

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 16th February 2020
Sixth 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.

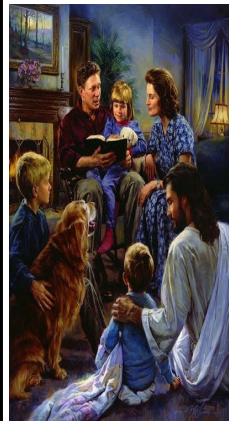
Confessions are available on Saturdays after 10:00am Mass, and every Sunday after 7:00pm Mass.

Marriages are facilitated by the Parish Centre: 9834587.



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The heart of religion



This list of some of Jesus' sayings give an indication of what is important to him. He states the religious tradition of the people when he says that he has not come to abolish the old religion, and that religion must go much deeper and be an affair of the heart. He asks for forgiveness and reconciliation when he speaks about leaving a gift at the altar to go for reconciliation. He commends marriage, and faithfulness in marriage, in his views on divorce. He believes in the respect for sexuality that is shown in not using a person. This collection of Jesus' sayings form a background to how he lived his life himself. He lived out these sayings in many of the events of his life, which we hear about on other Sundays. The Sermon on the Mount, of which this is part, is the backdrop to much of Jesus' life and mission, a sort of vision statement for his life and ministry.

Much of this went against the religious practice of his people, which was centred mostly on externals. He saw the ritual and the law of religion as important only if it came from the heart.

This is the challenge always to religion – to live heartily what it enthusiastically believes. Practices in ritual and in religious custom and laws may change with different cultures and times; what is important is the way we live our lives, following Jesus and knowing that all our efforts to live like him are praised and rewarded.

Pope Francis says, 'It is not enough to just respect the commandments and do nothing more. Christian life is not just an ethical life: it is an encounter with Jesus Christ'

Donal Neary SJ

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 16th February 2020

Sunday 16th Feb	9:00am	Josephine (Josie) Judge; Special Intention; Eamonn Donnelly
	10:30am	Mary Mc Dermott <i>Month's Memory</i> , Rose & Paddy Ward; Nancy Murray & deceased family members; Eamonn McDonagh; Margaret Mc Evoy, Matt Nolan Senior; Nuala Kavanagh
	12:00noon	Special Intention; Sheila Milne; James (Colly) Moore
	2:00pm	Polish Mass
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	Rose Sherwin
Tuesday	8:00am	
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	Special Intention; Special Intention
	7:30pm	St. Pio Mass & Devotions
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday	10:00am	Owen Doyle; Patrick, Anne Marie & Cillian Marley, Evelyn, Bob & Joanne Bateson
Sunday 23rd Feb	9:00am	Special Intention
	10:30am	Baby Mary Teresa Dundon <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Special Intention
	12:00noon	Peggy O'Gorman <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Michael McNally; Larry Farrell; Declan O'Halloran; Mona Melia;
	7:00pm	Special Intention

Our Parish Community

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Mon 17th Feb 8:00pm Finance Meeting

Thurs 20th Feb 7:30pm St. Pio Mass & Devotions

Holy Hour of Adoration will resume on 11th March.

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

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Sacramental Preparation Programme Confirmation Preparation Mass No 4

Today Sunday 16th February we again welcome the boys and girls who are preparing for their **Confirmation** and their families to the 10.30am and 12.00 noon Masses.

The children were invited to bring their sponsors with them to these Masses.

St. Mary's Parish Primary School Confirmation

Classes: will host a bake sale in the St. Mary's Parish Centre on Sunday the 16th of February. There will be tea, coffee and a wide array of cakes, buns and sweet treats available on the day. The bake sale will take place following Mass at 10:30 and 12:00 respectively in the Pastoral Centre.

There will also be a raffle with prizes including a luxury hamper, a place for one child in the coveted Greenhills Summer Camp, headphones and much more on the day. All are welcome.

Vocations Information Day

April 5th: St Mary's Church, Navan

The Diocese will hold a vocations information day on Palm Sunday in St. Mary's Church, Navan. If you have been considering the priesthood this is an opportunity for you to find out more about what priesthood entails, about seminary studies; and a chance to explore God's call to priesthood in a deeper way. The event begins at 1pm with the Mass form Palm Sunday in the Parish Church. For more information contact Fr Shane Cromie frshane@gmail.com

Thank You: To all who attended the Coffee Morning at 32, The Cairns, Beaubec, in aid of Meath Palliative Care & the Hospice. The amount raised was €580.

A prayer for those who died...



Alice Eustace (née Kearney) Wheaton Hall and formerly of William Street,
Frank Everitt, Marian Park,
Sr. Agnes McKeon M.M.M., Drogheda,
Sr. Aquin Enright M.S.H.R., Betystown.

May they rest in peace

St. Mary's Annual Golf Classic:



Will take place on Friday 1st May in Laytown / Bettystown Golf Club. Team of 4 €300.

T Box sponsorship €100.

To secure your Tee-Time for our Golf classic, please contact Joe Harlin: 085-2566305.

Prize giving at 9:00pm in the Black Bull. Join us for raffle, music and refreshments.

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo & Assisi 24th - 30th June, 2020:

Seven days from Dublin €945 per person sharing.

For further details please contact

Group Organiser: Ann-Marie on 086 089 2788 see poster at back of church or contact Marian Pilgrimages 01.8788159. Spiritual Director is Fr. Phil Gaffney.

Boomerang Mid Term Break Activities:

Enrol now. Ages 6 Class +. Taste Buds, Sports, Cakes & Bakes, Art, Circus Skills. Each camp costs €5, snack is included in the price. Phone 041.9839916, Email. info@boomerangcafe.ie

2020 Divine Mercy National Conference R.D.S. Ballsbridge, Dublin 4:

Taking place on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd February. Friday 21st young people 6-9:30pm free. For more details phone 086 066 9203 or email divinemerconvergence@gmail.com

Sacramental Gifts: We have a small selection of gifts for First Holy Communion ranging in price from €1.00 to €10.00 available to purchase in the Parish Office. These include book markers, prayer cards and pens. Please feel free to call in any weekday between 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm.

Supporting Our Parish:



9th February, 2020

Offertory: €1,350.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,595.00

Many thanks for your support