

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 3rd May, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Day of Prayer for Vocations

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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.



Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.

Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020.

LORD of the Harvest,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving
for vocations blossom in the
good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish
ministries, and families with the confidence
and grace to invite others to embrace
the bold and noble path of a life
consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament,
so that we may cooperate
with you in building your reign of mercy
and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

A Prayer for Vocations based on the words of Pope Francis

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 3rd May, 2020 will be celebrated in Private via webcam at 10:00am each day

Sunday 3rd May	10:00am	Peggy Caffrey <i>Month's Memory</i> , Mary Nolan; Maureen Gaffney
Monday 4th	10:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday 5th	10:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday 6th	10:00am	Special Intention
Thursday 7th	10:00am	Special Intention
Friday 8th	10:00am	Joe Gibney
Saturday 9th	10:00am	Paddy Kelly
Sunday 10th May	10:00am	Robert Geraghty <i>First Anniversary</i>

WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER
FOR VOCATIONS



Prayer to Discover Your Vocation

Almighty God,
You have made me to know you,
To love you, and to serve you,
And thereby to find and fulfil myself.
I know that you are in all things
And that every path can lead me to you,
But, of them all, there is one path especially
By which you want me to come to you.
Since I will do what you want of me,
I pray you; send your Holy Spirit to me;
Into my mind to show me what you want of me;
Into my heart to give me the determination to do it,
And to do it with all my love, with all my mind,
And with all my strength, right to the end.

Amen.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Third Age Ireland is a national organisation who take care of the elderly. **SeniorLine** is one of their programmes and could be very helpful to you at this time. SeniorLine has been the national, confidential listening service for older people, run by trained older volunteers since 1998. This peer-to-peer helpline for older people receives in excess of 10,000 calls per year. If you are feeling worried, stressed or isolated at this very unnerving time, please feel free to ring this FREEPHONE service anytime between 10am and 10pm on any day of the week on 1800 80 45 91.

Important Notices

- Cemetery Sunday** has been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. We hope to reschedule later in the year.
- A Donate Button** is now available on our parish website for anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the parish.
- The Parish Office** will be closed until further notice. For queries please phone 041.9834958.

The Parish Community here in St. Mary's wish to express their sincere condolences to Fr. Phil Gaffney and his family on the recent loss of their mother Maureen Gaffney, may she Rest In Peace.

A prayer for those who died...

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Maureen Gaffney (née Smyth), Finea,
Co. Westmeath
Constance Fauchier Delavigne, France
Lally Mooney (néé Donagh), St. Mary's Cottages
Sheila Harding, Cherrymount
Sr. Camilus O'Reilly, Kells & 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.