collection. This occasion will take place primarily in the larger Sports Hall of the two schools.

BOOKS are especially welcome, especially those new, nearly-new or those in the Irish language. All donations gratefully received. Contact Liam at 2884028 for further information.