

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 14th July 2019
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



The Good Samaritan

"The parable of the Good Samaritan is part of a series of scenes and events taken from daily life by which Jesus helps us to understand the deep love of God for every human being, especially those afflicted by sickness or pain. With the concluding words of the parable of the Good Samaritan, **Go and do likewise**" (Lk 10:37)

We need to draw from the infinite love of God, through an intense relationship with him in prayer, the strength to live day by day with genuine concern, like that of the Good Samaritan, for those suffering in any way who ask for our help, whether or not we know them and however poor they may be. This is true, for everyone, even for the sick themselves, who can experience this condition from a perspective of faith:

We can see Jesus himself in the Good Samaritan; Jesus is the Son of God, the one who makes present the Father's love, a love which is faithful, eternal and without boundaries. But Jesus is also the one who sheds the garment of his divinity, who leaves his divine condition to assume the likeness of men He does not jealously guard his equality with God (cf. Phil 2:6) but, filled with compassion, he looks into the abyss of human suffering so as to pour out the oil of consolation and the wine of hope."



Trust in prayer

Often I pray to St Anthony and I find what I was looking for. I can't understand why, but it brings

up the question of praying for what we want and need. People pray hard for an intention; some pray for ages and are answered, some are not.

We are encouraged always to pray with hope and persistence, believing that we always get something. In the asking is the receiving, and we never leave prayer worse off than when we began. For any time we give to prayer, we get something. We are transformed. We may not get the specific intention but we always get the Holy Spirit.

In the knocking at the door itself something is opened. In asking and seeking we get something. The first gift of prayer is the love of God. Other gifts follow. Prayer increases our trust in God, that he wants our good and is with us in love.

So we pray for what we need and then leave the prayer with God, to be answered as He can. This is one of the greatest faiths of all. Our Father, holy be your name, your kingdom come and will be done within me and in earth and heaven.

Donal Neary SJ

Our Parish Community

July 2019

Thurs. 18th July 7:0pm St. Pio Mass & Devotions
Tues. 23rd July 8:0pm Baptism Preparation Meeting Team C

Church Centre



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

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**

Young Adults (18-40 years) Retreat at Dalgan Park, Navan 26th - 28th July. (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) Cost is donation. Own Room, All Meals. Phone 090 648 1666 or email youthretreats@gmail.com
'Do not be afraid to dream of great things' - Pope Francis

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Just a few hours of your time each week can really make a difference in someone else's life
www.aware.ie/volunteering
Make a difference in someone's tomorrow

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

Lough Derg: The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently open. You may begin on any day until 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Phone Lorraine on 071. 986 1518 or email info@loughderg.org.

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

Adoration Chapel:

We urgently require Adorers for the following hours:
Monday 3.00pm - 4.00pm, **Thursday** 2.00pm - 3.00pm, **Friday** 4.00pm - 5.00pm.
Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086 365 8358

Parish Mission Saturday 12th – Sunday 27th October 2019

A word of thanks to all our parishioners who have volunteered to be involved in our Parish Mission. Work on the programme will continue over the summer months and anyone who would like to be involved can leave their details in the Parish Office 041 9834587.

May we take this opportunity to hope that you and your family have an enjoyable and safe summer. Please continue to recite our Parish Mission Prayer. We will return with further updates at the end of August.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 14th July 2019

Sunday July 14th	9:00am	
	10:30am	Marion & Aidan McKenna; Margaret Tiernan; Lily Finegan; Clare Heaney & Margaret Fleming
	12:00noon	Special Intention; Catherine & Leo Fuller, Mary & Frank Smith & deceased family members, Special Intention
	7:00pm	
Monday	8:00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	8:00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday	10:00am	
	7:30pm	St. Pio Mass & Devotions
		Bridget, John & Raymond Cooney and deceased family members; Eddie McGovern & Kitty Wolfe; Val Clarke & deceased members of the Clarke family
Sunday July 21st	9:00am	
	10:30am	Kelly-Ann Ward; Lily Finegan
	12:00noon	Ray Drum; Michael Callaghan Jnr., Mary & Michael Callaghan & deceased family members, Susan & John Kelly & deceased family members
	2:00pm	Polish Mass
	7:00pm	



A prayer for those who died...

Patricia Hourn (Née Moore) England and late of Ganderstown, Clogherhead
Oliver Tully, Baltray.

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

7th July 2019

Offertory: €1,250.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,187.00



Many thanks for your support