

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 17th July 2022

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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



Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.



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Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 17th July, 2022

Sunday 17th July	9:00am	Tommie Cunningham, Micky Murray & Kit O'Rourke
	10:30am	Martin Carroll <i>Months Memory</i> ; Bridget & John Cooney & deceased family members; James, Christina & Joan Mohan; Christopher & Bridget Hughes & deceased family members; John Valentine Clarke & deceased family members; Joe Keegan
	12 noon	Noreen Fennell <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Thomas (Tony) McGrory <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Eddie McGovern, Kitty Woulfe & deceased members of the McGovern & Morgan families; Dominic Thornton
Monday	7:00pm	
	8:00am	
	10:00am	Jim & Peggy Heeney, Brendan Coyle & deceased members of the Heeney & Keegan families
Tuesday	8:00am	
	10:00am	Thanksgiving & Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	
	10:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	
	10:00am	
Friday	7:30pm	St. Pio Mass & Devotions
	8:00am	
Saturday	10:00am	Brendan O'Shea <i>Month's Memory</i>
Sunday 24th July	9:00am	Willie Murtagh
	10:30am	Charlie Mc Gee; Kelly Ann Ward
	12 noon	Jim Gough <i>Month's Memory</i>
	7:00pm	



Rev. Barry White will be ordained a priest on Sunday July 17th at 3 pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar by Bishop Thomas Deenihan, Bishop of Meath and he will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church of St Louis and St Mary, Rathkenny at 7 pm on Monday, July 18th. This is a very special celebration in the life of Barry, his parents Maree and Paddy and sister Niamh, his family, his native parish of Rathkenny, and for the Diocese of Meath. All are most welcome to attend these ceremonies.

"I will raise for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. I will build him an enduring House and he will walk in the presence of my Anointed forever." 1 Samuel 2:35

Rev Barry reflects on this momentous day in his young life

"Over many years, with the "ear of the heart" (c.f. St Benedict), I discerned the voice of God speaking through experiences of faith, prayer and pilgrimage along with experiences of study, work, travel, and relationships. This discernment gradually gave way to a deeper understanding of my own personal identity, found in Christ's call and his plan for my life. This sense of vocation, strengthened through prayer and the sacraments, has given me the inner freedom and peace of mind to respond to God's call, amidst so many other competing voices in life. I now commit to a life of prayer and service to the People of God as a priest in the Diocese of Meath filled with joy and hope. For me Priesthood is a ministry of joy in this hour of history. It is an office that can speak to the hearts of many with the voice of Christ the Teacher who leads all of us on the road to life."

Priesthood is a gift from God that brings us to God. It is a call less ordinary and beautiful. It is a ministry that goes out from the altar of the Lord's Presence to those sick at home or in hospital, to the young in search of meaning and to those seeking hope. Without the Priesthood, we cannot have Mass or the Sacraments; the very person of Christ among us. May every family in our parish with a son never fear God's call. Let us continue to pray that young men will offer themselves to the Lord in his service.

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The two sisters symbolize the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?

Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home, namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them speaking. What has been your experience of being a cherished guest and when have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?

We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us in life: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and to listen to them. What does your experience tell you?

When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to give time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?



A prayer for those who died...

Jeanette Monaghan (née Harmon), Clogherhead & formerly Yellowbatter;
Peter Ryan, Rathmullen Road;
Joe (Joseph) Kavanagh, Drogheda Road, Duleek;
Cepta Collins, Galway & late of Ballsgrove.

May they rest in peace

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Many thanks.