# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda Sunday 1st January, 2023

## Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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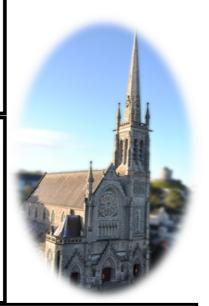
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9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon & 7:00pm The Lord's Day Monday ~ Friday 8:00am and 10:00am; Saturday 10:00am

8:00am, 10:00am & 7:00pm **Holydays** 



#### Mary, The Holy Mother of God & World Day of Peace



The story tells us that the shepherds helped Mary to realise the significance of the child born to her. She treasured their words and pondered their meaning. Who have been the people who have helped you to understand the meaning of significant events in your life? Remember them gratefully.

We are told that Mary 'pondered these things in her heart'. What part has prayerful reflection on life played for you? How has it been helpful to you in deepening your appreciation for the gift of life?

When the shepherds realised that they had been witnesses to a wonderful manifestation of God's love for his people they glorified and praised God. Recall ways in which you have been made aware of God's love for you. How have you expressed your gratitude?

#### Feast of the Epiphany Friday 6th January The Gifts of the Magi...



**Gold** - the gift for a king. Gold, the king of metals is the fitting gift for a king of men. Jesus was 'the Man born to be king'. He was to rule, not by force, but by love; not from a throne but from a cross.

Frankincense - the gift for a priest. In the Temple worship, and at the Temple sacrifices the sweet perfume of burning

incense was used. The priest is a man who, in offering sacrifice, builds a bridge between man and God. This is what Jesus did: by the sacrifice of himself on the Cross; he bridged the gap that sin had made between man and God

Myrrh - the gift for one who is to die. Myrrh was used to embalm the bodies of the dead. Jesus came into the world to live for man and in the end He died for man.

Fitness Classes All Level (Over 18s) St. Mary's Parish Hall, Old Hill, Drogheda Monday mornings at 10:30 - 11:30

From Monday 9th January. Pay as you go €5.

To enrol or find out more - contact Joe 085-589 0158





#### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 1st January, 2023

Sunday 1st Jan.

9:00am 10:30am

May Flanagan; Tony Kierans & deceased members of the Kierans

12 noon Mary, Alice & Thomas Cooney, deceased members of the Cooney &

O'Brien families, Aloysius, Mona & Aly Farrell and deceased members

of the Farrell family; John Owens, Mary & Vincent Clarke;

Tommy Byrne

10:00am

8:00am 10:00am

7:00pm

Margaret Gallagher 8:00am 10:00am

8:00am **Thursday** 

10:00am

Friday 6th Jan

**Saturday** 

**Monday** 

**Tuesday** 

Wednesday

The Epiphany of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead

8:00am 10:00am

7:00pm

10:00am

Margaret & Bernard Keeley; Brigid Reid & deceased members of the

Mc Mahon family

Sunday 8th Jan. 9:00am

10:30am

Maggie, Ann & John Jo Kiernan & deceased family members, Pat & Brid O' Donnell & deceased family members

Fr. Jim Harbison, deceased parents James & Sarah, Cathal & Helen O'

Ceallaigh & Helen Harbison; Eamon Mc Donagh I2 noon

James (Jim) Kennedy; Yvonne & Evelyn Scanlon; Ellen O' Friel;

Bridget Doswell & Rachel Mc Elhatton; Cormac Rowley; Maureen Kelly

7:00pm

#### A prayer for those who died...

Philit Fee, Lisnaskea

Annamarie Kinsella, Scotland & formerly of Ballsgrove & Mellifont Park;

Tom Healy, Beamore Road;

Marie (Marie-Thérèse) Wade née Walsh, Beamore & formerly Sligo & Mullingar;

Anne Tallon; Magdalene Street.

May they rest in peace.

### **Christmas Offering**

We wish to thank all who distributed the Christmas Offering Envelopes and to those who contributed to the Christmas Offerings. If you wish to be associated with this offering, you may use the envelope which was delivered to your house.

Many Thanks - Stay Safe