

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 12th May 2019  
Fourth Sunday of Easter Vocations Sunday

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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.



## Pope Francis' message on Vocations Sunday

Dear friends, it is not always easy to discern our vocation and to steer our life in the right direction. For this reason, there needs to be a renewed commitment on the part of the whole Church – priests, religious, pastoral workers and educators – to provide young people in particular with opportunities for listening and discernment, through prayer, meditation on God's word, Eucharistic adoration & spiritual accompaniment.

And yet, there can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyzes us before the great heights to which the Lord points us. Always remember that to those who leave their nets and boat behind, and follow him, the Lord promises the joy of a new life that can fill our hearts and enliven our journey. On this **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, let us join in prayer and ask the Lord to help us discover his plan of love for our lives, and to grant us the courage to walk in the path that, from the beginning, he has chosen for each of us.

## First Holy Communion SMPPS

Congratulations to the boys and girls from **St Mary's Parish Primary School** who received their First Holy Communion yesterday. **Next Saturday** we will warmly welcome the boys and girls from **Ms Califf and Mr Dunphy's** classes who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at 11:00am.

We will also warmly welcome the boys and girls from **Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa** who are receiving their First Holy at 1:00pm this Saturday. We wish to thank their teachers, staff and their parents who supported them on their journey to receiving their First Eucharist.

**"The Eucharist is the Sacrament of love; it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."** St Thomas Aquinas OP



## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 12th May 2019

<b>Sunday 12th May</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	
	<b>10:30am</b>	Gerry Tiernan: Emily & James Lynch, Sr. de Pazzi Lynch, Special Intention
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Michael Brendan Conroy; Maura Gleeson
	<b>7:00pm</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>7:30pm</b> St Pio Mass & Devotions
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Saturday 18th</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Francie Floody
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion St Mary's Parish Primary School</b>
	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa</b>
<b>Sunday 19th May</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	
	<b>10:30am</b>	Marc Smith <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Sean Judge & Deceased family members; Paddy Murray
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Joe Kenny <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Mary Una Clarke <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Paddy Keegan; Walter & Agnes Mc Loughlin, daughter Ita and son John
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Elizabeth Clarke

## Our Parish Community

May 2019

**Tues 14th May 8.30pm** Baptism Preparation Meeting *Team A* **Centre**  
**Thurs 16th May 7.30pm** St. Pio Mass & Devotions **Church**  
**Mon 20th May 7.00pm** Calvary Committee Meeting **Centre**



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

## Vocation Sunday:

A second collection will be taken up after Communion at all Masses this Sunday to support the education and training of our students. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Please pray for all who are discerning God's call to service. Bishop Tom encourages all parishes to pray for vocations and to promote vocations this weekend. There are currently three students studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Meath. Tony Shannon is studying in the Pontifical Irish College, Norman Allred and Colin Dunne are studying in the Pontifical Beda College. Please keep them in your prayers.

**O Jesus, send labourers into your fields which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation.**

**Grant that Christian families may desire to give your church helpers in the work of tomorrow.**

**Don't forget to return your Trócaire box.**

**Catechises:** will be hosted by Fr Maciej Zacharek on Thursdays and Sundays at 8pm in the Stables, Bacehlor's Lane, at the side of the Augustinian Church. The first session begins this evening at 8pm. All are very welcome.

## Golf Classic & Raffle Fundraiser:

Income €18,885. Costs €3,340. Profit €15,020.

Congratulations to Joe Harlin and The Fund Raising Committee for all their hard work in organising this event. A word of thanks to all who contributed so generously.

## Parish Mission - Volunteers Needed to help in our Pastoral Centre:

Please consider giving some of your time to help with serving meals and refreshments during the two weeks of the Mission. Parishioners can leave their contact details in our Parish Centre 041-9834587.

We would also greatly appreciate if some cakes and buns could be baked/provided for our visitors to have with their cup of tea or coffee during these two weeks.

*Thank you from the Parish Mission Team*

## Parish Mission Prayer:

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.

## Forthcoming Parish Mission Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Rejoice Return Renew

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.

**Accommodation:** Anyone who would like to provide a room for our visiting Mission Team please let us know or leave your name in the Parish Office. The visitors require just a bed and a light breakfast. They will leave their accommodation after breakfast and return each night at approximately 10:00pm.

**Volunteer Drivers:** Driving the House visitation Week 13th - 14th October we need drivers to bring the Céili team to the various estates in the parish. This will involve collecting the visitors at the Pastoral Centre, Dublin Road in the mornings and afternoons and bringing them back later.

This is an ideal opportunity for parishioners to become involved in the life of our community.

*Thank you for your help and support from the Parish Mission Team.*

## A prayer for those who died...



**Sr Leonie Mc Sweeney MMM, Drogheda**  
**Paddy Mc Govern, Millmount Abbey & Marian Park.**

*May they rest in peace*

## Supporting Our Parish:

5th May, 2019

Offertory: €1,240.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,240.00

*Many thanks for your support*

