

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 22nd August, 2021  
21st 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



## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Leap of faith

Children are often adept at looking beyond the practicalities and seeing the possibilities. Where a parent or guardian might only see a messy room in need of tidying, a child sees an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical fairy forest. It can be refreshing to take a breath and remember that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty or meaning.

In today's Gospel, some of Jesus' followers are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. He has been teaching them that he is the living bread, but it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language' and they wonder 'How could anyone accept it?' His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and they are annoyed and offended. Some of them even walk away.

But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.' He is able to see beyond the obvious, to hear the truth at the heart of Jesus' words. Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow. Are we ready to make that leap of faith?

## Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here in St Mary's Church tomorrow Monday 23rd August. We welcome **Bishop Tom Deenihan** to the Parish as the boys and girls from St Mary's Parish Primary school and the children from Le Cheile and Gaelscoil an Bhradáin Feasa who live in our parish receive the Sacrament.



As a community we wish the boys and girls every blessing on this special day in their lives. We thank all the teachers and staff for all the guidance and help they provided to the children in their preparation to receive the Sacrament.

### Adoration

St. Mary's Church from 11:00am to 4:00pm every Friday. All Welcome

### First Friday Calls

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

### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 22nd August, 2021

<b>Sunday 22nd August 9:00am</b>	Fr. Gerard Rice <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Maria & Frank Woulfe; Janet Kiernan
<b>10:30am</b>	Paddy & Thomas Reilly & Patrick Reilly Junior; Cathal Whelan; Jimmy Farrar; Jane & William Murphy; Janet Kiernan; James, Christina & Joan Mohan
<b>12 noon</b>	Noreen Fennell <i>Month's Memory</i> ; John Mc Cabe, Mary, James, Paddy & Phyllis Mc Cabe; Janet Kiernan
<b>7:00pm</b>	Michel & Margaret Tuite; Janet Kiernan
<b>Monday 8:00am</b>	
<b>Tuesday 8:00am</b>	Birthday Remembrance
<b>Wednesday 8:00am</b>	
<b>Thursday 8:00am</b>	
<b>Friday 8:00am</b>	Mary Power; Birthday Remembrance; Pauline & Oliver Harlin
<b>Saturday 10:00am</b>	Baby Sean O' Callaghan; Patrick & Marie O Connor; Kevin Devine & John Lynch, Jane Glover; Rhys Michael James & Amy Luisa James
<b>Sunday 29th August 9:00am</b>	Jim & Lilly Moore; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Nancy Search Carmel Mc Entee
<b>10:30am</b>	Kelly & Plunkett family, Tommy Cunningham & family; Phil Gradwell
<b>12 noon</b>	Margaret Nugent <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Phyllis Lowth; Cepta Behan; Mary Alice & Thomas Cooney, Aloysius, Mona & Aly Farrell & deceased members of the Cooney & Farrell families;
<b>7:00pm</b>	David Hallinan & John Quinn

### A prayer for those who died...



**James (Jim) Keegan**, Bredin Street & formerly Moran's Terrace  
**Katie Callaghan**, Drogheda & Tipperary  
**Dr. Jimmy Carroll**, Carrickmacross & Drogheda

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.