

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 13th January 2019
Baptism of Our Lord

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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.



The Baptism of the Lord



Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. Jesus goes to John for baptism. John resists at first but Jesus insists. By accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John did and his role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Jesus' baptism acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation. Jesus' Baptism was an epiphany: a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. A voice cried out from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Jesus' baptism is how the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

Reflection for Today

Jesus, you came as one of us to be with us on the road of life.
You asked to be baptised even though it was something you did not need.
You washed the disciples feet in a similar act of humility and kindness.
We know only too well that we should live the same way.
Take away any arrogance from our lives.
May we reach out in love to our brothers and sisters.
Keep us down to earth and able to laugh at ourselves.
May we never mock those who do menial work, but rather help them
by doing a little bit ourselves and so show that you still live in the world.

'The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart'
Helen Keller

Sacramental Preparation Programme

Next Sunday 20th January we again welcome the boys and girls who are preparing for First Holy Communion and their families to the 10.30am and 12.00 noon Masses. As always we look forward to meeting you every Sunday here in St. Mary's.

Distributors - 2019 Parish Envelopes: The boxes are available for collection from the Sacristy

Flu alert: Due to an outbreak of swine flu—we will suspend the sign of peace during Mass.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday 13th January



In the past twelve months 108 babies have been baptised here in St. Mary's. Today we welcome the parents who have had their babies baptised in 2018 to the 10:30 or 12 noon Masses where they will receive a special blessing.

Baptisms takes place here in St Mary's Church on the first Saturday, 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.

Our Parish Community

January 2019

Mon 14th Jan 8:00pm P.T.A.A. Meeting

Tues 15th Jan 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting

Thurs 17th Jan 7:30pm St Pio Mass & Devotions

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

Holy Hour of Adoration will also resume on 13th February

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

Teach Mhuire

Team B

Centre

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St Mary's Roof Restoration Fundraiser 2019

Would you like to walk the last stage of the Camino from Sarria to Santiago. It is 120 kilometres full of history and heritage. We are looking for volunteers who will raise €1500. Flight, food, hotel accommodation and transfers will cost approximately €900 leaving €600 for the Roof Fund. Travel dates are 9th-16th September 2019. Please contact: Joe 085-2566305 Michael 087-7072955.

Laytown-Bettystown - Golf Classic:

St Mary's Roof Restoration Fund: Second Phase Fundraiser. To secure your Tee-Time for our golf classic, please contact: Joe Harlin: 085-2566305. Team of Four €300. T-Box sponsorship €100. Last year's classic was great fun. This year's classic will be bigger and better!

5km Chipped Running Race: Sunday January 27th

2019, 11am, Bettystown Beach. Register at: www.sacredheart.ie Sacred Heart Facebook Page or at www.myraceresults.ie for race entry, chip and t-shirt. this race is a fundraiser for the Sacred Heart School to complete their 400m running track.

Upcoming Pilgrimages for 2019

Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul in Malta 2019:

The Annual Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage led by Fr Gerry McCormack will retrace the footsteps of St Paul in Malta from September 15th - 22nd 2019. Cost is €975 on a half board basis plus day excursions. Special Booking Offer of €975 in the four star Hotel in St Julian is inclusive of half board and three full day excursions for all bookings by December 14th with MAP Travel, 36, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. T: 01-8783111. E: patricia@maptravel.ie

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Holy Land 2019:

Bishop Deenihan will lead the 2019 Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 4th - 12th. Full details to follow. Enquiries to MAP Travel: 01-8783111, patricia@maptravel.ie or Gerry McCormack: 042-9667314, info@kingscourtparish.ie

Adoration: Adorers needed for 4 - 5am and 5 - 6am - if you are interested please phone Liz 086.3658358 for more details

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 13th January, 2019

Sunday 13th	9:00am	Special Intention
	10:30am	Thomas & Margaret Hand
	12:00noon	Mona Melia <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Cormac Rowley; William Connor; Maureen Halpin
Monday	7:00pm	Angela Rogan
	8:00am	Michael Byrne
Tuesday	8:00am	Michael, Mary & Agnes Houlihan
Wednesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Carmel Farrelly, Thomas, Margaret & Oliver Byrne, Michael, Martin, Darina & little Michéal Byrne
	7.30pm	St. Pio Mass & Devotions
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday	10:00am	Tommy Clarke <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Willie Fay <i>First Anniversary</i> ; John & May Byrne; Thornton & Hyland families Rosemary Murray; Jimmy Kelly
Sunday 20th	9:00am	Mary (Marie) O'Sullivan
	10:30am	Bridget Cooney; Bridget Caffrey; Fr. Pat Fleming, Matthew Fleming and deceased family members; Deirdre & Richard O'Brien and deceased members of the Dempsey & O'Brien families; Special Intention; Margaret (Peggy) Rossiter
	12:00noon	Charles Watters; Raymond Williams; Michael Boyle; Patrick Thornton and Mary Dolly Thornton; Matthew O'Rourke
	7:00pm	Special Intention

A prayer for those who have died...



Helen Deirdre Harbison, Dublin & Wheaton Hall
Margaret Peggy Rossiter (née McKeown),
Yellowbatter
Danny (Daniel) Clark, St. Finian's Park
Paddy Rooney, St. Finian's Park
Fr. Seamus Fleming CSSP, Blackrock.

May they rest in peace.



Supporting Our Parish:

6th January 2019

Offertory: €1,445.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,267.00

Many thanks for your support.