

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 2nd June 2019
The Ascension 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.



Feast of the Ascension

Today we celebrate the Ascension, as the start of a special time of waiting. Jesus told his friends to wait in Jerusalem for the great gift they would need for their future work of sharing the Gospel.

Some of them might have wanted to get straight down to work, feeling there was no time to waste. But he told them to take their time, to wait. He was asking them to tune in to God's time, rather than rush ahead. It was God's will they were meant to do, not their own.

Having to wait until Pentecost was a necessary step. They could only do God's work when God's special gift was given and received.

The words of Jesus apply to us also, "You shall be my witnesses." We are to be his visible, ambassadors in the world. To do this we need God's prompting Spirit, and for that we need to pray. After Jesus left them, they returned to Jerusalem and were "continually in the Temple praising God." The Acts shows them gathered in an upper room, joining in prayer.

Like the apostles and our Blessed Lady waiting for Pentecost, we are waiting on for the Spirit. Our prayer is more a quiet listening than asking for what we want. This prayer of waiting needs a quiet heart, and silence expresses it better than words.

The Ascension invites us to enter into that prayerful waiting as we prepare for Pentecost next Sunday.



Calvary Cemetery Devotions

Sunday 16th June at 3.00pm

To prepare for this special occasion in our parish we are organising a clean up of the cemetery on **Tuesday June 4th 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.



Prayer for Exams

Loving God, be with us as we continue our examinations. Thank you for the many gifts and talents that you have given us. Calm our nerves and anxiety, help us to remember what we have studied and to express it clearly.

Help us to answer the questions as best we can. Holy Spirit, sit with us and guide us each day. Amen.

Our Parish Community

June 2019

Tues 4th June 7:00pm

Calvary Cemetery Clean Up

Tues 4th June 8.00pm

Young Priest's Society

Teach Mhuire

Tues 11th June 8:30pm

Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A**

Centre

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



Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 11th August 2019.

Led by Bishop Tom Denny with the Meath Diocesan Choir. Confession 11.00am to 5.00pm, Anointing of the Sick 2.30pm, Pilgrimage Mass 3.00pm followed by Benediction, Rosary Procession to the Shrine and Blessing of Religious Objects. For further detail contact <https://www.knockshrine.ie>. Also for details of supports for elderly and invalids phone 094 9388100

Young Adult Retreat (18-40)

21- 23 June (Fri eve - Sun. afternoon)

Theme: 'I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord' Mt. St. Joseph Abbey Roscrea.

Cost: Donation (full board, own room)

Contact: Sr Una 090 6481666

Email: youthretreats@gmail.com

Parish Mission Prayer:

God our Father, we ask you to bless our Parish Mission.

You invite us to come to you with all our hearts.

Pour out your Spirit upon us.

May we experience the healing power of Jesus.

May we be renewed in faith, hope and love.

May the peace of the Holy Spirit light up our lives.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen

SUN FUN & SUMMER CAMPS

Boomerang staff are all geared up for a summer of FUN as they eagerly await your arrival to their exciting summer camps. Check it out – seriously – Circus Skills, Robot Wars, Really!! Yes & your favourites like Cakes'n'Bakes, Arts, Beats, Be Active, For information call 041 9839916 Or Contact us on face book @ Boomerang Centre & Café. If you are aged 10 – 18 years of age then Boomerang is the place to be this summer. Please Book EARLY to avoid disappointment.

Duleek Fair Weekend: takes place from Friday 28th of June until Sunday 30th of June with fun, entertainment and activities for people of all ages. There will be several stalls on the village green on the Sunday. Any local businesses or community groups or crafters who would like a stall, or any artists interested in having paintings at the Art exhibition please contact 0866086621 or 0861050159 or email duleekfairday@gmail.com

Adoration Chapel:

We urgently require Monday Night Adorers for the following hours: 1.00am- 2.00am, 4.00am- 5.00am, 5.00am- 6.00am. Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086 365 8358.

Forthcoming Parish Mission Saturday 12th – Sunday 27th October 2019 Rejoice Return Renew

The Mission Team will be based in the Parish Pastoral Centre for the duration of the Mission.

The Pastoral Centre will not be available to any other groups for these two weeks.

We are grateful to those who have come forward so far and offered accommodation, help with driving, catering, Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word. More volunteers are needed in each of the above areas. The Mission Team will be leaving their accommodation following a light breakfast at 7:30am and returning at approximately 10:00pm. We would appreciate if you could give serious consideration to helping us in any of the above areas. This is vital towards the successful planning of the Mission. Please contact the Parish office or telephone 041 9834587.

Thank you for your help and support from the Parish Mission Team.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 2nd June 2019

Sunday 2nd June	9:00am	Julia Kierans; Special Intention
	10:30am	Gerard Kelly, Sean Dunne, Olive Muller
	12:00noon	Kevin Dowd; Margaret Mc Kenna
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	10.00am	John & Alice Donagh and dec family members; Tommy Sweeney & Peter Barry; Sp Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Nan Reid
Wednesday	8:00am	Peter & Kathleen Murnaghan, Patrick & Anna Mary Barden
Thursday	8:00am	Special Intention
Friday 7th June	8:00am	First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Ethel Byrne; Jim McKenna
Sunday 9th June	9:00am	Margaret & Thomas Hand
	10:30am	Brian Duff <i>Month's Memory</i> ;
	12:00noon	Edward Thornton <i>1st Anniversary</i> ; Brenda Whelan;
	7:00pm	Michael Collins

A prayer for those who died...



Luke Mc Guirk, Gormanston & Drogheda
Ava Kelly, Cardistown, Ardee
Mary Gorey (née Kelly), Dublin & Rathmullan Park
Fr Barney Maxwell former CC Kilbeggan
Theresa Norris, Yellowbatter
John Watts, Meadowview
Fionn Mc Kenna, Mornington
Joe Crilly, Mount St. Oliver.

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:



26th May, 2019

Offertory: €1,209.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,050

Many thanks for your support