

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 13th October, 2019  
Twenty Eight 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

**Baptisms** are celebrated on the first Saturday and on the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Please contact the parish office or the sacristy for a booking form. **Four weeks notice required.**

**Confessions** are available on Saturdays after 10:00am Mass, and every Sunday after 7:00pm Mass.

**Marriages** are facilitated by the Parish Centre: 9834587.



## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Earlier generations used to say "Thank God" after remarking about fine weather, success in business or at school, the safe arrival of a child, or a recovery from illness. It's a good custom, built on a tradition of faith and prayer. How satisfying it is to receive a sincere "Thank you" for a service truly appreciated. We might even be embarrassed by the warmth of another's thanks for something that didn't cost us much sacrifice; but there's still a warmth in being thanked for things we've done. The contrary also holds, of course: how hurtful it is to be consistently taken for granted, without ever a word of appreciation. One out of ten was a fairly poor proportion; but then, truly appreciative people, willing to make sacrifice to show their thanks, are rare enough.

After Mass, we need to bring this thankful spirit into practical social expression in our treatment of others; seeing our life as gift, we should be better able to accept the realities of daily living and share our blessings with others in a generous spirit.

As Shakespeare wrote in *King Lear*, "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child."

The Eucharist is a reminder never to forget God's greatest gift to us, his own Son, our Saviour. If we concentrate too much on asking for things, there is a danger that we may reduce our Mass to the level of magical thinking, a way of turning God to our way of thinking. How much better if we can open our hearts and our lives to whatever God wants for us, which is sure to be the best that can happen to us in the long run.

We are meant to pray "thy will be done", not demand to have our own way. When we need a favour, we must ask for it with prayer and thanksgiving, because God answers prayer, even if not precisely in the way we expect. Ultimately, says Jesus, God grants only what is for our good. We need to thank God from the heart, like Naaman after his cure, or like the leper who was grateful to Jesus. What a pity the other nine did not say a word of thanks for the blessing they received. *Fr Pat Rogers*

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 13th October 2019

<b>Sunday 13th Oct</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intention; Maria Wolfe
	<b>10:30am</b>	Louis O' Hare <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Deirdre Cronin; Mark Varley & deceased members of the Varley family; Fr. Alphonsus Mc Kenna; Special Intention; Tricia Lynch
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Sheila & Kevin Monaghan; Kevin Mc Grath; Margaret O'Brien; Frank Mooney, Joe & Elizabeth Gibney & the Holy Souls
	<b>7:00pm</b>	William, Patricia, Paddy & Michael Clarke
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tuesday 8:00am</b> Special Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>7:30pm</b> St. Pio Mass & Devotions
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Brendan Mc Cullagh; John & Hanna Gregory; Mary Jane Mc Donnell; Patrick Crickley
<b>Sunday 20th Oct</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>L.M./F.M. Live Mass</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	Carmel Freeman <i>Month's Memory</i> & Sean Freeman; St. Mary's Apostolic Society
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Kathleen Bowden
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>2:00pm Polish Mass</b>

## Our Parish Community

Oct 2019

Mon 14th Oct 8:00pm  
Thurs 17th Oct 7.30pm

P.T.A.A. Meeting  
St. Pio Mass & Devotion

Teach Mhuire  
Church

**Hospital Visitation:** Please inform Fr Phil, Fr Ciprian or the Parish Centre if a relative is ill or in hospital.



## Mission Sunday 2019 Next Sunday 20th Oct

It's 100 years since Pope Benedict XV's encyclical *Maximum Illud* called Catholics to bring the Good News to all peoples (Missio Ad Gentes).

To commemorate its anniversary, Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an [Extraordinary Month of Mission \(EMM2019\)](#).

This special month of prayer and action calls us all to renew our missionary commitment by sharing the Good News of Jesus with all people!

Our **9.00am Mass** will be live on LFM. We will be starting our Preached Mission here in St Mary's.

**There will be a second collection at all Masses next Sunday for the Missions.**

## Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman (1801 – 1890)

On **Sunday 13th October** Blessed John Henry Newman will be declared a saint by Pope Francis. Blessed John Henry Newman is best known in Ireland as the founder of the first Catholic university in Ireland. He served as the university's first rector in 1858.

In his 1993 Encyclical Letter, *Veritatis Splendor (The Splendour of Truth)*, Pope Saint John Paul II, explaining the relationship between conscience, individual freedom and the duty to adhere to objective truth, quoted Cardinal Newman and describes him as 'an outstanding defender of the rights of conscience'.

On 19 September 2010, during his papal visit to Britain, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI beatified Cardinal Newman in Birmingham, saying during the Mass of Beatification that he was 'a man of gentle scholarship, deep wisdom and profound love for the Lord.'

## Parish Mission St Mary's Parish & Holy Family Ballsgrove

My name is Mattie McGrath, a lay member of Céilí Catholic Community. For the past 10 months, I have been working with your very enthusiastic, competent, and inspiring Parish Mission Committee to deliver your parish Mission. From the very outset, I could see that they and Fr. Phil had it very much in their hearts to have a mission with the accent on **rejoicing, renewal, and returning.**

The Céilí team will consist of 3 priests, 2 religious sisters, and 23 lay people, male and female, married and single. One comes from as far away as France and one not too far from Navan but most of them come from various parts of Ireland. None of them would like to be considered "experts" but ordinary people of faith willing to share their experience of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and how that has blessed them in all the ups and downs of their lives.

We have tried our very best to design a mission that has something for everybody. It will be down to earth for all of you and relevant to your everyday lives. Above all, we in Céilí are praying that by the end of the mission each one of you will have a deep personal sense of God's everlasting love and infinite mercy for you. Please make all the planning worthwhile. Please come and see!

Thank you and God bless you, Mattie **Céilí Catholic Community**

## Alzheimer's Concert

Will take place on Friday 1st November at 7:30pm in Holy Family Church. This year we have Amie Dyer, The Holy Family Youth Choir, The Savage Family & The Lourdes Brass Band. Tickets cost €15 (children under 14 are free with supervision), Tickets are on sale from Holy Family Parish Office & St. Mary's Parish Office.

## Parish Mission Prayer

God our Father, we ask you to bless our Parish Mission.  
You invite us to come to you with all our hearts.  
Pour out your Spirit upon us.  
May we experience the healing power of Jesus.  
May we be renewed in faith, hope and love.  
May the peace of the Holy Spirit light up our lives.  
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord,  
**Amen**



## A prayer for those who died...

*Joan Donlon (née Smith), Rathmullen Park*  
*Paul Mc Avinia, Kilconnell, Galway & Bryanstown*  
*Evelyn (Ellen) O' Leary (née Taite), Stameen & Duleek*  
*Katherine Lord (née Griffin), Drogheda & Limerick*  
**May they rest in peace**



## Supporting Our Parish:

6th October 2019

Offertory: €1,194.00  
Parish Dev. Fund: €882.00

Many thanks for your support