



# Rumblings from the Bunker

## MERCY

Mercy is another name for God

In the same way that Love is another name for God.

When we combine them we get the loving mercy of our God.

What does God's mercy mean?

Does it mean he is there for us in the dark days?

Well it does, but it's even better than that.

It means he is looking for us, always looking out for us, wants us well, wants us safe.

The mercy of God ensures we are not lost forever.

The mercy of God means no darkness, no sickness, no suffering will prevail.

The mercy of God means Death does not get the last word.

The mercy of God is our pathway to light happiness and peace.

The mercy of God is the gateway to Heaven.

The mercy of God is offered to us, not thrust upon us.

It is an open embrace, at times we manage to return it, if even only to fall into it.

The mercy of God is not deserved.

Nor is it earned.

God's Mercy is given freely with compunction

On this Divine Mercy Sunday let us renew our gratitude for Mercy. Divine Mercy.

Let us be thankful that he died so that we would not die in our sin.

Let's pray again with our whole heart.

Lord have Mercy on me, a sinner, Amen.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

John Matthies Braganza	Sarah Ellis	Karen Goonery
Evelyn Greene	Holy Souls	Hughes Family
Julie Kennedy	Paul Kennedy	Teasia Kindillon
Kindillon Family	Kay King	Brendan Murphy
Peggy Murphy	Anne O'Connor	Patrick O'Connor
O'Connor Family	Joe Robinson	Patricia Ronan
Elsie Sheridan	Tommy Shortall	Shortall Family

**Recent Funerals**

Philip Redmond                      Josephine Rice

**FAITH MOMENT**

Christ's resurrection is an event historically attested to by the apostles who met their risen Lord. The reality of Christ's resurrection is also a transcendent event beyond the realm of human history. The apostolic witness to Christ's resurrection is the foundation of the Church's proclamation of the Paschal Mystery to the world.

**BOOK OF THE WEEK**

**A VIEW FROM THE RIDGE  
THE TESTIMONY OF A PILGRIM  
MORRIS WEST 1996.**

**HARPER COLLINS AUSTRALIA Pp. 142**

Perhaps an usual choice this week. A prolific author of many highly acclaimed titles including The Shoes of the Fisherman, The Clowns of God and the Devil's Advocate. However this is a personal and inspirational account of his own faith journey. Born in 1916 in Australia he led an interesting life, including ten years as a Christian Brother and later as a cipher expert in the Second World. In 1985 Morris West was awarded the Order of Australia for services to literature. This is an insight into the maturation of his soul.

**Free Dietitian Led XPERT Course for Type 2 Diabetes in Ballyfermot Library**

A free 6 week course to help you manage your Type 2 Diabetes.

This is an award inning education course delivered by the HSE Community Dietitian.

Starting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May and every Wednesday up to and including Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June in the Quarryvale Family Resource Centre, Clondalkin.

Places are limited and you must register to attend.

Call Elaine Brennan, Diabetes Co-ordinator on 076 695 8054 to register for the course and find out more information

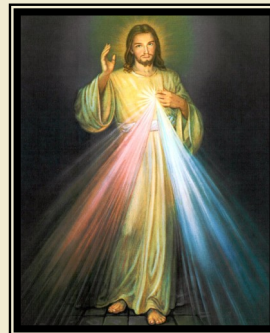
**MASS TIMES**

<b>Weekends</b>	<b>Weekdays:</b>
<b>Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30</b>	<b>Mon, Thur, Fri: 10.00</b>
<b>Sunday: 09.00,10.30,12.00</b>	<b>Wed: 7.00</b>
<b>Tuesday: Prayer Service 10.00</b>	

**RONCALLI REFORM**

The Roncalli Reform, founded last October by Fr Joe, is a group dedicated to the ongoing reform of the Church. The key elements are: Contemplative Prayer, Discussion, Fellowship and Prophetic Action.

**It's next meeting takes place  
Next Tuesday April 30 7 - 9 pm in St. Matthews.  
All Welcome.**



**DIVINE MERCY  
CELEBRATIONS  
TODAY  
IN ST. MATTHEW'S  
@ 2.30 pm**

- 2.30. Opening Prayers/ Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- 2.45. Rosary and Sacrament of Reconciliation available
- 3.00. Divine Mercy talk and Chaplet
- 3.30. Adoration of Divine Image
- 4.00. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Quiet Time)
- 4.30. Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass)

**Church Collections**

**14 Apr**

1st Collection	€875
2nd Collection	€540
Family Offering	€725

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

**Tuesday 20th August - Tuesday 27th August<sup>4</sup>**

4-Star Hotel Solitude

**7 Nights Full Board €800**

Single room supplement €252 (subject to availability).

Accompanied by Spiritual Director

Fr. Joe McDonald, St. Matthew's

**PLEASE NOTE IT IS POSSIBLE**

**TO PAY THE COST BY INSTALLMENTS**

Contact Eddie Teeling @ 0868063625

**GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon	29/04	<b>Jn 3: 1 – 8</b>	<b>St. Catherine of Sienna</b> 'You must be born from above'.
Tue	30/04	<b>Jn 3: 7 – 15</b>	'How will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things'
Wed	01/05	<b>Jn. 3:16 – 21</b>	<b>St. Joseph the Worker</b> 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son....'
Thu	02/05	<b>Jn 3: 31 – 36</b>	<b>St. Athanasius</b> 'The one who comes from above is above all'
Fri	03/05	<b>Jn 14: 6 – 14</b>	<b>St. Philip and St. James</b> 'Have I been with you all this time and still you do not know me Philip?'
Sat	04/05	<b>Jn 6: 16 – 21</b>	'It is I, do not be afraid'