

Diocesan Changes and Parish Personnel

Bishop Tom Deenihan has recently published this year's clerical changes for the Diocese of Meath. These changes, in no small way, impact both the parish of St. Mary's and Holy Family in Drogheda. Fr. Ciprian Solomon CC who has worked in St. Mary's for the past four years, has been appointed as curate to Laytown Parish, and will be resident at Mornington Church. We congratulate Fr Ciprian warmly on his new appointment, acknowledging with great thanks all his efforts here in St. Mary's. We wish him well and every blessing in his new role. Fr. Derek Ryan has been appointed as curate to St. Mary's Parish and also curate to Holy Family Parish, Ballsgrove. Fr. Derek will reside at Holy Family. Fr. Brendan and Fr. Stephen have been appointed to Ashbourne Parish. We take this opportunity to thank them both for their unstinting service and loyalty to Holy Family Parish. We wish them well and every blessing in their new ministry. Fr. Emmanuel Ibitoye, a visiting student priest from Nigeria, will be resident in St. Mary's Presbytery and act as an assistant priest to myself and Fr. Derek when his academic commitments permit. All these changes will take effect from July 1st 2023. These changes effectively mean the number of priests servicing St. Mary's and Holy Family parishes has been significantly decreased. This is because of the falling number in vocations to the priesthood. Of necessity this reduction will in turn occasion pastoral and liturgical changes in both churches, including the rationalisation of Masses and alteration of Mass times. **To express our gratitude** to Fr. Ciprian it is hoped to present a gift upon his leaving. Should any parishioners wish to be associated with this presentation, designated envelopes for a voluntary contribution are available at the church doors.

This summer will be a period of considerable change for our parishes. We ask for your understanding and we can assure Fr. Derek and Fr. Emmanuel of a warm welcome. **Fr. John**



Congratulations

To the boys and girls from St. Mary's Parish Primary School who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion yesterday Saturday 27th May. Thanks to their parents, teachers and staff of SMPPS for their great work in preparing the children for this special Day.

Vocations information : Phone: Fr Tony Gonoude 044 9373923 Website: <u>www.meathvocations.com</u>



Calvary Cemetery Sunday will take place on Sunday 18th June at 3:00pm To prepare for this special occasion in our parish we are organising a Clean Up of the Cemetery on Thursday 8th June at 7:00pm.

If you have an hour to spare we would welcome your help. It is important that all of us look after the graves of our ancestors, one day someone will be looking after ours.

N.B. A reminder that those who bring their dog for a walk in the Cemetery must keep their dog on a leash and take away any dog foul.

Gaelscoil An Bhradáin Feasa First Holy Communion Saturday 10th June, 2023 11:00am

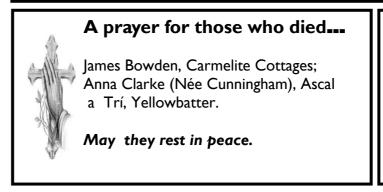
First Friday Calls - This is the week of the First Friday. Fr. John and Fr. Ciprian will attend the calls on the usual days at the usual times.

The youth of the parish will be hosting a cake sale today Sunday 28th May after all the Masses in the Pastoral Centre to raise funds for those attending Camp Veritas this summer, come and join us for tea and a bun!

Camp Veritas is a weeklong Catholic summer camp for teenagers, please support our young people as they seek to grow in their faith this summer.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 28th May, 2023

Sunday 28th May	9:00am	
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		Patrick Reilly; Reil
		Christopher Carro
		Cunningham, Spec
		& Son; Robert Tie
	12 noon	Johnny Gregory /
		William Reilly; Ita
		& Paddy Reilly; Ma
	7:00pm	
Monday	8:00am	
Tionday	10:00am	Jim Berrill
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	10:00am	Tom & Renee We
Wed. 31st May		Visitation of the B
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	8:00am	Mary Ann Prender
	10:00am	Joe Aspell; Emily N
Thursday 1st June	8:00am	Special Intention
	10:00am	
Friday 2nd June	8:00am	First Friday - Ma
	10:00am	First Friday - M
Saturday	10:00am	Gillian Thornton;
		Kevin Dowd
Sunday 4th June	9:00am	
	10:30am	Tony & Marie Wa
	l 2 noon	
	7:00pm	





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Month's Memory; Declan Murray Month's Memory; a & Peter O' Brien, Frank & Mary Smith, James Smith larie Boyle; Ollie Halpin

'eldon; Martin Vaughey **Blessed Virgin Mary** ergast & deceased relatives Murray

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Supporting Our Parish:

 Sunday 21st May, 2023

 Parish Dev Fund:
 €1,010.00

 Offertory:
 €980.00

Many thanks

Keep safe and well.