

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 2nd August, 2020  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The news of the death of John the Baptist prompted Jesus to go off and be alone, but the crowds followed him. Despite his personal sorrow, he was able to reach out in compassion to the crowd. Perhaps there have been times when you have put personal preferences and desires to one side, in order to reach out to another. What was it like for you when you were able to do this?

When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and responded to them. Who has been a Jesus-person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus-person?

The scene symbolises the Eucharist, reminding us of the sacred meal to which all believers are invited, in order to receive nourishment from the Lord. How has the Eucharist been a source of nourishment for you? When the disciples became aware of the problem, they wanted to send the crowd away, but Jesus told them: 'You give them something to eat.' They thought what they had was insufficient, but Jesus used the little they had to feed the crowd. When we give the little we have to a situation, the results are often beyond our expectations. Have you had this experience?

John Byrne OSA



## Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August

The Meath Diocese pilgrimage to Knock this year will be a virtual pilgrimage. Two priests from the diocese will attend the Shrine in Knock for the Rosary at 2.30pm and Mass at 3.00pm. These events can be followed online on the Knock Shrine website. [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 2nd August, 2020

<b>Sunday 2nd August</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Rita Murphy; James Mc Evoy; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	<b>10:30am</b>	Special Intention
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Stephen Mc Cann <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Marie Leddy; John Owens; Phyllis Lowth
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Betty Redmond
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Deceased members of the Reynolds family, Mary & Enda Egan
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Deceased members of the Murphy, & Mallon family and deceased members of the Huchinston family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Phyllis Byrne
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Friday 7th August</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>First Friday</b> - Mass Intentions for All on the Parish List of the Dead
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	P.J. & May Costello, Vera Tonge; Madge Collins
<b>Sunday 9th August</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	<b>10:30am</b>	Ella Flynn <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Tommy Murray
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Special Intention
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention



**The return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments commenced on June 29th.** This is a source of joy and hope to our parish community. Morning Mass has resumed at 8:00am. **The weekend Masses will be as normal.** We have installed a loudspeaker in the car park.

- » A COVID-19 **SUPPORT TEAM** is established in the parish
- » The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being. Many parishioners may wish to attend Mass on a week-day rather than at weekends.
- » Hand sanitizers are in place **permanently** at each entrance to the church. Please follow Health Guidelines and **wear** face masks.
- » Signs are in place to designate **every second seat** for use and for maintaining physical (social) distancing.
- » **Ushers** have been recruited to direct people to available seats including exit from the church, using the one-way system.
- » Thorough **cleaning** of church seats and other surfaces continues. Church seats will be cleaned with approved **sanitizing spray**.
- » Collection **baskets** will **not** be passed along during Masses; supervised collection baskets **will be available at the church doors**.
- » Ministers of the **Word** will be seated in their own seats, rather than the sacristy before Masses.
- » Ministers of **Holy Communion** will not be required to sign-in before Masses.
- » Communion should be received only on the hand.
- » Priests and Ministers of **Holy Communion** should visibly sanitize their hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion. Priests and Ministers should wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- » In the absence of choirs, **music ministry** will continue with a rota of instrumentalists and cantors as heretofore since Easter.
- » **People attending Sunday Mass are encouraged to take the weekly bulletin home with them.**
- » **Altar servers** will be able to maintain physical distancing in the sacristy and sanctuary. **Offertory procession** and **Sign of Peace** will be omitted..
- Baptisms** have resumed. Anyone wishing to book a baptism can do so by calling the Parish Office. Dates have been set aside in September for the children receiving their **First Holy Communion**.

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



**Seamus Hallinan**, Beamore Road  
**Mary Byrne (née Leech)**,  
Moran's Terrace.

May they rest in peace



### Supporting Our Parish:

27th July, 2020

**Offertory:** € 765.00

**Development Fund:** € 1,425.00

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.