

First Sunday of Advent



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 **Edward Gallagher** whose funeral took place here.

“May Advent be a time of *hope*.
We go to encounter the Lord
who comes to encounter us.”
POPE FRANCIS



XELDA QR CODE
Mass collection
60% Clergy / 40% SHARE

A few words from Fr Joe.....

What's the difference between a Christmas Carol and an Advent hymn? In the world of everyday the Christmas Carol accompanies the build up to Christmas, sets the mood for thinking about others, buying presents, getting in the festive food, sending cards, anticipating the celebration. When we shop, pop into town, turn on the radio from now until Christmas eve, the music all around is carols.

The Church has a different set of music for these next four weeks or so, the hymns of Advent, which speak of waiting, preparing, opening up the space to welcome the Saviour of the world, the infant son of God. When his birth is remembered, from the Eve of Christmas until January 6th, the Season of Christmas, then the carols have their place in our liturgy and celebrations. In a sense, we have two horses to straddle for the coming weeks, that part of us which is out in the world making Christmas happen with foods and gifts a plenty, and the other part, which is our faith community supporting our spiritual journey towards welcoming the Lord when we lay the baby in the crib.

We can harness both these sets of energy, the carols on the street are often accompanied by ruddy cheeked singers shaking buckets to collect for good causes. They can trigger our compassion for others, remind us of the needs all around us here and in war torn regions ravaged by conflict, and our giving is active solidarity with the poorest of the poor. Then here in church, when we hear 'O come O come Emmanuel....' we long for the joy that the birth of the Lord reminds us of, we yearn for his peace and ache for his blessed peace. We are moved to reconcile with others, to be more God centred and joyful. So, let's do all we can to make Advent work, set up a wreath, buy a prayer book, open the windows daily on the Advent calendar, listen attentively to the Advent readings, hymns and reflections and grow into Christmas. Then when the world turns it's attention to the sales, we have our bonus time to really celebrate Christmas for 12 days.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL St Thérèse Conference, Mount Merrion. ANNUAL APPEAL

Our special Christmas collection will take place at the weekend Masses on **Saturday December 7th and Sunday December 8th**, or donate directly to our ONLINE fundraiser appeal using the web address or QR code <http://www.svp.ie/sttheresesmerrion-appeal24>



Donate



Irish Singer releases Charity Single 'You'll Never Walk Alone' in Support of MND Community

Professional Irish singer Catrina Scullion has released a heartfelt rendition of "You'll Never Walk Alone" as a charity single, with all profits dedicated to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA) in Dublin and MNDA in Northern Ireland. The release is part of her "Sparkle for Sinead" campaign, a personal initiative inspired by Catrina's cousin, Sinead, who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of Motor Neurone Disease shortly after the birth of her third child in 2021.

Dublin Concert: December 6, 7 PM, St. Mary's Church, Haddington Road, featuring St. Andrews College Junior Choir led by conductor Karen Armitage.

For more information on the "Sparkle for Sinead" campaign, visit Catrina's fundraising page <https://gofund.me/d2fe20e6> or the IMNDA's website www.imnda.ie.



Saturday 30th November

10.00 John Marron – 1st A
Michael Doherty – A
John Dooly – A
Margaret and Hugh Marron – A
John Connolly – 10th A
Margaret Moran – Months Mind

Sunday 1st December

10.00 Brendan McManus – 1st A
Donal Meehan – A
Peter Garvey – A
Fr. Philip O'Driscoll – Remembrance
Miriam Neenan – A
Niamh White – A
7.30 Bernadette Gannon – R.D.
Mrs Browne – R.D.
Norah Neuman – R.D.

Monday 2nd December

10.00 For all who are ill
John, Bonnie and
Richella O'Reilly – Remembrance

Tuesday 3rd December

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 4th December

10.00 Bernadette Pinkerton – A
Brian Lawler – A
John & Mary Hallahan – A

Friday 6th December

10.00 Altar List of the dead

Saturday 7th December

6.00 Dr. Michael and Margaret Daly – A
Rosa Brennock – A
Mary McGrath – A
Patrick, Nora, Triston Moran and their grandson - A
Aidan Moran – Remembrance

Sunday 8th December

10.00 Paddy Gallagher – A
Frank and Edith Padbury – A
Maura Sweeney – 1st A
Bernard White – A
Bob and Stella Brennan – A
Alice, Josh and Paul Regan – A
Joe Connolly – 3rd A

OUR ADVENT SYMBOLS

These days give us an opportunity to focus on the true meaning of Christmas and on the Child whose birthday we commemorate. Two elements of our Parish Advent Programme are the ADVENT WREATH and the JESSE TREE.

The most famous symbol of Advent is the **ADVENT WREATH**, which reminds us that Jesus the Light of the world is coming. For each week of Advent, you will notice that we will light another candle until all four are lighting on the Sunday before Christmas.



THE JESSE TREE is a representation of the genealogy of Jesus Christ. It is, in a way, a 'Family Tree' of salvation, representing in various symbols some of the people and events that are of significance in the story of God's love for us.



Operation Smile
Ireland

WHO WE ARE

Operation Smile is a global nonprofit located in Dublin 4, bridging the gap in access to essential surgeries and healthcare, starting with cleft surgery and comprehensive care, such as nutrition, speech & orthodontics.

WHAT WE DO

We provide medical expertise, training, research & care through our dedicated staff & medical & student volunteers, working alongside local governments, nonprofits & health systems, & supported by our generous donors & corporate partners. One operation costs only €180. Please donate!

Our next Irish event is being held in St. Therese Church, Mount Merrion, on Tuesday 10th Dec at 7.30pm. We would love you to support this wonderful occasion, thanks to the wonderful Ranelagh Singers, Kilmacud Crokes Choir, and Mount Merrion Parish Children's Choir. Thank you!

Click on the QR Code in the Invitation below, to book your tickets.



Scan our QR code!

Please join us on
Tuesday 10th December for

Carols by Candlelight

an event for Operation Smile

Many local choirs will be performing throughout the evening

7.30pm • St Therese Parish Church, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin

TO BOOK TICKETS
WWW.OPERATIONSMILE.IE/CAROLS
ADULTS €10 / CHILDREN FREE

For additional information call us on
01 6315228 or email info@operationssmile.ie



THE FIRST PURPLE CANDLE IS THE

“Candle of Hope.”

IT SYMBOLIZES THE HOPE WE HAVE
IN CHRIST AND OUR DESIRE TO
SPEND ETERNITY WITH HIM. DURING
THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT,
WE WAIT FOR JESUS WITH HOPE.

