

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 2nd February 2020
The Presentation of The Lord

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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**

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Saturday and on the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Please contact the parish office or the sacristy for a booking form.

Four weeks notice required.

Confessions are available on Saturdays after 10:00am Mass, and every Sunday after 7:00pm Mass.

Marriages are facilitated by the Parish Centre: 9834587.



Our Parish Community

Feb 2020

Mon 3rd Feb 8:00pm Liturgy Meeting Parish Centre

Tues 11th Feb 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting Team A Centre

Mon 17th Feb 8:00pm Finance Meeting Parish Centre

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Meeting resumes on First Monday in February.

Holy Hour of Adoration will resume on 11th March.

Hospital Visitation: Please inform Fr Phil, Fr Ciprian or the Parish Centre if a relative is ill or in hospital.



Feast of the Presentation of Jesus

Simeon recognises the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognises Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that they would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognised the infant Jesus as the promised Saviour, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

Anna also recognised Jesus as the fulfilment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

Sacramental Preparation Programme

Today we again welcome the boys and girls who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and their families to the 10.30am and 12.00 noon Masses.

As always we look forward to meeting you every Sunday here in St. Mary's.

Candlemas Day Sunday 2nd February

There is a long tradition associated with this day when candles are blessed for use at home or you are invited to donate candles for use in the Church.

Feast of St. Blaise Monday 3rd February

People will have the opportunity to have their throats blessed today after all Masses: 9.00am; 10.30am; 12noon & 7.00pm

First Confessions

The children from St Mary's Parish Primary School will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confessions) at 7:30pm on Tuesday the 11th and Wednesday the 12th of February in St Mary's Church.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 2nd February 2020

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| Sunday 2nd Feb 9:00am | Deceased members of Moran, Churchill, Collins, Vaughey, McCarty, Hutchens & McEnteggart families; |
| 10:30am | Mary Clarke <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Thomas Lowth; John & Mary Murray, John Murray Jr. & deceased members of the Murray & Stafford families; Kitty & Peter Campbell, Paddy, Kay & Mary Murray |
| 12:00noon | Lillah Mathews First Anniversary, Sean Mathews & John Fennell; Ken Donagh; Nancy Thornton |
| 7:00pm | Special Intention |
| Monday 8:00am | |
| Tuesday 8:00am | |
| Wednesday 8:00am | |
| Thursday 8:00am | |
| Friday 8:00am | First Friday Mass for all those on the Parish List of the Dead |
| Saturday 10:00am | James Nulty First Anniversary; John & Kathleen Quinn; Edward & Mary Quinn; Francis & Elizabeth McEnaney |
| Sunday 9th Feb 9:00am | Special Intention |
| 10:30am | Gerry Murdock <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Betty Kirwan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; William Barron First Anniversary; Mary Durnin First Anniversary; Sandra Tiernan; Willie Murtagh |
| 12:00noon | Gay Nally <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Patrick Byrne <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Thomas & Mary Reilly |

St. Ita's Special School Drogheda

are hosting a coffee morning in aid of the Calliope Joy Foundation on Thursday 13th February 2020, from 10.30am to 12 noon. All welcome.

Dalgan Park Navan.

An afternoon of chant, polyphony and Irish Traditional music in Dalgan, College Chapel, 3pm Sunday 2nd February 2020. Tickets €15 (students €5 and children free) for sale at reception.

St Vincent de Paul Drogheda.

SVP would like to extend their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks to all for your amazing response to the Christmas Appeal this year. Your prompt response allowed them to deliver their support in a timely manner alleviating the additional stress that Christmas brings for over 500 families.

Human Life International Ireland.

You are invited to a Vigil of reparation for Ireland's turning from God: St. Mary's Marist Church, Dundalk. Saturday 8th February from 2-4.30pm. Mass, Benediction, confession, silences, devotions including Holy Face prayers. Vatican approved relic of the Holy Face & blessed oil from international shrine Tours France available. For more info: 085 2525612 (HLI Ireland)

Day for Consecrated Life

There will be a celebration of blessing of Candles and sung Vespers in the Cathedral in Mullingar this evening February 2nd at 4pm with the Bishop and Religious of the Diocese. All are welcome to this celebration which marks the **Day for Consecrated Life** and the contribution of religious to our Diocese. The reflection will be given by Mother Marie OCSO, the Abbess of Glencairn Abbey.

A prayer for those who died...



Vonnie Faulkner (nee Carolan) Halpin Terrace

May she rest in peace

St. Mary's Annual Golf Classic:



Will take place on Friday 1st May in Laytown / Bettystown Golf Club. Team of 4 €300.

T Box sponsorship €100.

To secure your Tee-Time for our Golf classic, please contact Joe Harlin: 085-2566305.

Prize giving at 9:00pm in the Black Bull.
Join us for raffle, music and refreshments.

Drogheda Floral Art Group: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th February at 8:00pm in Holy Family Community Centre, Ballsbridge. Demonstration by Chelsea Flower Show award winner Christopher White. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo & Assisi 24th - 30th June, 2020:

Seven days from Dublin €945 per person sharing. For further details please see poster at back of church or contact Marian Pilgrimages 01.8788159. Spiritual Director is Fr. Phil Gaffney

Legion of Mary: Alfie Lambe who was born in Tullamore in on 24th June 1932. He died as a Legion of Mary Envoy in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 21st Jan. 1959 after less than 6 years of very active and fruitful work in many of the countries of South America.

There is a special Mass to commemorate the death of the Servant of God Alfie Lambe in Trim on **Sunday 2nd Feb at 11.00am**

Supporting Our Parish:



26th January, 2020

Offertory: €1,550.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,722.00

Many thanks for your support