

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 12th January, 2020  
The Baptism of the Lord



The Lord's Day 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon & 7:00pm  
Monday ~ Friday 8:00am  
Saturday 10:00am  
Holydays 8:00am and 7:30pm

Fr Phil Gaffney PP  
Fr Ciprian Solomon CC  
St Mary's Presbytery  
Dublin Road ☎ 9834958

St Mary's Parish Centre  
24 James Street  
☎ 9834587 ☎ 9838347

**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.

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday 12th January

In the past twelve months 92 children have been baptised here in St. Mary's.

This Sunday January 12th we welcome all parents who have had their child baptised in 2019

to the **10.30am or 12noon** Masses where they will receive a special blessing.

Baptism takes place on the first Saturday and the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1.00 pm.

To register your child for baptism contact the Parish Centre ☎ 9834587.

We thank the Parish Baptismal Team for their ongoing assistance throughout the past year.

Parents are strongly encouraged to actively participate in the Parish Pre-Baptismal Programme which runs on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Centre.



The baptism of Jesus is a moment of special grace in our story of salvation. Not only did he join us in our sinful state, but the Father and the Spirit are seen and heard to be there with him. The gospel uses the simple phrase that "the heavens were opened," but it is a powerful statement. Later on, when Jesus completed his life-journey on Calvary, we read how "the veil of the Temple was rent in two." Today's gospel is the beginning of a journey, which, through our own baptism, each of us is asked to travel. It is a journey full of purpose. Even if we seldom think of it, each person needs a sense of purpose and pattern in our living. Peter summarised the purpose and pattern of Christ's life when he said, "went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." *We are invited to make his purpose our own.*

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 12th January 2020

Sunday 12th Jan	9:00am	
	10:30am	Eamonn Mc Donagh & deceased family members; Jim, Jennell & Paul Byrne; Special Intention Deirdre & Richard O'Brien & deceased family members; Matthew Fleming & Fr. Pat Fleming & deceased members of the Connolly & Sexton families; Bernie Gregory; Dan, Nora, Marita & Paddy Troy
	12:00noon	Margaret Crinion <i>Month's Memory</i> ; John Holly <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Cormac Rowley; William Connor; Maureen & Oliver Halpin; Rose & James Moran; Keith Tracey
Monday	7:00pm	Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	7.30pm St. Pio Mass & Devotions
Friday	8:00am	Angela Rogan
Saturday	10:00am	Joe Leonard; Thomas & Jane Lynch; May Branigan; Angela Rogan
Sunday 19th Jan	9:00am	
	10:30am	Ann Tiernan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Marie Crocock <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Bridget Cooney; Bridget Caffrey Jimmy Kelly
	12:00noon	Florrie Clarke <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Michael Boyle; Tony Christofides
	2:00pm	Polish Mass
	7:00pm	

## Our Parish Community

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Mon 13th Jan 8:00pm P.T.A.A.

Tues 14th Jan 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A**

Thurs 16th Jan 7:30pm St Pio Mass & Devotions

Tues 28th Jan 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team C**

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Meeting resumes on First Monday in February.

Holy Hour of Adoration will resume on 11th March.

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

### Sacramental Preparation Programme

Next Sunday **19th January** we welcome the children who are preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and their families to the 10:30am and 12:00 noon Masses

### Sacramental Dates for 2020

#### Parishes of St Mary's and Holy Family Ballsgrove

Dates for your diary: **Confirmations 2020:**

St Paul's & Marymount Holy Family:

**Sat March 7th 11:00am**

St Mary's Parish Primary School:

**Sat March 7th 3:00pm**

Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa

**Sat 23rd May 11:00am St Mary's Church**

#### First Holy Communion 2020

St Mary's Parish Primary School:

**Sat 9th & 16th May 11:00am**

St John's Holy Family:

**Sat 16th May 12:30pm**

Marymount Holy Family:

**Sun 17th May 12:30pm**

#### First Confessions 2020

St Mary's Parish Primary School

Tues & Wed 11th & 12th February 7:30pm

Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa

Thursday 13th February 7:30pm

St John's Holy Family

Tues 25th February 7:30pm

Marymount Holy Family

Monday 24th February 7:30pm

**Flu alert:** Due to an outbreak of severe flu - we will suspend the sign of peace during Mass.

### 2020 Parish Envelopes:

Most of the Boxes have been delivered to the distributors. If you have not received your box of envelopes please check in the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

### The Upper Room Youth Group:

Led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (041-9830441). Weekly meeting resumes on Thursday 16th January from 7:15pm - 8:45pm in St Mary's Pastoral Centre. Join us for faith, friendship and fun

### Adoration Chapel:

We require Adorers for the following days Tuesday and Saturday at 4pm and Thursday at 5pm. Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086. 365 8358.

### Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples:

Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages.

Next programme starts 7th - 9th February 2020 .

For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email [info@retrouvaille.ie](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie). COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL

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



*Caterina (Ninetta) D'Onorio*, Drogheda  
*Gay Nally (née Reilly)*, Rosevale  
*Dan O'Loughlin*, Wheaton Hall  
*Gerry Murdoch*, Moran's Terrace  
*Betty Kirwan (née Clarke)*, Duleek Street  
*Matthew (Mattie) Gaughran*, Tullyallen

*May they rest in peace*

### Supporting Our Parish:



5th January, 2020

Offertory: €1.651.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1.650.00

*Many thanks for your support*