

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 1st January, 2023  
Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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



## 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

<b>Sunday 1st Jan.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	
	<b>10:30am</b>	May Flanagan; Tony Kierans & deceased members of the Kierans family
	<b>12 noon</b>	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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	
	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Margaret Gallagher
	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	
	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Friday 6th Jan</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation</b> <b>First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead</b>
	<b>8:00am</b>	
	<b>10:00am</b>	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Margaret & Bernard Keeley; Brigid Reid & deceased members of the Mc Mahon family
<b>Sunday 8th Jan.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Maggie, Ann & John Jo Kiernan & deceased family members, Pat & Brid O' Donnell & deceased family members
	<b>10:30am</b>	Fr. Jim Harbison, deceased parents James & Sarah, Cathal & Helen O' Ceallaigh & Helen Harbison; Eamon Mc Donagh
	<b>12 noon</b>	James (Jim) Kennedy; Yvonne & Evelyn Scanlon; Ellen O' Friel; Bridget Doswell & Rachel Mc Elhatton; Cormac Rowley; Maureen Kelly
	<b>7:00pm</b>	

## A prayer for those who died...



**Philip 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