

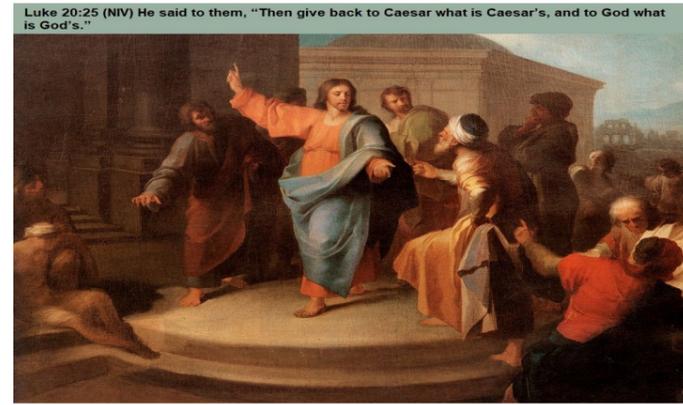
St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 18th October, 2020
Mission Sunday

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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.



In his **message for World Mission Day**, released May 31, the **Pope** invited people to discern their mission within the Church. He said: "Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life?" "Are we willing to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith in God the merciful Father, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, to share the divine life of the Holy Spirit by building up the Church?" "Are we, like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, ready to be completely at the service of God's will?" World Mission Day - also known as World Mission Sunday - is celebrated annually on the next-to-last Sunday in October. This year it falls on October 18. The day is marked by a collection for the Pontifical Mission Societies, a group of Catholic missionary societies under the jurisdiction of the pope. In his message dated May 31, Pentecost Sunday, the pope reflected on the theme of this year's observance, "Here am I, send me," taken from Isaiah 6:8. He wrote: "In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: 'Here am I, send me.' This is the ever new response to the Lord's question: 'Whom shall I send?'" "This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis." "He said that the suffering caused by the pandemic should spur Catholics to serve God and their neighbour. "The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others," he said. Describing Jesus as "the Father's Missionary," the pope explained that through his death and resurrection Jesus called us to take part in his mission of love. He said: "The Church, the universal sacrament of God's love for the world, continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies, and cultures in every place and time." Pope Francis noted that the coronavirus pandemic presented a challenge for the Church's mission. "Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, this situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others," he said. And prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more open to the need of our brothers and sisters for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation." In conclusion, the pope implored the Virgin Mary, "Star of Evangelization and Comforter of the Afflicted, missionary disciple of her Son Jesus," to intercede for humanity.

**Mass Intentions for the coming week will be included
in the Private Masses celebrated by the Priests at 10:00am each day**

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 18th October, 2020

Sunday 18th Oct.	10:00am	Richard Duffin <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Sky Yong Li <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Special Intention; Mark Varley & deceased family members; Living & deceased members of St. Mary's Apostolic Society; Mary & Frank Smith & dec. family members, Catherine & Leo Fuller & dec. family members; Mary Mc Dermott ; Margaret McLoughlin, Grainne Condra, Paschal Condra, Alice (Alcoque) Rooney, Monica Rooney, Sarah Murray, Alice Harrison, Pat Harrison, Joe Heston & dec. members of the Condra, Rooney, Harrison & Heston families
Monday	10:00am	Christina Callan
Tuesday	10:00am	SMPPS Opening Year Mass; Denise Monaghan
Wednesday	10:00am	Kevin Nolan
Thursday	10:00am	
Saturday	10:00am	
Sunday 25th Oct.	10:00am	Friday 10:00am Tony Jordan; Aileen Kelly; John & Patsy Mc Keague Mark Weldon <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Joan Bruton <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Vera, Harold & Conor Tonge; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Robert Tiernan; Margaret (Peg) McNally; Nano Keegan

**Mass on Tuesday 20th October will be streamed live into St. Mary's Parish Primary School.
It is the opening of the School Year Mass.**

COVID 19 MASS ARRANGEMENTS

All public weekday and Sunday Masses are suspended, commencing Wednesday 7th October 2020 to Tuesday 27th October. Fortunately, we have a webcam facility in our church which can be accessed via our website www.stmarysdrogheda.ie Click on live stream to view.

Mass will be celebrated each morning at **10:00 am** (weekdays and Sundays).

The Church will be open each day from **10.30am to 4.00pm** so that people can call in to say a prayer or light a candle.

Adoration in the main Church Monday to Friday 10.30am to 4:00pm.

Copies of the parish bulletin will be available in the Church.

The envelopes for the List of the Dead are also available at the back of the church.

Please follow Health Guidelines and wear face masks.

Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church. You can also use the Donate Button which is available on our parish website for anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the parish. **Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.**

Thank you and keep safe.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

(Pause for silent prayer)

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine! X3



A prayer for those who died

Hafiz Anthony Khan, Navan & Ballsgrove

Gary (Gal) Reilly, Weirhope
Dennis Byrne, Roschoill, Dublin Road.

May they rest in peace

*PRAY
and give generously*

