

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 15th December, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent



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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**

St Mary's Parish Centre
24 James Street
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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.**

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Confessions are available on Saturdays after 10:00am Mass, and every Sunday after 7:00pm Mass.
Marriages are facilitated by the Parish Centre: 9834587.



Today, the third Sunday of Advent is called 'Gaudete Sunday' which means 'Joy' or Rejoice'. The opening antiphon for today's liturgy asks us to **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.**

Today, on our Advent Wreath we light our pink candle to mark this day of joy.

St. Paul's advice and encouragement from the first reading today gives this third Sunday of Advent its traditional name *Gaudete Sunday*. Joy is the central message of our readings and prayers this Sunday, and indeed the whole of Advent and the celebration of Christ.

Why did the Baptist in our gospel today send his urgent question from his prison cell to Jesus: "Are you He that is to come?" Hadn't John recognised our Lord as the Messiah several months previously, at the Jordan, when he proclaimed Him publicly as the Lamb of God?

Did John, faced with almost certain death under Herod, have doubts or second thoughts about Jesus?

Some say no, John only asked the question for the sake of his followers, who needed confirmation of their faith from Christ himself. But if John did have doubts, it was because of the peaceful way that Jesus behaved, not at all like the violent revolutionary the Jews expected as their Messiah.

Jesus told him what God's messenger would be like: healer of the sick, consoler of the suffering, preacher of freedom and truth to the poor. In this way, John's faith in Jesus was made strong, enabling him to believe in Jesus as the Chosen One and accept a martyr's death.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 15th December 2019

Sunday 15th Dec	9:00am	Marie O'Sullivan <i>First Anniversary</i> & Margaret & Tommy Bissett			
	10:30am	Noel Kierans; John Cooney; James, Christina & Joan Mohan; Pety Browne & his parents Joe & Molly Browne; Marcus Clery, Julie Lynch, Gary Martin; Sr. de Pazzi Lynch; Karen O'Brien & Denise Byrne; Kathleen Rogers (nee Mullen); James Caffrey; Louis McKee			
	12:00noon	Bridget & Myles Byrne; Anne & Tom O'Gorman; Noel Monaghan; Susan & John Kelly and deceased members of the Kelly family, Mary Callaghan, Michael Callaghan & Michael Jnr. and deceased members of the Callaghan family; Dr. Alex Moore; Richard Brazil			
	2:00pm	Polish Mass			
	7:00pm	Special Intention			
Monday	8:00am		Tuesday	8:00am	
Wednesday	8:00am	Cepta, Margaret & James Connor; Bridget, Andrew, Patrick, Robert & Valerie Whearty and Ellen Clarkin; Josephine Hanley			
			Friday	8:00am	P.J. & May Costello
Thursday	8:00am				
Saturday	10:00am	Please See List at Back of Church			
Sunday 22nd Dec	9:00am	Frances McNeill, Carmel Clinton			
	10:30am	Maria Callaghan Month's Memory; George Durnin; Raymond Cooney; Maureen & Oliver Halpin & deceased members of the Leech & Williams families; Deceased members of the Darcy, Lynch & McDonnell families; Catherine Reynolds; Paul (Minty) Smith & Benny Smith			
	12:00noon	Kathleen Mc Quillan, James & Denis McQuillan, Minnie & Beth, Joe & Maureen Byrne Benny Bowden & deceased members of the Bowden & Doyle families; Michael & Pauline Heeney & deceased members of the Heeney & Marley families & Johnny Callaghan			
	7:00pm	Special Intention			

Our Parish Community

Dec 2019

Thursday 19th 7:30pm SMPPS Carol Service Church

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



St Mary's Parish Primary School Notice of Junior Infant Enrolment for September 2020

Applications for junior infant places for September 2020 are now being accepted. The allocation of places will begin on Friday 17th January 2020 at 12 noon. Forms and enrolment policy are available on our website www.smpps.ie or from the school office (041-9845374).

The Story of the Peace Light

If anyone would like to take a light from the peace light from Bethlehem in St Mary's Church at the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday 22nd, December please bring an oil lantern or lantern and candle to the 12:00 noon Mass.

Adoration Chapel: We require Adorers for the following days Tuesday and Saturday at 4pm. and Thursday at 5pm. Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086. 365 8358.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Rotas have been e-mailed. Some copies are also available from the sacristy.

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A prayer for those who died...



Joe Leonard, Congress Avenue
Paddy Judge Jnr., Ballsgrove
Rosaleen (Rose) Reay (née Hughes), Finians Park
Margaret Crinion (née Hall), Stameen and formerly Ardcath
Patrick Kelly, Kinnegad
(father of Fr. Declan Kelly P.P. Stamullen)

May they rest in peace

St Mary's Schedule for Christmas

Thursday 19th December

St.Mary's Parish Primary School Carol Service 7:30pm

Friday 20th December

Polish Confessions: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday 21st December

Mass: 10.00am followed by Confessions

Sunday 22nd December

Masses: 9.00am; 10.30am; 12.00noon; 7:00pm

Penitential Service after 7:00pm Mass

Visiting Priests attending

Monday 23rd December

Mass: 8:00am

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

8:00am Mass

Confessions: 12 noon – 1:00pm

Children's Mass 6.00pm

Polish Mass 10:00pm

Midnight Mass at 12.00 Midnight

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

Masses: 9.00am (broadcast live on LMF);

10.30am & 12.00noon

Thursday 26th December – Saturday 28th December

10:00am Mass

Sunday 29th December

Mass 9:00am; 10:30am; 12 noon & 7:00pm

Polish Mass 2:00pm

Monday 30th December & Tuesday 31st December

10:00am Mass

Wednesday 1st January – Mary, The Holy Mother of God & World Day of Peace

12:00 noon Mass

Thursday 2nd January Morning Mass resumes at 8:00am

Monday 6th of January – The Epiphany of The Lord.

Masses 8:00am & 7:30pm.

Supporting Our Parish:

8th December 2019

Offertory: €1,477.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,375.00



Many thanks for your support