

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 18th July, 2021
16th 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



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

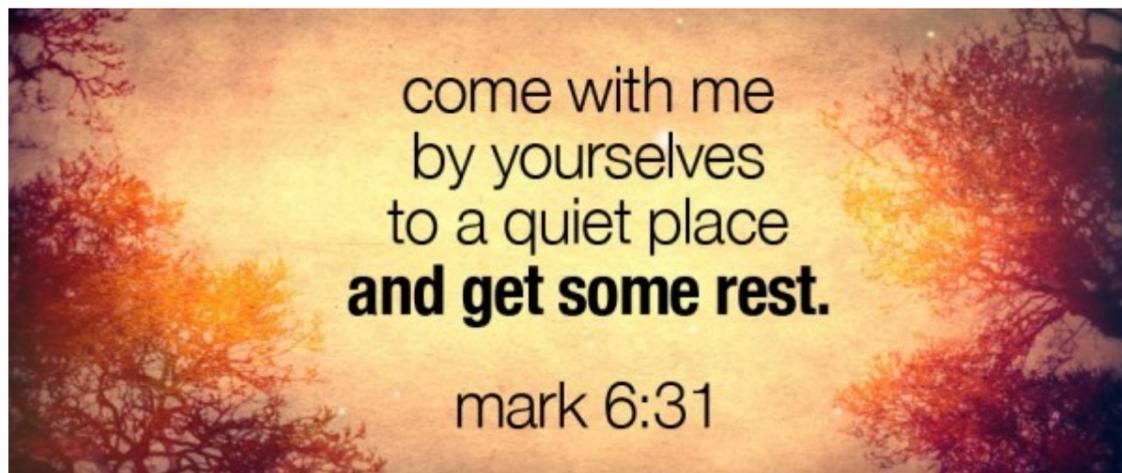
Take a break

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common - she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love. No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

First Friday Calls

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



Stewards required to assist at Sunday Masses, we are particularly short of people to help at the 12 noon & 7pm masses.

As you may have heard recently, Confirmation and First Communion Ceremonies are not permitted under the current Covid 19 restrictions. Bishop Tom Deenihan has issued a statement in relation to this decision. Copies of the statement are available at the back of the Church.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 18th July 2021

Sunday 18th July	9:00am	Ray Drum; Tommy Cunningham & family & Holohan family; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	10:30am	Bridget & John Cooney; Patrick, Thomas & Paddy Reilly Senior, Kelly, Plunkett & Reilly families; Jack & Kathleen Mc Cormack
	12 noon	Paddy Gregory <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Eddie Mc Govern, Kitty Wolfe
Monday	7:00pm	Special Intention
	8:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Karen Murphy <i>First Anniversary</i> & Patti Murphy
Thursday	8:00am	Special Intention
Friday	8:00am	Elizabeth & Kevin Molloy
Saturday	10:00am	Marie Hughes <i>Month's Memory</i> ; John & Alice, Johnny, Pat & David Hughes; Special Intention; James (Jem) Matthews; Willie Murtagh
	10:30am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	12 noon	Ena Bradlay; Denis Mc Carthy; Kelly Ann Ward; Francis Devin Seamus Hallinan <i>First Anniversary</i> & Margaret Quinn; Bill Connell; Aidan Mac Kenna; Michael Callaghan Junior, May Callaghan & Michael Callaghan; Susan & John Kelly & dec. family members & Frank Benson
Sunday 25th July	12 noon	Dominic & Nancy Thornton; Catherine & Leo Fuller & dec. family members, Mary & Frank Smith & dec. family members, Special Intention
	7:00pm	Special Intention

A prayer for those who died...



Margaret Byrne (née Murray) Beaubec & formerly Termonfeckin
Yvonne Clarke (née Fallon), William Street & formerly Marian Park
Anne Moran (née Corcoran), Donore

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.