

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 10th March 2019
First Sunday of Lent

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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.

Marriages are facilitated by the Parish Centre 9834587.



Our Parish Community

March 2019

Mon 11th March 8.00pm P.T.A.A.

Tues 12th March 8.30pm Baptism Meeting Team A

Wed 13th March 8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Teach Mhuire
Centre
Church



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

Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Church:

Anyone interested in giving one hour each week in prayer are invited to contact the Parish Office or call 0863658358. The following hours are **vacant** at the moment: Tuesday 10.am. Thursday 2.00pm & 3.00pm. Sat 11.00am 1.00pm & 6.00pm.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

St. Oliver's National School, Ballymakenny Rd.
Sunday 10th March from 11.30am to 3.00pm &
Monday 11th March from 5.00pm to 8.30pm

St. Mary's Primary School, Crossroute, Bryanstown, on Tuesday 12th March, Wednesday 13th March & Thursday 14th March from 5.00pm to 8.30pm

It is important that we all remember that **many patients in hospitals need our blood** and this need never ceases.

Holy Family Youth Choir:

Cotton Patch Gospel: A Musical telling the Story of Jesus will be performed by a Youth Theatre coming from Texas in a joint venture with Holy Family Youth. The Musical was written by Harry Chapin (Of Cats in the Cradle Fame). **Venue** Holy Family Church. **Thursday 14th March at 8.00pm.**

Light the Fire 2019 - The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to join them at St. Patrick's Church in Slane, to pray together for Ireland in the place where St. Patrick lit the Easter Fire. **Event begins at 5.00pm on the 18th March (Bank Holiday Monday).**

Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom Deenihan, Bishop of Meath, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal 041.9830441.

Céilí... Serving the New Evangelisation

Catholic Community

Parish Mission led by the Céilí Community.

The Mission Team will arrive on **Saturday 12th Oct and the Mission will conclude on Sunday 27th October.**

The Mission Team will be based in the Parish Pastoral centre for the duration of the Mission.

The Pastoral Centre will not be available to any other groups for these two weeks.

The Mission Team will visit all the homes in the Parish as well as working in our schools and with our young people. They will also visit the Nursing homes and the elderly in the parish. We will need a **lot of volunteers** to help with our planning as well as helping out during those two weeks.

Keeping a Holy Lent

Mass Times for Lent 7.45am & 7.30pm Mon-Fri

What can I do this Lent?

Weekday Mass in St. Mary's at 7.45am or 7.30pm
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. The Stations of the Cross will be led by members of Our Mission Team on **each Friday during Lent at 3.00pm**

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 our **Parish Mission, Fundraising or any parish ministry**

First Sunday in Lent

Jesus sensed that his ultimate service to mankind, the effective one that would endure, would be through suffering and the Cross, after which would come the crown.

Without his crucifixion and resurrection his message would be forgotten. In every event of life, God is saying something to us too.

The story of the Temptations warns us not to let selfishness govern our lives. We need to be guided by the Holy Spirit, who continues to prompt our conscience throughout our days.

Imitate Our Lord by taking up life's challenges, not with an air of gloomy resignation, but cheerfully accepting what providence may bring. Let Jesus be a major influence in our lives, reflect upon his words and actions with reverence and affection.

Next Sunday is the Feast of St Patrick. No Mass at 12.00 due to parade. Masses at 9.00am. 10.30am & 7.00pm

This great Catholic saint, became famous for converting Ireland to Christianity. Patrick was kidnapped, along with many others, by Irish pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. According to his autobiographical Confession, which survives, the next six years were spent imprisoned in the north of the island and he worked as a herdsman of sheep and pigs on Mount Slemish in Co. Antrim.

During this period, he became increasingly religious. He considered his kidnapping and imprisonment as a punishment for his lack of faith and spent a lot of time in prayer. After a vision led him to stow away on a boat bound for Britain, Patrick escaped back to his family. There he had a dream that the Irish were calling him back to Ireland to tell them about God.

His studies took him to France where he was trained in a monastery, and he dedicated this period of his life to learning. It was some 12 years before he returned to Irish shores as a bishop sent with the Pope's blessing. The history of St Patrick is littered with periods of imprisonment when his teachings had upset local chieftains or Celtic Druids, but he always escaped or gained freedom by presenting his captors with gifts.

For twenty years he travelled the length and breadth of the island, baptising people and establishing monasteries, schools and churches as he went. By the time he died, on 17 March 461, he left behind an organised church, the see of Armagh, and an island of Christians. This date – 17 March – has been commemorated as St Patrick's Day ever since. He was buried either in Downpatrick, Co Down, or in Armagh.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 10th March 2019

Sunday 10th	9:00am	Jimmy Nulty, Myra O'Brien & Mary Doran
	10:30pm	Jimmy Nulty <i>Month's Memory</i> ; William Barron <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Raymond Cooney
	12:00noon	Elizabeth (Lilah) Mathews <i>Month's Memory</i> , her deceased husband Sean & John Fennell
		Danny & Kitty O'Donnell; Patrick (Paddy) Mohan; Patrick Doyle & Kathleen Bowden
		Peter & Bruma Vecchio; Michael & Pauline Heeney & deceased mem of the Heeney & Marley families & Johnny Callaghan
		Ken Donagh <i>Month's Memory</i>
Monday	7:00pm	
	7:45am	7.30pm
Tuesday	7:45am	Kathleen Fairtlough 7.30pm
Wednesday	7:45am	Nola McGinnity 7.30pm 8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration
Thursday	7:45am	7.30pm
Friday	7:45am	7.30pm Patrick Callan & Kathleen Mongey
Saturday	10:00am	Kieran & Ciarán Wogan; Paddy Smith & deceased members of the Smith & Dyas families
		Edward & Mary Quinn, Francis & Elizabeth McEaney & John & Kathleen Quinn
Sunday 17th	9:00am	Brian Connolly & deceased family members
	10:30pm	Michael Byrne & Ollie Rice; Christy Flanagan; Dermot Berrill; Pat Dennis; Martin Kilkelly
	7:00pm	Special Intention

A prayer for those who have died...

Kathleen Smith (née O'Brien), Rathmullen Park & formerly of Pearse Park
Margaret Mohan (née Haughey), Halpin's Terrace; **Philip Taaffe**, St. Finian's Pk., & formerly of Ballybay, Co. Monaghan; Patricia Kierans, Forest Grange, Ballymakenny & formerly of Chord Road.
May they all rest in peace.

Supporting Our Parish:

3rd March 2019
Offertory: €1,317.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,430.00

Many thanks for your support.