

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 10th May, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Hospital Visitation: is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 10th May, 2020 will be celebrated in Private via webcam at 10:00am each day

Sunday 10th May	10:00am	Robert Geraghty <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Annie Cooney
Monday	10:00am	Thomas & Mary O'Connor
Tuesday	10:00am	Tom Clinton
Wednesday	10:00am	Mary Mahon
Thursday	10:00am	Anna Maguire
Friday	10:00am	Jim Hanley
Saturday	10:00am	Nora Clinton
Sunday 17th May	10:00am	Brian Duff <i>First Anniversary</i> , Hugh Hanley <i>First Anniversary</i>



O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.



Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.



As yesterday was to have been your First Communion day, we are remembering you, your parents, families and teachers this weekend. We do not know when your big day will be celebrated. We hope you will continue to prepare by praying each day and join in Sunday Mass through the webcam or Television.

We are keeping all of you in our prayers.



Important Notices

- 1. Cemetery Sunday** has been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. We hope to reschedule later in the year.
- 2. A Donate Button** is now available on our parish website for anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the parish.
- 3. The Parish Office** will be closed until further notice. For queries please phone 041.9834958.

A prayer for those who died...



Catherine Fanning, Foxhill, Wheaton Hall
Robert (Bobby) Mc Grory, Maple Drive

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.