

St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 7th October 2018

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Day for Life)

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The Lord's Day **9:00am, 10:30am, 12 noon & 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.



The Holy Father has decided to invite all the faithful, of all the world, to pray the **Holy Rosary** every day, during the entire **Marian month of October**, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other.

Pope Francis met with Fr. Frédéric Fornos, S.J., International Director of the World Network of Prayer for the Pope, and asked him to spread this appeal to all the faithful throughout the world, inviting them to conclude the recitation of the Rosary with the prayer to Saint Michael Archangel that he protect us and help us in the struggle against evil.

With this request for intercession the Holy Father asks the faithful of all the world to pray that the Holy Mother of God place the Church beneath her protective mantle: to preserve her from the attacks by the devil, the great accuser, and at the same time to make her more aware of the faults, the errors and the abuses committed in the present and in the past, and committed to combating without any hesitation, so that evil may not prevail.

Our Lady of the Rosary:

Sunday 7th October is the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary.

To mark the celebration the Legion of Mary invite everyone to take part in a candle lit procession and recitation of the Rosary after the 7pm Mass. Refreshments afterwards.

Synod of Bishops in Rome on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment

From 3rd - 28th October Pope Francis is hosting a Synod of Bishops in Rome on the theme: **'Youth, faith and vocational discernment'**.

The Synod is an assembly of bishops from around the world, gathered with the Holy Father, to share their wisdom and experiences in the common pursuit of pastoral solutions which have a universal validity and application. As part of the preparations for the Synod, the Irish bishops met with representatives of youth ministry from around the country to discuss key themes arising from a web-based consultation which they undertook with young people. This involved feedback from 2,500 respondents. Arising from this information, the bishops noted positive examples and obstacles facing young people regarding their faith and growing up in the contemporary world, such as:

- young people face many challenges including peer pressure, mental health issues and from social media;
- young people are passionate about justice, equality and fairness, and desire to be listened to even when their opinions are not in line with Church teaching;
- many young people want to learn, experience and have a greater role in their faith, but sometimes struggle in achieving this; and
- the positive experiences of chaplaincy services, pilgrimages and other dedicated national and international youth encounter events.

The Irish bishops have requested that we pray for the success of the Synod and for all our young people.

Dates for your Diary:

Confirmation meeting for parents/guardians on **Tuesday 16th October at 7.00pm** in St. Mary's Church

First Holy Communion meeting for parents/guardians on **Wednesday 17th October at 7.00pm** in St. Mary's Church

Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in St Mary's Church for the five sixth classes from St Mary's Parish Primary School on Saturday March 30th 2019 at 11.00am. **Confirmation** for Gaelscoil will take place in St Mary's Church on Sat 6th April at 11.00.

First Confessions: St Mary's Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 26th February & Wednesday 27th February, SMPPS and Thursday 28th February Gaelscoil.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion for the five second classes from St Mary's Parish Primary School will take place on Saturdays 11th & 18th of May 2019. **Holy Communion** for Gaelscoil will take place in St Mary's Church on 18th May at 1.00pm.

Our Parish Community

October 2018:

Mon 8th Oct. 8.00pm PTAA Meeting
Tues 9th Oct. 8.00pm Finance Committee Meeting
Tues 9th Oct. 8.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A**
Wed 10th Oct. 8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration
Tues 16th Oct. 8.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team B**

Teach Mhuire Centre Church Centre

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



Parish Outreach

Coffee Morning in aid of Meath Hospice & Palliative Care:

will take place on Thursday 11th October at 32, The Cairns, Beaubec between 10.00am - 12.30pm.

The Alzheimer Society, Tredagh Lodge Building

Fund: presents An Evening of Music with The Band of An Garda Síochána, special guests Eugene Ginty & Amie Dyer, also featuring Holy Family Youth Choir. The event takes place on Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm in Holy Family Church Ballsgrrove. Tickets €15, children under 14 free.

St Mary's Youth Choir:

We are looking for new members for our Youth Choir, singers and musicians. We are also looking for a new choir director. Anyone who would like to join or help out with the choir please contact Fr Phil.

An Appreciation night for Fr. Joe will be held in the City North Hotel on Thursday 8th November.

Tickets costing €25.00 are now available from the Parish Office and McCabe's Shop. Music by Phil & Mill.

Complimentary bus available. Anyone unable to attend but wishing to make a contribution may do so at the Parish Office.

Prayer and Pilgrimage

Adoration in St Mary's Church

On Sunday 28th October at 7.00pm we will celebrate the Anniversary of Adoration in our church.

The Upper Room Youth Group:

Led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (041.9830441). Weekly meeting will be held on Thursdays from 7.15pm - 8.45pm in St. Mary's Pastoral Centre. Join us for faith, friendship and fun.

Sunday 7th October Day for Life:

Day for Life is celebrated each year, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year we pray for the victims of human trafficking that they may be helped to rebuild their lives after the traumatic experiences they have gone through.

"The trade in human beings violates the God given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters, and constitutes a true crime against humanity" Pope Francis.

Drogheda & District Floral Art Group: the next meeting will take place on Tuesday the 9th of October at 8pm, in the Holy Family Community Centre, Ballsgrrove.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 7th October, 2018

Sunday 7th Oct. 9.00am	Special Intention; Paddy & Bernard Maxwell & Doreen Penders; Neil Mackay
10.30am	Denis McCarthy; Rev. Alphonsus McKenna; Christopher Matthews; Sean Freeman; James Christina & Joan Mohan
12.00noon	Maureen Kerrigan <i>Month's Memory</i> & her husband Gerry Kerrigan; Aly Farrell, <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Michael Leonard <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Margaret O'Brien; David McDonagh, Francis & Veronica Somerville; Robert Carter
Monday 7.00pm	6.30pm - 7.00pm Polish Prayers
Tuesday 8.00am	8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration
Wednesday 8.00am	
Thursday 8.00am	
Saturday 10.00am	Friday 8.00am Oliver Nugent; Eileen McGowan, William & Eleanor McGowan, Hugh & Mary Catherine McDonnell; Patrick Crickley
Sunday 14th 9.00am	Deceased members of the Maxwell family and deceased members of the Kierans family
10.30am	Deirdre Cronin <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Katie Long <i>First Anniversary</i> ;
	Mark Varley and deceased members of the Varley family
12.00noon	Sheila & Kevin Monaghan 7.00pm

A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest ...



Sr. Florrie Gould M.M.M., Drogheda

May she rest in peace.

Supporting Our Parish:

30th September 2018

Offertory: €1,142.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,450.00

Many thanks for your support.

