

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 8th December, 2019  
Second Sunday of Advent

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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.



## Archbishop Eamon Martin has launched the 2019 online Advent Calendar.

"The season of Advent marks the beginning of the Catholic new year and the time of spiritual preparation for the Lord's coming at Christmas. It is a time of waiting, conversion and hope. Advent also prepares us for the second coming of Christ at the end of time.

As Christians, we must always be prepared for the coming of the Lord – 'You must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect' [Mt 24:37-44].

"Preparation does not happen at once but over time and so each day of Advent allows us to reflect on the joy of the Gospel. Our online calendar is a helpful resource on this journey. By clicking on the virtual doors each of the days of Advent, we are inviting people to take just five minutes to find moments of peace and reflection on the meaning of Advent and Christmas amidst all the rush and busyness of life around us."

This year's calendar of some of the inspirational messages that Pope Francis gave to us this year in *Christus vivit* (*Christ is alive*), his post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation to young people.

The message of *Christ is alive* is that Jesus is our hope and that he lives within us. The seasons of Advent and Christmas occur in the depth of winter reminding us that Christ was born to bring hope to a darkened world. As the prophet Isaiah said "the people that wait in darkness see a great light". The inspiring messages that Pope Francis has for young people in *Christus vivit* also apply to all of us and to the young person inside us."

Archbishop Eamon concluded, At this busy time I encourage everyone to take a few moments of pause, in the stillness to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas which is that Christ is alive and that He is our hope." www.catholicbishops.ie

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 8th December 2019

Sunday 8th Dec	9:00am	Special Intention	
	10:30am	Nora Young <i>Month's Memory</i> & Joe Young; Phil Russell <i>Month's Mind</i> . Thomas, Margaret & Paddy O' Connor Christopher, Annie & Alfie Aspell, Frank Quinn & James Rice; Aine Geraghty; deceased members of the Caffrey family.	
	12:00noon	James Mullen; Angela Weldon; Mary & Frank Smith, Baby James & deceased members of the Smith & Hand family; Pat Geraghty; Deceased members of the Mc Evoy family	
	7:00pm	Mary Daly	
Monday	8:00am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
Tuesday	8:00am		Wednesday 8:00am
Thursday	8:00am	Ita & George Robinson	
Friday	8:00am	Pety Browne	
Saturday	10:00am	Patrick & Margaret Murphy; Jim Tiernan; Patricia Floyd; Frank Kiernan; Deceased members of the Campbell & Gorman families; Josephine Airey & Ann Hoey, deceased members of the Airey, Hoey and Maguire families. Geraldine Carroll.	
Sunday 15th Dec	9:00am	Marie O'Sullivan <i>First Anniversary</i> & Margaret & Tommy Bissett	
	10:30am	Noel Kierans; John Cooney; James, Christina & Joan Mohan; Pety Browne & his parents Joe & Molly Browne; Marcus Clery, Julie Lynch, Gary Martin; Sr. de Pazzi Lynch; Karen O'Brien & Denise Byrne; Kathleen Rogers (nee Mullen)	
	12:00noon	Bridget & Myles Byrne; Anne & Tom O'Gorman; Noel Monaghan	
	2:00pm	<b>Polish Mass</b>	
	7:00pm	Special Intention	

## Our Parish Community

Dec 2019

Wed 11th Dec. 8:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Church

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



### St Mary's Parish Primary School Notice of Junior Infant Enrolment for September 2020

Applications for junior infant places for September 2020 are now being accepted. The allocation of places will begin on Friday 17th January 2020 at 12 noon. Forms and enrolment policy are available on our website [www.smpps.ie](http://www.smpps.ie) or from the school office (041-9845374).

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal:** A sincere thank you to all who contributed to the collection on December 1st, which amounted to €2,865. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

### Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Holy Land 2020:

Bishop Tom Deenihan will lead the 2020 Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Tuesday 13th - Thursday 22nd October 2020. €1,850. per person sharing. Return **Direct** Flights/ 9 nights 4\* Accommodation, half board basis, transfers, English speaking guide.

Pilgrimage Directors: Fr. Gerry Mc Cormack & Sr. Consilio Rock.

For information/bookings contact Niamh 01 8085201, MAP Travel.

**The Knights of Columbanus:** invite you to an Advent Holy Hour December 13th commencing at 7pm in the Sienna Convent, The Twenties, Drogheda. All are welcome.

### Anam Chara Catholic Contemplative Retreats for Young Adults 18-40

The next retreat will be held in the Alexian Brothers Centre at Knock from 13th December - 15th December. Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. The cost is Donation. To book a retreat or for further information contact [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com) or phone Sr. Una: 0906481666

**Adoration Chapel:** We require Adorers for the following days Tuesday and Saturday hours at 4pm. Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086. 365 8358.

**Eucharistic Ministers & Readers:** Rotas have been e-mailed. Some copies are also available from the Sacristy.

**Samaritans:** The North East Branch of Samaritans would like to sincerely thank you for the generosity and kindness shown to us during our recent church gate collection. We are very grateful for your support and the contributions received will help provide the service to people who need it most.

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



**Phyllis Byrne (nee Gregory)**, Priest Lane  
**Mary Bowden (née Everitt)**, St. Finian's Park & late of Carmelite Cottages  
**Sr. M. Dominic Shaw O.P.**, Sienna Convent  
**Peter Kierans**, Pitcher Hill  
**Kathleen Rogers (née Mullen)**, London and late of Halpin's Terrace  
**Gary Loftus**, late of Old Hill

May they rest in peace



### Supporting Our Parish:

1st December 2019

Offertory: €1,677.00  
Parish Dev. Fund: €945.00

Many thanks for your support