

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 12th July, 2020  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Hospital Visitation:** is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognise that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?

Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another – the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?

'We are wasting our time here' may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?

John Byrne OSA



## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 12th July, 2020

Sunday 12th July	9:00am	LM/FM Mass; Pat Durkin; Holy Souls
	10:30am	Enda Faughnan <i>Month's Memory</i> & Stephen Faughnan; Aidan & Marion Mac Kenna; Margaret Tiernan
	12:00noon	Bernie Gregory <i>First Anniversary</i> ; David Mc Nally <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Brian Kennedy
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Tommy Byrne <i>First Anniversary</i>
Friday	8:00am	Special Intention
Saturday	10:00am	Tommy Byrne <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Bridget & John Cooney
Sunday 19th July	9:00am	Holy Souls
	10:30am	Kelly-Ann Ward
	12:00noon	Ray Drum; Michael Callaghan, May Callaghan & Michael Callaghan Junior
	7:00pm	Special Intention

**The return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments commenced on June 29th.** This is a source of joy and hope to our parish community. Morning Mass has resumed at 8:00am. **The weekend Masses will be as normal.** We have installed a loudspeaker in the car park.

- » A COVID-19 **SUPPORT TEAM** is established in the parish
- » The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being. Many parishioners may wish to attend Mass on a week-day rather than at weekends.
- » Hand sanitizers are in place **permanently** at each entrance to the church.
- » Signs are in place to designate **every second seat** for use and for maintaining physical (social) distancing.
- » **Ushers** have been recruited to direct people to available seats including exit from the church, using the one-way system.
- » Thorough **cleaning** of church seats and other surfaces continues. Church seats will be cleaned with approved **sanitizing spray**.
- » Collection **baskets** will **not** be passed along during Masses; supervised collection baskets **will be available at the church doors**.
- » Ministers of the **Word** will be seated in their own seats, rather than the sacristy before Masses.
- » Ministers of **Holy Communion** will not be required to sign-in before Masses.
- » Communion should be received only on the hand.
- » Priests and Ministers of **Holy Communion** should visibly sanitize their hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion. Priests and Ministers should wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- » In the absence of choirs, **music ministry** will continue with a rota of instrumentalists and cantors as heretofore since Easter.
- » **People attending Sunday Mass are encouraged to take the weekly bulletin home with them.**
- » **Altar servers** will be able to maintain physical distancing in the sacristy and sanctuary. **Offertory procession** and **Sign of Peace** will be omitted..

**Baptisms** have resumed. Anyone wishing to book a baptism can do so by calling the Parish Office.

Dates have been set aside in September for the children receiving their **First Holy Communion**.

**Confessions** will be available after Mass next Saturday and on Sunday evening after Mass.

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



**Victoria (Viki) Behan**, Rathmullen Park  
**Sean Whearty**, Marian Park  
**Patrick Hanratty**, Platin Road  
**John Kierans**, St. Finians Park  
**Sr. Maria Anne Travers M.M.M.**  
Drogheda  
*May they rest in peace*



### Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can now use the **donate button facility on our website**. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

**Many thanks. Keep safe and well.**