

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 11th August, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Phil Gaffney PP
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St Mary's Presbytery
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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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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus understood the human heart intimately. He knew that the disciples were not immune from the yearnings and hungers within or the seductions from without. He understands how inevitable it is that we will lose ourselves and be seduced from time to time by this wonderful world with all its beauty,

Our hearts still end up empty and restless and we hear the words of St Augustine echo within us:
"Our Hearts are Restless Until They Rest in You".

That is why it is so important to listen to today's reading, to slow down, to pause, to examine our lives and see where our treasure is, where we are investing our time, talent and energy!

Are we going through life so busy with things that do not matter, in a race to nowhere, so driven to consume and control, that we fail "to see the pearl of great price" that R.S Thomas refers to in his poem the **Bright Field**.

Perhaps we too find ourselves hurrying on to a receding future, or hankering after an imagined past and only waken up to what the essence of our lives really is when all that we have spent our lives on, those things and people we have cherished, are gone in an instant.

It is through these difficult experiences that God slips in, inviting us to take courage, to surrender, to trust.

We come to realise that at some level we know the God of the psalmist "the God of my heart, My God and my portion forever" (Ps 73), that this is the eternity that awaits us.

We too can experience the fear that binds us, expressed in the **Hound of Heaven** by Francis Thompson, of having nothing else besides, if we surrender our security to God **"yet was I sore adread, lest having Him. I should have nought beside"**.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. So too, the journey of redirecting our hearts towards God and his Kingdom, of investing the treasure of our lives in the ways of the kingdom, does not happen all at once. It begins with small intentional daily choices and steps.

Sr Mary McCloskey SSCC

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 11th August 2019

Sunday Aug 11th	9:00am	Special Intention
	10:30am	David McNally <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Madge Collins <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Michael Byrne & Ollie Rice
	12:00noon	Bernie Gregory <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Rose Coyle <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Annie & Michael Brodigan
	7:00pm	
Monday	8:00am	James Prendergast & deceased family members
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intention; Deceased members of the Carragher family
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday Aug 15th		Feast of the Assumption
	8:00am	Pete Browne 10.30am Mary Magee 7:30pm St. Pio Mass & Devotion
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday	10:00am	Tommy Byrne <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Jean O'Rourke <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Henry Haughton; Betty Tiernan
Sunday Aug 18th	9:00am	
	10:30am	Sammy Gallagher
	12:00noon	
	7:00pm	

Our Parish Community

Aug 2019

Tues. 13th Aug. 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A** Centre
Tues. 27th Aug. 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team C** Centre



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



AUGUST 15TH FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The feast of the Assumption salutes Mary's trust and openness. She had been at one with God all her life, even in the searing passion and death of her son. Faith in her Assumption is an acknowledgement of how close she had been to Jesus all life long, and especially in his death. It is faith that she is body and soul in heaven. D. Neary

Masses in St Mary's Church for the Feast of the Assumption on Thursday 8.00am, 10.30am & 7.30pm

Leaving Cert Results

Best wishes to all who will receive their leaving cert results this week.

We wish our students every blessing in whatever path or career they choose in life.



Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann DROGHEDA

Drogheda welcomes
Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann
11-18 August 2019

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes September 2019

Led by Bishop Tom Deenihan from 9th - 14th of September, five nights full board from €749 for pilgrims. Contact Pilgrimages abroad on 01-6359300. Email: info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie

Vacancies for hospital pilgrims, anyone who would like to go to Lourdes or recommend someone who is ill and would like to avail of the opportunity please contact Lily Brangan on 087 6978783

Knock 140 years 1879 - 2019: Join us this year as we celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the Apparition that took place on the 21st August 1879. Enquiries to Knock Shrine Office on 094 9388 100 email info@knockshrine.ie www.knockshrine.ie

The Annual Young Adult Catholic Conference:

Takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Saturday August 31st and Sunday September 1st 2019. This weekend is packed full of interesting events for young Catholics. Prices range from €25. - €50. accommodation also available. For further details visit www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com or phone Lucy on 087 995 9803.

Adoration Chapel:

We urgently require Adorers for the following hours:
Monday & Wednesday 1:00pm, Tuesday 6:00pm,
Tuesday & Saturday 4:00pm Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086 365 8358.

Parish Mission Saturday 12th – Sunday 27th October 2019

God our Father, we ask you to bless our Parish Mission.
You invite us to come to you with all our hearts.
Pour out your Spirit upon us.
May we experience the healing power of Jesus.
May we be renewed in faith, hope and love.
May the peace of the Holy Spirit light up our lives.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

A prayer for those who died...



David Byrne, The Highlands
Kitty Wiley (née Moore), Ganderstown & New Zealand.

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

4th August 2019

Offertory: €1,242.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €975.00



Many thanks for your support