

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 5th September, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

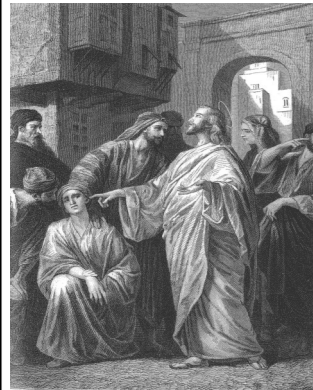
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The Lord's Day 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon & 7:00pm
Monday ~ Friday 8:00am; Saturday 10:00am
Holydays 8:00am and 7:30pm



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 September o 'Ephphatha'

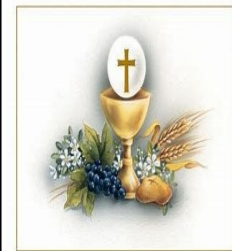


This Sunday is the First Sunday of the Season of Creation, a global ecumenical season which runs from 1st September until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October. All Christians are invited to embrace this season in prayer, especially in our liturgies, in deep reflection, in living more sustainably and in raising our voices in the public sphere. We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the earth, the environmental destruction which now threatens our world and the call to 'eco-conversion'. The theme for this year's Season is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. It offers all of us a unique opportunity to renew our vocation to care more deeply God's creation.

In today's Gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment. Jesus says to him, 'Ephphatha,' which means Be Opened. Immediately this man was healed. There are many issues in our world to which we might be deaf or are 'closed' to, sometimes because they overwhelm us. The environmental crises are an example. Pope Francis invites us in Laudato Si', his letter on the environment, to really hear and listen to the earth, which is crying out to us, to the scientific community who are sounding the alarm bells, to young people who are deeply concerned. Ephphatha! May we be open to hearing these cries, to praying for our world and to take action where we can. We begin with the small actions and encourage others to do the same. Ephphatha! Let us all be open to this call to care more deeply and 'Restore Our Common Home'.

First Holy Communion in St Mary's

We are looking forward to your First Holy Communion day next Saturday 11th or Saturday 18th September. It is a special occasion to welcome Jesus into your life in Holy Communion. We will be delighted to celebrate Mass for you and your family on Saturday 11th and 18th September. Please thank your parents on our behalf for the good work they are doing. When they brought you to the church to be baptised as a baby, they made a promise to hand on the faith to you. We thank God for the efforts they make to keep that promise and we are keeping you in our prayers. Thanks to the teachers and staff of SMPPS for their great work in preparing the children.



There will be five ceremonies:

September 11th 10:00am, 12:00noon & 2:00pm.
September 18th 10:00am & 12:00noon.

Next Saturday 11th September at 10:00am we welcome 2020 class of Ms. K. Saurin, 12noon the 2020 class of Ms. A. Dunne and at 2:00pm the 2020 class of Ms. L. McEvoy.

First Friday Calls

If you, a family member or a neighbour are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home (on the First Friday), please contact the Parish Office on 041.9834587 in order to arrange a visit from one of the priests.

Adoration

St. Mary's Church from 8.30am to 4:00pm every Friday. All Welcome

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 5th September, 2021

Sunday 5th Sept	9:00am	Barbara & Thomas Campbell; Michael, Mary-Kae & Mena Rourke; Christopher & Bridget Hoey, Jack & Alice Mooney, Mary, Donal & Helen Thornton; Eileen Carroll
	10:30am	John & Michael Mc Cormack; Desmond & Catherine Kelly; Maura & Patrick Nulty; Doreen Penders; Mona Kiernan & the Reilly family, Noeline & Phil Gradwell & Special Intention; Josephine McKenna
	12 noon	Bernie Gregory; Pawel Stefanko; Nicholas Harmon, Annie & Michael Brodigan
	7:00pm	Kathleen & Bernard Mc Avinia
Monday	8:00am	Eileen Carroll (Née Cahill)
Tuesday	8:00am	Fr. Gerry Hanley
Wednesday	8:00am	Tony & Margaret Tunney & the Tunney family
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday	8:00am	Family of Baby Mikkel Peter
Saturday 11th Sept	10:00am	
		First Holy Communion 10:00am, 12:00 noon & 2:00pm
Sunday 12th Sept	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Alice Shannon & Agnes Hoolihan
	10:30am	Alice & John Donagh & deceased family members; Peter 'Petes' Kelly; Ollie Rice, Maureen Rice, Michael Byrne & Karen O'Brien; Philip & Maura Mc Donough
	12 noon	Brendan Murray <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Pedro Clarke <i>First Anniversary</i>
	7:00pm	

A prayer for those who died...



Pawel Stefanko, Drogheda & Poland
Doreen Gillespie (née O'Neill), Wheaton Hall
Eileen Carroll (nee Cahill), USA.

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can now use the **donate button** facility on our website.

Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.