

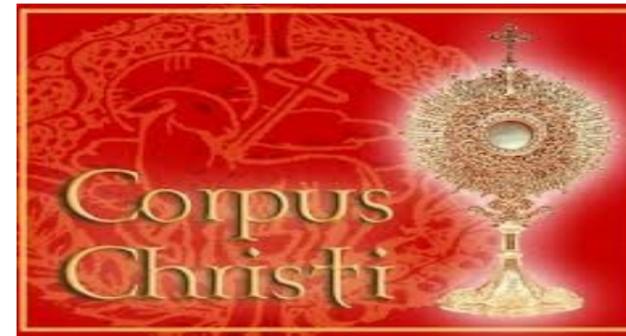
# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 6th June, 2021  
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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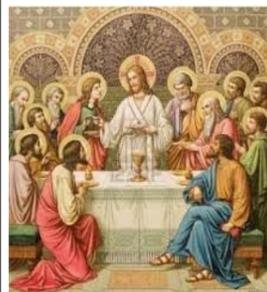
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The Lord's Day **9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon & 7:00pm**  
Monday ~ Friday **8:00am;** Saturday **10:00am**  
Holydays **8:00am and 7:30pm**



**Baptisms:** Anyone who wishes to have their child baptised can call the parish office.

**Stewards required to assist at Sunday Masses, we are particularly short of people to help at the 12 noon & 7pm masses. If you are available please**



## Feast of Corpus Christi 2021

"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (John 6:55-56)

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Feast of Corpus Christi, is a celebration of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. On this day, we recall the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

While the Last Supper is also commemorated on Holy Thursday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ focuses solely on the gift of the Eucharist. The mood is also more joyous than that felt on Holy Thursday, the day before Christ's passion and death.

The origins of the Feast of Corpus Christi date back to the 13th century and to a nun from Belgium, Sister Juliana of Mont Cornillon. From an early age, she had a great love for the Blessed Sacrament and believed a special feast should be held in its honour. She is said to have had a vision of the Church as a full moon with a dark spot, symbolizing the absence of the feast. She took her cause to Church leaders including the Bishop of Liege and the Archdeacon of the Cathedral of Liege, both of whom became convinced.

The bishop began celebrating the feast in his diocese. The archdeacon would go on to become Pope Urban IV, and in 1254, he issued a papal bull establishing the feast for the universal Church, placing it on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. Unfortunately, Pope Urban died just one month later, and the feast would not become more widely celebrated until the 14th century.

**Offertory Collection** - In line with public health advice, the collection baskets will no longer be passed among the congregation during Masses; supervised collection baskets will be available at the church doors. Also, you can use the donate button on our parish website.

## Calvary Devotions 2021 Sunday 20th June

Due to Covid 19 restrictions **Cemetery Sunday** has been postponed. On **Sunday June 20th** following all the morning Masses we will recite the **Prayers for All The Faithful Departed** and bless the water which the four priests from St. Mary's and Holy Family will use to bless the graves later.



**The Holy Water** will be available in suitable containers for collection, in both churches, after each Mass if people would like some to sprinkle on their family graves.

The **Cemetery Gates** will remain open until 9pm daily, from June 14th, for those who wish to prepare their family graves in advance. Please abide by the **social distancing** guidelines when visiting the church and cemetery.

Anyone who would like to make a contribution towards the upkeep of the cemetery can do so by clicking on the **donate button** on our website or by placing the assigned envelope in the box at the back of the church.

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 7th May 2021

<b>Sunday 6th June</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	<b>10:30am</b>	Rita O'Hare
	<b>12 noon</b>	Eileen Stafford <i>First Anniversary</i> ; May Collier & Terry Collier; Lorraine Mulroy (née Quigley)
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special intention.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Betty O' Kelly
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	John Kierans <i>First Anniversary</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Thomas Cunningham, Rita O'Hare, Peg Thompson
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Denis Mc Quillan, Special Intention; Carol Corcoran
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Br. Thomas Mc Donnell <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Paul Leech, Special Intention; Margaret Connor
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Special Intention; Nancy Beakey; Special Intention
<b>Sunday 13th June</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	<b>10:30am</b>	Special intention.
	<b>12 noon</b>	Ita Holly <i>Month's Memory</i>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention

*Thank you*

**As announced by Bishop Tom, Fr. Phil will take up duty in Mullingar on Saturday 3rd July. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 regulations, it will not be possible to hold a farewell function in honour of his dedicated service to St. Mary's Parish. Those who wish to express their good wishes and thanks to him may do so by leaving their letters or cards in the Parish Office or the Presbytery.**



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

**William (Willie) Reilly**, Ballsgrove & formerly Balbriggan  
**Patricia (Patti) Murphy (née Moran)**, St. Finian's Park & formerly Marian Park  
**Very Rev Fr Patrick Casey** retired PP, Carnaross  
**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.**