

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 6th September, 2020
23rd 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.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will re-commence the monthly Church Gate Collections on Sunday 6th September. The collection will take place after Mass.



The return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments commenced on June 29th. This is a source of joy and hope to our parish community. 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.
» **Ushers** have been recruited to direct people to available seats including exit from the church, using the one-way system.

» Thorough **cleaning** of church seats and other surfaces continues. Church seats will be cleaned with approved **sanitizing spray**.

» 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.

» In the absence of choirs, **music ministry** will continue with a rota of instrumentalists and cantors as heretofore since Easter.

» **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.

First Holy Communion in St Mary's
We are really looking forward to your First Holy Communion day next Saturday 12th or Saturday 19th September. It is a special occasion to welcome Jesus into your life in Holy Communion. We will be delighted to celebrate Mass for you and your family on Saturday 12th and 19th September. Please thank your parents on our behalf for the good work they are doing. When they brought you to the church to be baptised as a baby, they made a promise to hand on the faith to you. We thank God for the efforts they make to keep that promise and we are keeping you in our prayers. Thanks to the teachers and staff of SMPPS for their great work in preparing the children. There will be five ceremonies: **September 12th 10:00am, 12:00noon & 2:00pm. September 19th 10:00am & 12:00noon.** Next Saturday 12th September at 10:00am we welcome 2019 class of Mr. Dunphy, 12noon the 2019 class of Ms McArdle/Ms. Walsh and at 2:00pm the 2019 class of Ms. Butler.

Eucharistic Adoration
Celebrating 30 years of Adoration in St Mary's Church.
On behalf of the parishioners of St Mary's Parish I would like to pay tribute to our committed Adorers over the past 30 years. I have no doubt that great blessings have and will result for families, individuals and indeed our parish family. A special thank you to the Adoration Co-Ordinators who have given dedicated service over those years and without whom it would not have been possible to continue this important apostolate.
We are very grateful to Bishop Tom Deenihan who kindly joined us on Friday as Chief Celebrant for our Mass and devotions. We are indebted to Bishop Michael Smith for his enthusiastic support and his attendance with us each year.
We remember in our prayers all our deceased adorers and pray that they are enjoying their eternal reward. May they rest in the peace of Christ.
I entrust everyone associated with the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration to the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that she may guide them always towards her Son, Jesus, the Bread of Life.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 6th September, 2020

Sunday 6th Sept.	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	10:30am	Barbara & Thomas Campbell; Desmond & Catherine Kelly; Doreen Penders
	12:00noon	John Mc Cormack; Patrick & Maureen McDonnell; Michael P. O'Grady
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	Joe Maher
	8:00am	Fr. Gerry Hanley; Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Johnny Reynolds
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday	8:00am	Special Intention
Saturday 12th Sept	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - ST. MARY'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL	
	10:00am, 12noon & 2.00pm	
Sunday 13th Sept	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	10:30am	Ollie Rice & Michael Byrne; Patrick Leech; Dermot Mulhall, Louis Foley
	12:00noon	Jane Glover <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Bernie Gregory
	7:00pm	Special Intention

A prayer for those who died...



Kathleen Branigan (Née Cudden),
Ballsgrove
Tom (Thomas) Grogan, Donore Road
Pauline Mc Donnell, Wheaton Hall

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

1st September, 2020

Offertory: € 1,030.00

Development Fund: € 1,110.00

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.

