

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 9th February 2020  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The prophet Amos, expresses his fierce indignation about the plight of the poor and needy, who were being denied justice in the courts (Amos 5:7, 10, 12, 15) and whose goods were confiscated (5:11). Isaiah too, blames his people severely for their lack of social justice. His people, said the prophet, preferred formal religion to honesty and justice. They need to change their behaviour to mirror their new orientation (Isa 1:16-17). Only if they practice justice to the poor can their worship of God have real value.

Jesus himself chose to read from Isaiah a text about mercy and compassion. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

In the Gospel he says "let your light shine before others." What Jesus practised at Nazareth was fidelity to the ordinary, the daily routine, which requires its own kind of courage. What sets him apart was anchoring his whole life in God, to let the Father be the guiding force in his life

## Sacramental Preparation Programme

### First Confessions

The children from St Mary's Parish Primary School will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confessions) at 7:30pm on Tuesday the 11th and Wednesday the 12th of February in St Mary's Church.



### World Day of the Sick Tuesday 11th February

Pope Francis is urging the human warmth and personalised approach of Christ, the Good Samaritan, in healthcare professionals, workers and volunteers.

He makes the call in his message for the 28<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick. The Catholic Church marks the annual day on 11 February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Our Lady of Lourdes.

The theme of this year's celebration is "**Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest,**" taken from Matthew's Gospel (11:28).

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 9th February 2020

<b>Sunday 9th Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Frank Wolfe <i>First Anniversary</i> ; John Woods; Martina Fitzpatrick
	<b>10:30am</b>	Gerry Murdock <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Betty Kirwan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; William Barron <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Mary Durnin <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Sandra Tiernan; Willie Murtagh; Tony Wade
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Gay Nally <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Patrick Byrne <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Thomas & Mary Reilly
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Kate & John Lannon & Mary & John Rafferty
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Joe Mc Ginnity Senior <b>7:30pm</b> First Confessions. SMPPS
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Mary & Enda Egan & the Reynolds family <b>7:30pm</b> First Confessions. SMPPS
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Alice & Dick Gerrard; Breda Tinley, Bridie Faulkner & Molly McCormack
<b>Sunday 16th Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intention
	<b>10:30am</b>	Mary Mc Dermott <i>Month's Memory</i> , Rose & Paddy Ward; Nancy Murray & deceased family members; Eamonn McDonagh; Margaret Mc Evoy, Matt Nolan Senior; Nuala Kavanagh
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Special Intention
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention

## Our Parish Community

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Mon 10th Feb 8:00pm P.T.A.A. Meeting

Tues 11th Feb 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting Team A

Mon 17th Feb 8:00pm Finance Meeting

Teach Mhuire

Centre

Parish Centre

Holy Hour of Adoration will resume on 11th March.

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



### St. Ita's Special School Drogheda

are hosting a coffee morning in aid of the Calliope Joy Foundation on Thursday 13th February 2020, from 10.30am to 12 noon. All welcome.

**A Coffee Morning will be held in aid of Meath Palliative Care & the Hospice:** on Thursday 13th February from 10:00am - 1:00pm at 32, The Cairns, Beaubec. All Welcome

**Alzheimer's Association:** the Memory Café is back on Tuesday 11th February in Relish Café, Laurence St. from 6.00pm - 8.00pm with Maeve Montgomery, Dementia Advisor for Louth, Monaghan & Cavan. All welcome.

### Confirmation Preparation Mass No 4

Next Sunday **16th February** we again welcome the boys and girls who are preparing for their **Confirmation** and their families to the 10.30am and 12.00 noon Masses.

The children are invited to bring their sponsors with them to these Masses.

### St. Mary's Parish Primary School Confirmation

**Classes:** will host a bake sale in the St. Mary's Parish Centre on Sunday the **16th of February**. There will be tea, coffee and a wide array of cakes, buns and sweet treats available on the day. The bake sale will take place following Mass at 10:30 and 12:00 respectively in the Pastoral Centre.

There will also be a raffle with prizes including a luxury hamper, a place for one child in the coveted Greenhills Summer Camp, headphones and much more on the day. All are welcome.

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



**May Henry (née Hackett)**, Finians Park  
**Phyllis Cassidy**, Platten  
**Mary O'Rourke (née Rock)**, Rathmullen Park  
**Mary Monaghan (née Corrigan)**, Ardee  
**Sr. Sheila Cotter, M.M.M.**, Drogheda  
**Bernie Carvin (née Meade)**, St. Finians Park  
**Eileen Stafford**, Painstown  
**Fr. Jim Donleavy OP**, Drogheda & Cork

May they rest in peace

### 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.**

**Drogheda Floral Art Group:** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th February at 8:00pm in Holy Family Community Centre, Ballsbridge. Demonstration by Chelsea Flower Show award winner Christopher White. All welcome.

### Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo & Assisi 24th - 30th June, 2020:

Seven days from Dublin €945 per person sharing.

For further details please contact

Group Organiser: Ann-Marie on 086 089 2788 see poster at back of church or contact Marian Pilgrimages 01.8788159. Spiritual Director is Fr. Phil Gaffney.

### Boomerang Mid Term Break Activities:

Enrol now. Ages 6 Class +. Taste Buds, Sports, Cakes & Bakes, Art, Circus Skills. Each camp costs €5, snack is included in the price. Phone 041.9839916, Email. info@boomerangcafe.ie

**Sacramental Gifts:** We have a small selection of gifts for First Holy Communion ranging in price from €1.00 to €10.00 available to purchase in the Parish Office. These include book markers, prayer cards and pens. Please feel free to call in any weekday between 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm.

### Supporting Our Parish:



2nd February, 2020

Offertory: €1,715.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,387.00

Many thanks for your support