

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 15th March, 2020  
Third Sunday of Lent

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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.



## Bishop Tom's Statement

Very Reverend and Dear Father,

I have consulted widely on the celebration of Mass in the Diocese in the context of today's announcement from the Government and the ban on gatherings of more than 100 people. We must be mindful of public health and I am particularly concerned at the inability to maintain a congregation below 100. In that context, I am suspending all public Masses in the Diocese with immediate effect. Weddings and funerals may continue provided the government guidelines are adhered to. Obviously priests will continue to offer Mass and I would ask you to join me in offering Mass for those who are sick and worried at this time. It may be possible that some of these private Masses can be broadcast on webcam, and if so, parishioners should be advised accordingly. While Masses are suspended, the voice of prayer should not be silent. I know that many will want to go to our Churches and pray privately and it should be accommodated.

I hope this decision is of help to you in your parish. Can I also encourage you to follow the guidelines yourself and protect your own health.

With every blessing,  
Bishop Tom

Mass will be celebrated privately each day at 10:00am and will be available via webcam. You can join us by going online to our website live stream. **The Church will be open each day from 11:00am to 4:00pm** so that people can call in to say a prayer or light a candle. **Adoration in the main Church Monday to Friday 11:00am to 12:00noon.** Copies of the parish bulletin will be available in the Church.

The Parish Office will be open 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday to Friday.

Mass Intentions for the coming week will be included  
in the Private Masses celebrated by the Priests at 10:00am each day

### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 15th March, 2020

<b>Sunday 15th March</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intention	
	<b>10:30am</b>	Michael Byrne & Ollie Rice; John & Ray Cooney; Christy Flanagan; Patrick & Maura Nulty Patrick Bradley; Lallah Kelly	
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Barbara O'Grady <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Lottie Sweeney <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Val Vaughey; Danny & Kitty O'Donnell; Peter & Bruna Vecchio; Peg & Tom Cawley, Bridget & Paddy Cawley	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:45am</b>		<b>7:30pm</b> Patrick Callan & Kathleen Mongey
<b>Tuesday 17th St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Brian Connolly & deceased relatives and friends Cathal Whelan	
	<b>10:30am</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:45am</b>		<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:45am</b>	Special Intention	<b>7:30pm</b> Alfred Malocca
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:45am</b>		<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>		
<b>Sunday 22nd March</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Max Moran	
	<b>10:30am</b>	James, Christina & Joan Mohan; Jim, Jennelle & Paul Byrne	
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Dermot Brennan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; James Leech, Peggy Leech & Josephine Brogan	
	<b>7:00pm</b>		

## Our Parish Community

March 2020

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



### Prayers for Protection

*Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate*

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

*Memorare*

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.

**CANCELLED - Light The Fire!** Slane, Co. Meath on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday 17th March, 2020.

**CANCELLED - An Evening of Music with Amie Dyer & Friends** - 2nd April at 7:30pm.

Any ticket purchased can be used at a later date when the concert is rescheduled.

### Prayers for Protection

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your  
faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother  
of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in  
trial, but deliver us from every  
danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

*Pope Francis*



*St. Patrick pray for us and for the whole world.*

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



*Willie Halpenny, Ardee*

*May he rest in peace*

### Supporting Our Parish:



8th March, 2020

Offertory: €1,370.00  
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,200.00

*Many thanks for your support*