

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 5th April, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Lent

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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.



Holy Week

As we approach Holy Week we are given an opportunity, paradoxically, to honour and serve our neighbour as we struggle with this Coronavirus Covid-19. May our Great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, enable us to bear the struggle that is set before us, granting us the wisdom and discernment to know what is well-pleasing to him, and the strength to accomplish it.

We are in a very difficult situation and we do not know how long this crisis will endure. We are being asked to take very restrictive measures and all of us are obliged to respond with a sense of personal responsibility and civic duty. Listen to the experts and be guided by them. Our sacrifices are overshadowed when we see the commitment of our healthcare workers, the doctors, public health officials, nurses, carers and also the chaplaincy teams in our hospitals who scarcely are mentioned. They continue to care for the sick and those bereaved. We owe them a great debt of gratitude.

Many are suffering especially the elderly and the vulnerable and those caring for loved ones at home. Families with people who have challenging special needs as well as those who were already struggling with illness before the additional fear of contracting the virus. We are conscious of the boys and girls and students whose studies have been disrupted as well as parents whose livelihoods are in the balance. We are grateful to those in our communities who have volunteered to reach out and help those who are housebound and those in any kind of need.

There are many individuals and families who feel troubled and anxious, fearful and increasingly vulnerable. You are all in our prayers. You are welcome to join us here in St Mary's Drogheda via our webcam. Our Holy Week programme is on our Parish Bulletin. The Christian community knows that the Lord has always been faithful to his people. We must trust in his loving kindness so that each of us will have the strength to respond with Christian care to the needs and anxieties of others. May the Good Lord protect us in the days and weeks ahead.

Fr Phil.

Religious Services on RTÉ

Each morning, at 10.30am from Monday to Friday, RTÉ News Now is **broadcasting Mass** from the Cathedral of Saints Eunan & Columba in Letterkenny, Co Donegal, Diocese of Raphoe. Following the broadcast of Mass, a religious message from representatives of Ireland's other faith communities and Christian denominations is also aired. RTÉ News Now can be received on Saorview channel 21; Virgin Media 200; Sky 521; Eir 500 and on the RTÉ News Now App.

Mass Intentions for Palm Sunday 5th April 2020
Clare Keegan (née Leonard) *Month's Memory*; Lil Dunne; Bernard Reynolds

Mass Intentions for Tuesday 7th April, 2020

Kevin Nugent

Mass Intentions for Easter Sunday 12th April, 2020

Birdie Mullen *Month's Memory*; Rosaleen Brunton; Noeleen Smith

A Prayer for those who died...

Rosaline Conlon, (née Hughes), late of Duleek Street

Alfie Monks, late of Legavoureen

Dermot Ryan, late of Cedarfield

May they rest in Peace



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Holy Week Timetable 2020

**Due to the restrictions associated with Coronavirus Covid-19
all our ceremonies will be available via webcam only.**

PALM SUNDAY 5th APRIL

Mass at 10:00am

Blessed Palms will be available in the church after Mass

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 6th APRIL

Mass 10:00am

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 7th APRIL

Mass 10:00am

SPY WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL

Mass at 10:00am

HOLY THURSDAY 9th APRIL

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Night Prayer at 9:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 10th April

A Day of Fast & Abstinence

Morning Prayer 10:00am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 11th APRIL

Morning Prayer 10:00am

Easter Vigil 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY 12th APRIL

Mass at 10:00am

EASTER MONDAY 13th APRIL

Mass 10:00am

EASTER TUESDAY 14th APRIL:

Mass 10:00am

Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and keep safe.