

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 8th March, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

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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 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.

Marriages are facilitated by the Parish Centre: 9834587.



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Jesus knew that he would suffer. He knew that a time would come when his disciples would be scattered, their hope gone. With this in mind, Jesus wanted his closest followers, Peter, James and John, to see something of his glory before they encountered the sorrow of Calvary.

The mountain-top vision of Jesus in glory also features Moses and Elijah, two important figures from the Old Testament. Moses was the great leader who brought God's chosen people from captivity in Egypt. Elijah was the first of the great prophets, who helped to free God's people from captivities of their own making. Together these two figures teach us that Jesus is the great liberator. We can be held captive by both our sins and our circumstances, but Jesus has come that we may have life in its fullness.

Peter, in characteristically impulsive fashion, wants to set up house on the mountain. He wants to preserve the moment of glory, and so offers to build tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Peter probably imagines that he is paying Jesus a great compliment by including him in this offer. Later, he will come to realise that Jesus is Lord of even Moses and Elijah.

It is comforting to see how Peter, the head disciple, gets it wrong. Peter's zeal routinely outpaces his insight, and several times in the Gospel's, Jesus has to correct him. Peter's greatness lies in his love, in his humble openness to correction. These qualities, rather than any pastor brilliance on his part, are what makes Peter a great disciple.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 8th March, 2020

Sunday 8th March	9:00am	Eddie Veale; Margaret Fleming
	10:30am	Frank Everitt <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Betty Johnston; Joe O'Connor & Helen D'arcy, Jay Augustenborg
	12:00noon	Barry Behan <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Margaret Mohan; <i>First Anniversary</i> & Patrick Mohan; Betty & Martin Branigan; Patrick & Annie Mc Entee & her sons
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	7:45am	Special Intention
Tuesday	7:45am	7:30pm
Wednesday	7:45am	7:30pm
Thursday	7:45am	7:30pm Stations of the Cross (Holy Hour of Adoration)
Friday	7:45am	7:30pm
Saturday	10:00am	7:30pm
		Pat Dennis; Fr. John Ryan; Emily & Paddy Lynch, Cepta & Christy Clarke, Gene & Barbara Clarke, Joan Martin, Mal Clarke, Evelyn & Anne Quigley; John Sadie & Eileen O'Brien & the Corrigan family
Sunday 15th March	9:00am	
	10:30am	Michael Byrne & Ollie Rice; John & Ray Cooney; Christy Flanagan; Patrick & Maura Nulty
	12:00noon	Barbara O'Grady <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Lottie Sweeney <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Val Vaughney; Danny & Kitty O'Donnell; Peter & Bruna Vecchio.
	2:00pm	Polish Mass
	7:00pm	Special Intention

Our Parish Community

March 2020

Tues 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting Team A Centre

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



Lent began on Ash Wednesday
26th Feb.

Mass Times for Lent

7.45am - Mon - Fri

7.30pm - Mon, Tues, Thurs. & Fri.

• **What can I do this Lent?**

- **Weekday Mass** in St. Mary's at 7.45am or 7.30pm.
- **Stations of the Cross**
- **7:30pm** each Wednesday during Lent

Set aside some time each day for **prayer as a family**

Eucharistic Adoration – spend time in the Adoration chapel

Stations of the Cross – reflect on Jesus' final journey. Make a good **confession**
Reach out to those **who are in need** /give to the **poor**

Volunteer to help out in your church, get involved in **Fundraising or any parish ministry**

LIGHT THE FIRE! – The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to join them in Slane, Co. Meath on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday 17th March, 2020. At 4:15pm meet on the Hill of Slane for prayer and procession to St. Patrick's Church. At 5:00pm Mass in the Church celebrated by Bishop Thomas Deenihan, Bishop of Meath, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome! For directions and event details: <http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony> or contact the Sisters at 041 983 0441.

8th March International Women's Day
"She Pondered these things in her heart"

An afternoon for women with a talk and a time of prayer led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal on Sunday 8th March from 4 - 6pm in St. Mary's Pastoral Centre. You may want to bring a Bible with you for the prayer time. All women are welcome - invite a friend to come with you if you'd like! Questions? Contact Kasia at 087 614 9098.

COVID -19:

Following up to date advice we are implementing the following immediately.

Only the Celebrant will drink from the Chalice. Holy Communion will be administered into the hands only and NOT onto the tongue.

Everyone administering Holy Communion should wash their hand or use alcohol based hand gel before beginning.

St. Mary's Annual Golf Classic:

Will take place on Friday 1st May in Laytown / Bettystown Golf Club. Team of 4 €300.

T Box sponsorship €100.

To secure your Tee-Time for our Golf classic, please contact Joe Harlin: 085-2566305.

Prize giving at 9:00pm in the Black Bull. Join us for raffle, music and refreshments.



An Evening of Music with Amie Dyer & Friends:

Will take place in St. Mary's Church, James Street on Thursday 2nd April at 7:30pm. Featuring Soprano Breffni Fitzpatrick, Drogheda Male Voice Choir, Taidgh Murphy & Holy Family Youth Choir.

Compare: Alison Comyn. Tickets €20 are available from Holy Family Parish Office, St. Mary's Parish Office and the Augustinian Mass Shop.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service:

St. Mary's Primary School, Crossroute, Bryanstown on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th March, 2020 from 5.00pm to 8.30pm.

St. Oliver's National School, Ballymakenny Rd. on Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th March 2020 from 5.00pm to 8.30pm.

Please note venues, days & times.

Drogheda Memory Café: Presents Dr. Helen Rochford -Brennan **Living with Alzheimers** on Tuesday 10th March, from 6pm - 8pm In the Westcourt Hotel, West Street.

A prayer for those who died...

Jim Brady, Marian Park; **Patricia Corr (née Mulholland)**, Marian Park; **Rev. John (Jack) Kiernan P.E.**, Meath/ Westmeath; **Eileen McCullough (née Murray)**, Finians Park
Baby Arya Cracknell, Martello Village
Malcolm Fowler, Ballsgrove; **Fr. John Ryan**, Knocklong & Tipperary; **Clare Keegan (née Leonard)**, Ballsgrove
Bridget (Birdie) Mullen (Née Warren), Crufty
May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

1st March, 2020

Offertory: €1,430.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,252.00

Many thanks for your support

