

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 4th August, 2019
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It sounds all fair and reasonable, when a man, cheated by his brother over their share of inheritance places his case before the Lord, that he might help in the adjudication of the matter and restore justice. However, the Lord's response would have been the least of the petitioner's expectations: "Friend, who appointed me a judge or an arbitrator of your claims?" He goes on to admonish his audience against greed, in all its forms, as we read in the Gospel passage of today. Was the Lord being unkind to this petitioner? Not at all, since the words of Ecclesiastes open our eyes to the Lord's teaching on this occasion: "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity".

Vanity in Hebrew is *hebel* which literally means *breath*, and it is metaphorically applied to all things transitory, frail and unsatisfying. [The name Abel is rooted in the same word, which describes the young man whose breath was cut short by his murderous brother]. The Lord, in the passage, views human inheritance as *hebel*; it is transitory, frail and unsatisfying. Therefore, how can that which is transitory, empty and frail be the source of litigation and division between brothers? If the property in contention could not preserve the life of the original owner's, could it assure anyone else of eternity? Yet, human possession gives false sense of security to many who are deceived by it. For some, the more we have, the better life is. For others, it has become the source of many disagreements and disputes, either destroying or robbing their families and communities of their wellbeing and peace.

The Lord invites us, today, to take a long view of life and assess our own attitudes towards material gain and wealth. After all, when it is all said and done, *what I have* will not count, but *who I am*. What is my attitude towards the goods of this life?

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 4th August 2019

Sunday Aug 4th	9:00am		
	10:30am	The Fay family & the Mohan family; Tommy Murray & deceased family members; James Mc Evoy	
	12:00noon	Rose Woods <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Lucy Murray	
	7:00pm	Elizabeth (Betty) Redmond	
Monday	10:00am	Ann & Patrick Mc Donnell, Margaret & Patrick O'Connor, John Mulvaney; Claire Monaghan	
Tuesday	8:00am		
Wednesday	8:00am		
Thursday 8th	8:00am	Madge Collins <i>First Anniversary</i> ; P.J. & May Costello	7:00pm Triduum Holy Hour
Friday	8:00am	Emma Thompson	
Saturday	10:00am	Paddy Maxwell <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Oliver O'Sullivan; John, Sadie & Eileen O'Brien & deceased members of the Corrigan family	
Sunday Aug 11th	9:00am		
	10:30am	David McNally <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Madge Collins <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Michael Byrne & Ollie Rice	
	12:00noon	Bernie Gregory <i>Month's Memory</i> ;	
	7:00pm		

Our Parish Community

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Thurs. 8th Aug. 7:00pm Triduum of Holy Hours **Church**
Tues. 13th Aug. 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A Centre**



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



Preparing for Our Parish Mission Triduum

The Triduum of Holy Hours concludes in St. Mary's Church at **7:00pm on Thursday August 8th**

to pray for the success of the upcoming Parish Mission and for Peace in our town.

One of our priests will lead the Holy Hour and the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Each Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction. All are welcome.

Adoration Chapel:

We urgently require Adorers for the following hours:
Monday & Friday 11:00am, Monday & Wednesday 11:00am
Tuesday & Sunday 4:00pm Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086 365 8358.

Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 11th August 2019

Led by Bishop Tom Dennyhan with the Meath Diocesan Choir. For further detail contact <https://www.knockshrine.ie>. Also for details of supports for elderly and invalids phone 094 9388100.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes September 2019

Led by Bishop Tom Dennyhan from 9th - 14th of September, five nights full board from €749 for pilgrims. Contact Pilgrimages abroad on 01-6359300. Email: info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie

Vacancies for hospital pilgrims, anyone who would like to go to Lourdes or recommend someone who is ill and would like to avail of the opportunity please contact Lily Brangan on 087 6978783

The Annual Young Adult Catholic Conference:

Takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Saturday August 31st and Sunday September 1st 2019. This weekend is packed full of interesting events for young Catholics. Prices range from €25. - €50. accommodation also available. For further details visit www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com or phone Lucy on 087 995 9803.

Parish Mission Saturday 12th – Sunday 27th October 2019

A word of thanks to all our parishioners who have volunteered to be involved in our Parish Mission. Work on the programme will continue over the summer months and anyone who would like to be involved can leave their details in the Parish Office 041 9834587.

May we take this opportunity to hope that you and your family have an enjoyable and safe summer. Please continue to recite our Parish Mission Prayer. We will return with further updates at the end of August.

A prayer for those who died...



Keith Dyas, Trim & late of Rathmullen Park
Moira Kirwan (née McGuinness), Marian Park
Terry Boylan, Windmill Road.

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

28th July 2019

Offertory: €1,427.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,130.00



Many thanks for your support