

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 13th September, 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



The return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments commenced on June 29th. This is a source of joy and hope to our parish community. Morning Mass has resumed at 8:00am. **The weekend Masses will be as normal.** We have installed a loud-speaker in the car park.



First Holy Communion in St Mary's
We are really looking forward to your First Holy Communion day next Saturday 19th 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 19th 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 two ceremonies next Saturday - **September 19th - 10:00am & 12:00noon.**

We congratulate the children who received their First Holy Communion yesterday in St Mary's Church. May they always have a deep respect and reverence for the Eucharist

Eucharistic Adoration each Friday in St Mary's Church from 8:30 – 4:00pm
"When you have received Holy Communion, close your bodily eyes so that you may open your soul. Then look upon Jesus in the centre of your heart."
St Teresa of Avila

We are delighted to have our Padre Pio Mass and devotions return next Thursday evening at 7:30pm. Rosary recited at 7:05pm. St Pio pray for us.

Holy Places Collection
The Holy Father has asked that the annual collection for the Holy Places which in previous years took place on Good Friday be taken up on Sunday 13th September. **A second collection** will take place after Mass. This collection is used to fund Christians in the Holy Land. The political situation, much less the Covid pandemic, has impacted hugely. In addition, Pilgrimages to the Holy Land which were a source of indirect economic assistance have not been possible this year.

Amie Dyer, is a one in a million operatic talent who has given of her time in abundance not only to her local community but much further afield. She is undoubtedly destined for international stardom but now needs a helping hand to further her burgeoning career.

Amie is a graduate of the Royal Irish Academy of Music but now has the chance to develop her soprano voice as she has been accepted to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's acclaimed two-year programme. The total cost of this advanced programme is considerable, taking fees and accommodation into account. This will place a heavy burden on Amie and her family and she will need support if she is to be able to take up her place on the prestigious programme.

Amie had arranged a number of recitals and concerts to help raise funding but, unfortunately, the advent of Covid-19 meant all these had to be cancelled.

Amie hails from Rathmullen Park and has been deeply immersed in the cultural and artistic life of her community and the town in general.

It is no exaggeration to say she is a shining example and provides a beacon of hope in these challenging times.

She is a former pupil of DEIS Band 1 schools at primary and second level. Amie developed her passion for music in the Holy Family Parish Church, Ballsgrove where she continues to delight the congregation. She unstintingly lends her voice in support of other churches and charitable causes throughout the surrounding area.

She is particularly effective in mentoring young musicians and singers from her own community, working tirelessly to this end as Musical Director of the Holy Family Youth Choir. Her academic career has thrived under the tutelage of internationally-renowned soprano Virginia Kerr, during which time she has competed at the highest level, winning multiple prizes at several Feiseanna Ceoil, including the coveted Mac Greevy Rosebowl. A recipient of the 2017 Irene Sandford Award for Best English Art Song, Amie has also played a variety of roles across a range of RIAM productions including the lead role of Satirino in Francesco Cavalli's La Calisto.

Amie is a role model for the youth of the Drogheda area and has worked for the betterment of the town's young people. She deserves to get the chance to fulfil her dream of pursuing an opera career. In earnestly asking for your support in any way possible. We hope you can contribute to helping this fine young woman achieve her ambition. Amie is heading to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland next week to complete a 2 year MA programme. Amie was to perform in a concert St. Mary's Church in April to raise much needed funds towards her education, but this was cancelled due to Covid 19. If anyone wishes they can go on line to **Friends of Amie** and make a donation or if they prefer they can leave a donation into The Augustinian Mass Shop, St. Mary's Parish Office or Holy Family Parish, Ballsgrove.

We wish Amie the very best in her further studies and look forward to her singing again for all of us.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 13th September, 2020

Sunday 13th Sept	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	10:30am	Ollie Rice & Michael Byrne; Patrick Leech; Dermot Mulhall, Louis Foley
	12:00noon	Jane Glover <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Bernie Gregory
	7:00pm	Special Intention; Joe Browne
Monday	8:00am	Agnes & John Kierans and son John
Tuesday	8:00am	
Wednesday	8:00am	Oliver & Maureen Halpin
Thursday 17th Sept.	8:00am	
	7:30pm	St. Pio Mass & Devotions
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday 19th Sept	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - ST. MARY'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL	
	10:00am & 12noon	
Sunday 20th Sept	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	10:30am	Carmel Freeman <i>First Anniversary</i> & Sean Freeman; Sr. Dominic; Philip & Maura Mc Donagh; Patricia, William, Paddy & Michael Clarke; Mary Quinn; Maurice Bogue
	12:00noon	Kaline Murray
	7:00pm	2:00pm Polish Mass
		Special Intention

A prayer for those who died...

Gerard (Gerry) Nugent Taaffe,
Tredagh View, Drogheda
Peter G. Finn, Ballsgrove

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:
7th September, 2020

Offertory: € 1,050.00
Development Fund: € 1,445.00

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.