

22nd & 23rd June

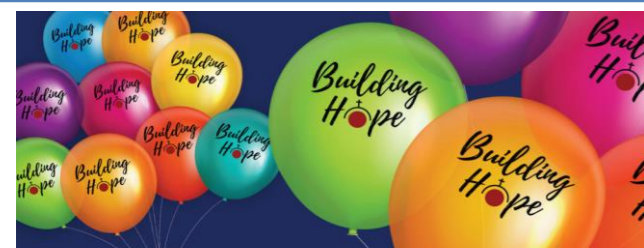
6pm Carol McCann (RD)
Mary & Thomas Duggan
Rita Ruane (A)

11.30am Charles Williams & Cecil & Anne Williams (A)
Michael & Ellen Rogan (A)
Eamon Golden (RD)
Molly O'Dea (A)

29th & 30th June

6pm Kay Mc Cann (A)
Christopher Branigan & family (Intention)

11.30am Ted O'Shaughnessey (A)
Patrick Hanley (A)
Mary O'Donnell (MM) & Jack O'Donnell (30th A)
Margaret Jenkinson
Sheila Lane (A)
Claire O'Brien (A)




'For now, what we need is the chance to change, to make space for the new thing we need'

– Pope Francis, *Let Us Dream*

Stillorgan & Kilmacud Active Retirement

Monday 24th June at 2 p.m.

Parish Office
The Parish Office will be open but on reduced hours for 26th & 27th June.

 Pray for the family & friends of Eileen O'Donoghue (Slieve Rua) whose funeral Mass took place in Mount Merrion last week.

A few words from Fr Joe....

Last Friday I headed off to Kiltiernan to celebrate a wedding in the 'Blue Church'. I love to go there from time to time as it holds many fond memories for me from 38 years ago. As a newly ordained priest in 1986 I was assigned to teach in Dundrum Tech and live in Sandyford Parish. In that parish there are three churches, the main parish church in the village, the beautiful cut granite church in Glencullen, high in the mountains and the unique wooden church in Kiltiernan with its light blue timbers framed with white and set in an extensive garden.

I believe that more than 100 years ago the then parish priest was on holidays in Switzerland, saw this type of church and drew a picture of one he liked, and on his return commissioned it for the parish. Not only is it used as a local church for Sunday Masses in Kiltiernan but it quickly become a very much in demand venue for weddings. When I was there it was booked months, if not years in advance for all the Fridays and Saturdays from Spring to Autumn.

After the ceremony, the sacristan presented me with the Marriage Register to sign. I glanced at the page and to my complete surprise this was only the fourth wedding in the church this year. I counted back and saw only 14 weddings registered for 2023. I've heard that only a small percentage of weddings are in the Catholic church now, maybe as low as 36%, but to see how a once in demand venue is now used so little really made the point. No doubt there are many reasons why this is so, but none the less it seems a pity. I just don't know what conversation is had in families now when our young parishioners get engaged, but maybe we could speak in favour of the Sacrament of Marriage. This understanding of marriage, in the sight of God, praying for all the graces and blessings to sustain a happy and durable loving relationship has much to recommend it. The parish clergy are always willing to meet with couples and discuss how a church wedding might best work for them. The whole congregation on Friday were delighted with the liturgy, the setting and the sacrament, and I was delighted to participate in such a special moment.

We will pray, in a special way, at **all Masses this weekend** for all those who celebrate birthdays in June. You are invited to attend and receive a special blessing.

Patrician Meeting
Subject/Title: Miraculous Recovery
SPEAKER: Elmah Sweetman (MCSP)
DATE: Wednesday 26th June @ 8pm
VENUE: Community Centre, Mount Merrion
All are welcome.

Mass Times
Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri & Sat @ 10am
Liturgy of Word
Thurs@10am
Saturday vigil 6pm
Sunday 11.30am

Confessions/ Reconciliation
After 10am Mass on Saturday morning (10.30)

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Registered Charity Number (RCN 20016166)

Solèy Haiti is delighted to be back in Kilmacud parish this weekend and we are very grateful to everyone for having us back. Over the last number of months things have unfortunately continued to go from bad to worse in Haiti. Gang violence is a constant threat to the wonderful Haitian people each and every day. I thought a recent report I read described it very aptly where it said regarding the situation in Haiti "It's a siege from within and everyone is a prisoner".

However, Fr. Tony Junior High remains a beacon of hope for the Fon Ibo community in the town of Gros Morne. We have four functioning classrooms constructed over the last number of years however this summer we need to put the finishing touches to the school so that it is the best possible space that the children deserve. The walls of each of the classrooms need to be plastered and each classroom painted. We want the students and indeed the community of Fon Ibo to be proud of the standard of school they go to and this summers project is vital to that.

Donations can be made outside the church after mass, at the following link www.soleyhaiti.com/donate or by scanning the QR code below



Welcome

We welcome to the partnership our friend Fr John Lule who is returning to us for a third time this weekend. Fr John loves to get a break from his parish in Uganda and to have six weeks in Dublin where he has been coming for 15 years. I am very happy to host Fr John in my home and no doubt parishioners will welcome him again. While he is here I also get a break and he covers for the other priests too. So, do please extend the hand of friendship, share a coffee or a meal with him and enjoy his lively and engaging liturgies. I think he might even be bringing the sunshine too!



Please support your priests through the Summer Dues collection. The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we sow seeds for a future harvest, trusting always in God's plans for us

Summer schedule of Masses in our Partnership: Clonskeagh-Mount Merrion-Kilmacud

	Clonskeagh	Kilmacud	Mount Merrion
Saturday Vigil		6pm	6pm
Sunday	10.30am		10am
Sunday		11.30	
Sunday evening			7.30pm