Church of St. Laurence O'Toole, Kilmacud "Meeting people where they're at and leading them to where God calls them to be"



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 8th September 2024

Say to all faint hearts

'Courage, do not be afraid!

7th & 8th September

- Timothy O'Sullivan (A) 6pm Ann Flanagan (20th A) The Fallon Family – thanksgiving Victor Robinson (2nd A) 11.30am Sean O'Mathúna (A)
- Agapito Miranda (Birthday Remembrance) Maureen Keegan (A) Sheila Dempsey (5th A) **Brendan McCabe**

14th & 15th September

- 6pm Michael Power (MM) Jim, Joan & Eddie O'Sullivan **Joan Fitzgerald** Eddie O'Dea (A) **Edward Medlar & Aoife Medlar** Snooks (A)
- 11.30am Brian Laffan (A) Jean Bowes (A) Patrick & Eileen O'Donoghue Brendan Duffy (A) For all who sympathised with the O'Donoghue family Kevin Gormley (A) Paul Liuzzi

Crosscare Collection Weekend of 14th & 15th September

Crosscare delivers a wide range of services that inspire hope and support people at various stages of poverty & marginalisation. They aim to ensure families, children, young people & individuals get the help they need when they need it most.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

Our next Mass will be on Wednesday 18th September. Blessing with the relic will take place after Mass (If a funeral Mass takes place on the 18th the Mass will move to 25th Sept)



Pray for the family & friends of Martin Daly, Sean Cadden & Stephanie Mahony whose funerals took place here this week.

A few words from Fr Joe.....

During the week, I spent a couple of hours reviewing a large parish file from 1999. That's just 25 years ago, yet it read like something from another era in history. In the file, there were some pretty strong letters from parishioners and the wider community expressing very different opinions and maybe some hostility to the planned actions. Through all of that, and over time, the priests, committee and the wider parish made progress, completed a major project and the file was closed.

My impression of the parish, as the new millennium began, was a fairly stable, active and progressive faith community, embedded within the wider culture, strong, confident and purposeful. I guess that was the end of an era. In the past 25 years so much has changed, firstly vocations to religious life and the priesthood have all but disappeared. The revelations about abuse within the church have been unfolding constantly. Then over time parishioners have become time poor and less inclined to generate activities around the faith community or church. The wider culture has changed, becoming more secular and progressive and with inward migration much more diverse. Levels of participation in parish and attendance at the sacraments are drastically reduced.

When I heard that a new series of Big House Revival has been commissioned I did stop and wonder if that's the sort of objective we have here for the church. Are we hoping that if we hang on for long enough there will be a surge of interest in how we used to live, when big was beautiful? But then I read the Archbishop's pastoral letter which sees smallness as the likely next phase of our common life. The Building Hope process asks us to think, talk and act in a positive and Spirit filled way. It seems that different isn't better or worse, it's still our church, our parish, in partnership, promoting the joys of living Gospel values.

Communication volunteers needed

We are looking for people who would be interested in helping us to work on our Parish communications. This would take the form of a Parish Communications group of volunteers, including collaborating with the other parishes of Mount Merrion and Clonskeagh.

Various platforms are used for Parish communications, including newsletters, notice boards, websites, and social media, so there is a lot of opportunity to get involved. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

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)

Parish Team

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Registered Charity Number (RCN 20016166)

This year Finance Sunday will be held on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September. A Finance bulletin will provide an overview of the Parish finances for 2023 and will be available at the doors of church. Also, a member of the Parish's Finance Committee will provide a financial summary at each of the masses.

This week's readings invite us to celebrate our 'unbounded admiration' (Gospel) for the Lord who 'keeps faith with us for ever' (Psalm). Our God makes no distinction between classes of people, desiring to nourish us and set us all free.

Isaiah (First Reading) has an unshakeable faith in the trustworthiness of God. Such faith allows him to see a future where God's transforming action will enable the world to evolve to its fruition.

There is a fulfilment of Isaiah's promise in the **Gospel**, where Jesus not only heals the deaf man with a speech impediment, but also opens the ears of many to faith, and loosens tongues to spread the Good News of the kingdom. In the **Second Reading**, St James tells the young Christian community very clearly that this Good News means God has no partiality according to class or wealth: we are all equally his children. So when Jesus reaches out to the poor and to those on the margins of community life, he brings into focus the kind of world that God desires and continues to long for.

The **Psalmist**'s hymn of praise speaks particularly of the Lord's concern for the poor, the marginalised, and those regarded as outsiders. This week, we pray to be open to God's love – the God who wants to work in and through us, healing and transforming us individually, as communities, and in our institutions.



The firstfruits of hope (Rom 8:19-25)

Technology Hub – starting The Sept

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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
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Finance Sunday

Our sincere thanks to all our parishioners for their ongoing support.

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