

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 4th October, 2020  
27th 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.



**Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, Annual Remembrance Virtual Service.** Light a candle and join us in remembering our babies and children who have died in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda October 4th 2020 | From 3pm "Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in our hearts" INVITATION To Links: <https://youtu.be/wCxmSY3Y1ho> <https://youtu.be/jl6HOavu6cY>

**Vocations Notice:** This Sunday we hear about the son being sent to the vineyard and being rejected but we also know God sends his Son, Jesus, into the fields of this world. Jesus wants sons to go forward now as priests into the fields of today. In hospitals, schools, colleges and parishes, Christ the Priest needs new priests to act in his name. Do you feel called to be with Him and to bring Him to others? If you do please contact Fr Tony Gonoude, Vocations Director 044 9373923.

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### God of hosts bring us back...

When the churches were closed as part of health restrictions during the pandemic, people discovered their faith in a new way. The God of hosts brought us back to our senses and priorities. People realised that it is not the buildings that make a true church, but the core foundations of which our shared faith is rooted and built.

God has poured out his gifts in abundance: why do we wreck and spoil these gifts? God has given us the promised hope of peace in Christ: why do we refuse to accept this truth?

The Eucharist is the sign of God's purpose for us all. It is a feast in which we are all fed with Christ's new life and in which there is no distinction between race, colour, culture or nation. The image of the vine in Isaiah and in the Psalm today - shows the delicacy of the frail tendril of our lives that is protected and pruned by the loving hand of God the vine dresser.

We need to stand together as a Church and joyfully proclaim to the world that there is room at God's table for all people. Here, we are 'asking God for our needs with prayer and thanksgiving and that peace of God which is so much greater than we can understand will guard our hearts and our thoughts in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

The Eucharist is an invitation to become community of justice and joy. In this prayer we discover a deep reverence for each person. It challenges us to avoid treating people with indifference. 'So they seized the son and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.' We bring to the prayer of the Eucharist the call of St. Paul to us in today's 'reading to 'fill your minds with everything that is true, noble, good, pure, virtuous and everything that we love and honour that is worthy of praise.'

As a Church, we cannot exist with any integrity if we forget that every person is of inestimable value in God's eyes and worthy of our heartfelt attention and service. This is the dignity that is the joy of the gospel that our God of hosts - bring us back again and again and again to honour and celebrate.

*This is the Lord's doing and it is wonderful for us to see.* Fr. Chris Hayden

### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 4th September, 2020

Sunday 4th Oct.	9:00am	Rita Murphy <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Deceased members of the Kierans family; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Mary Jane & Christopher Tiernan; Mary Daly & Mary Kavanagh
	10:30am	James, Christina & Joan Mohan; Christopher Matthews; Sean Geraghty, Martin Geraghty & Clare Smith
	12:00noon	Robert Carter; Aly Farrell; Helen Rogers
	7:00pm	Special Intention; Bernadette & Tom Kenny
Monday	8:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Sr. Martina Rooney
Wednesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Friday	8:00am	Paul Mc Avinia
Saturday	10:00am	Trish Lynch <i>First Anniversary</i> , Emily & James Lynch & Sr. de Pazzi Lynch Ellen O'Leary; Dec. members of the Rooney family; Catherine Monaghan Joseph & Elizabeth Gibney & dec. members of the Gibney & Flanagan family Frank Mooney & the Holy Souls
Sunday 11th Oct.	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Alice Shannon
	10:30am	Deirdre Cronin; Katie Long; Denis McCarthy, Fr. Alphonsus McKenna, Josephine McKenna, Ena Bradley, Ann Bradley & Faith Mc Culloch
	12:00noon 7:00pm	Peter (Pedro) Clarke <i>Month's Memory</i>

**Pro-Life Prayer Vigil** On Saturday 10th October, 2020, the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal will be leading a time of prayer for the protection of life, with Eucharistic Adoration. This will be a monthly event, from 9:00am - 10:45am at Holy Family Parish, Ballsgrrove, followed by 11:00am Mass. All are welcome to join us in prayer for a renewal of the culture of life in our society. If you have any questions please contact Sr. Rosa, CFR at 041.9830441.

**Polish Rosary** In St. Mary's church every Thursday in October from 6.30pm to 8:00pm.



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.

» 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.

» **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..

>>In light of the above directives, we would ask parishioners **not to gather** at the entrances to the church before or after Mass.

**Baptisms** have resumed. Anyone wishing to book a baptism can do so by calling the Parish Office.

### A prayer for those who died

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*Eileen McBennett (née Ward),*  
Ballybay, Co. Monaghan  
*Joan Byrne (née Muldoon),*  
Monasterboice & formerly Highfield

*May they rest in peace*



### Supporting Our Parish:

28th September, 2020

**Offertory:** € 1,055.00

**Development Fund:** € 1,095.00

*Many thanks. Keep safe and well.*

