

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 15th September, 2019
Twenty Fourth 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.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Deep End - The Lost Parables



The three parables of things lost and found emphasize the unending forgiveness of God and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge celebration when the lost is found.

In the third parable of the Prodigal Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to his senses'. We might pray today that God shows us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to 'come to our senses'.

As with all parables, we are left thinking and wondering, disturbed even. A sheep and a coin we can rejoice over, but when it is a person who has done us harm, hurt us in some way, it is a much deeper and more painful process. The elder brother in the third parable feels hard done by, is deeply hurt, full of anger and resentment.

Luke being the excellent storyteller that he is, does not tell us the outcome of the story, it is for us to finish for ourselves.

Forgiveness isn't about releasing someone from accountability for his/her actions. It is about us letting go of our anger and resentment'

Jane Mellett

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 15th September 2019

Sunday Sept 15th	9:00am	
	10:30am	Ollie Rice & Michael Byrne
	12:00noon	Jim Byrne; Oliver Halpin; Mary Quinn
	7:00pm	
Monday	8:00am	Teresa & Edward Mc Donald
Tuesday	8:00am	Brendan Smith & Keith Brannigan
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	
	7.30pm	Sp. Pio Mass & Devotions
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday	10:00am	Maurice Bogue; Rita & Billy Gavin; Harry & Theresa Mallon, Patrick & Christina Mallon & Annie Sheridan; Helen Harbison; Michael & Mary Pentony
Sunday Sept 22nd	9:00am	
	10:30am	Linda Fitzgerald <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Cathal Whelan <i>Month's Memory</i> & his grandfather Michael Carr; Sr. Dominic; John Byrne & Mary Quinn; George Rainsford
	12:00noon	Peg Mc Nally; Kaline Murray
	7:00pm	

Our Parish Community

Sept 2019

Tues 17th Sept 8:00pm
Wed 18th Sept 8:00pm
Thurs 19th Sept 7:30pm

Finance Committee Meeting
Liturgy Committee Meeting
St Pio Mass & Devotions

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

All Rotas were emailed last week:

Adoration Chapel

We require Adorers for the following hours:
Tuesday 6:00pm, Tues. & Saturday 4:00pm. Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086 3658 358.

Parish Pastoral Centre (Fatima)

All groups using the Pastoral Centre must complete a registration form in the Parish Centre before re-commencing activities in September. All **new** bookings will be taken in the Parish Centre.

The Pastoral Centre will be unavailable to groups from Friday 11th Oct - Monday 28th October 2019 to facilitate the Parish Mission.

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage

The Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 29th September, 2019.
Contact Liz Moloney on 086 365 8358 before 16th September. Cost of Coach is €20. and will leave bottom of Mary Street at 7.00am.

Parish Mission

Saturday 12th - Sunday 27th October, 2019

A sincere word of thanks to all our parishioners who have volunteered to be involved in our Parish Mission.
We need additional drivers to help us during the first week of the Mission. Please contact the Parish Office or telephone 041.9834587.

Sacramental Dates for 2019 Holy Family & St Mary's Parishes

Dates for your diary: **Confirmations 2019:**

St Paul's & Marymount Holy Family: **Sat March 7th 11:00am**
St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Sat March 7th 3:00pm**

First Holy Communion 2019

St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Sat 9th & 16th May 11:00am**
St John's Holy Family: **Sat 16th May 12:30pm**
Marymount Holy Family: **Sat 9th May 12:30pm**

First Confessions 2019

St Mary's Parish Primary School Tues & Wed 11th & 12th February @ 7:30pm
St John's Holy Family Tues 25th February @ 7:30pm
Marymount Holy Family Monday 24th February @ 7:30pm

Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal - Open Day

At St. Anthony Convent:

The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal would like to invite you to an Open Day at St. Anthony Convent on Sunday 22nd September, 2019 from 11:30am - 2.00pm. Join us for a cup of tea and buns, get to know the Sisters, tour the Convent and learn more about our daily life and ministry.

The Upper Room Youth Group:

Led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (041 983 0441)
Opening registration night: Thursday 26th Sept. 7- 8.45pm at St. Mary's Pastoral Centre. Parents please attend to sign permission slips. Following weekly meetings will be held on Thursdays 7.15 - 8.45pm at St. Mary's Pastoral Centre. Join us for faith, friendship and fun.

Parish Mission Saturday 12th - Sunday 27th October 2019

Our 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**

A prayer for those who died...



Sr. Joan (Kathleen) Mc Manus Laytown & Monaghan
Phyllis Gavan (née Hughes), Finian's Park.
Sr. Phyllis Heaney M.M.M., Drogheda

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

8th September 2019

Offertory: €1,177.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,005.00

Many thanks for your support

