

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 16th May, 2021

Ascension of the Lord, Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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**



Reopening of the Church

We are delighted to welcome you back to Mass as our Churches reopen for public worship. The resumption of public worship is a source of great joy and gratitude to so many who have patiently awaited the opportunity to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments. We thank you for your continued support and prayers throughout lockdown. We are indebted and humbled by the generosity of those who financially supported the parish in difficult times. Sadly many families carry the burden of the loss of loved one from Covid, and of the heavy price which has had to be paid in terms of jobs and incomes, as well as significant impact on the mental wellbeing of young and old.

While the pandemic continues to dominate the news, there are great signs of hope as we freely gather around the Lord's table. Pope Francis has encouraged daily recitation of the Rosary during the month of May in light of the global crisis posed by the virus. Let us commend our Parish and our families to the protection of Our Blessed Mother as we journey through the challenging months ahead. In the weeks and months ahead, let us renew our commitment to building and strengthening our faith community where people feel welcomed and assured.

While many are familiar with the procedures in place prior to lockdown, it would greatly help our stewards if worshippers renew their commitment to following the guidelines below:

- ➔ In Line with public health norms, those attending Mass should wear a face covering in the church and use the hand sanitisers provided at the entrances and exits to the church.
- ➔ Social distancing norms limit the number of people allowed to enter the churches at any one time. The church is divided into 3 pods with a maximum of 50 people per pod.
- ➔ In light of the above directives, we would ask parishioners not to gather inside/outside the church.

Bishop Deenihan has announced the following appointments:

Fr. Phil Our Parish Priest appointed Administrator of the Cathedral in Mullingar.

Fr. John Conlon P.P. Duleek appointed as Parish Priest St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda & Administrator Holy Family, Ballsgrove.

These Diocesan changes will take effect on 3rd July 2021.

Funeral Masses - Given public health concerns about the increased risk of transmission of the virus where families and communities come together following the death of a loved one, the following procedures are in place in compliance with government norms:

- The number permitted to attend Funeral masses is capped at 50 regardless of the size of the church.
- Funeral Masses will be live-streamed to facilitate those unable to attend.

Offertory Collection - In line with public health advice, the collection baskets will no longer be passed among the congregation during Masses; supervised collection baskets will be available at the church doors. Also, you can use the donate button on our parish website.



First Holy Communion - Will be postponed until September
Confirmation - Will take place in June, exact date to be advised by Bishop Tom.
Baptisms. Anyone who wishes to have their child baptised can call the parish office.

Stewards required to assist at Sunday masses, we are particularly short of people to help at the 12 noon & 7pm masses. If you are available please contact the parish office. Many thanks

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 16th May, 2021		
Sunday 16th May	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Edward Carolan
	10:30am	Kathleen Everitt <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Gerry Tiernan
	12 noon	Rea Mc Gowan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Paul Mc Gowan <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Robert Geraghty; Tom & Renee Weldon
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	John & Kitty Mc Keague
Tuesday	8:00am	Special intention.
Wednesday	8:00am	Special intention.
Thursday	8:00am	Special intention.
Friday	8:00am	Tom Clinton.
Saturday	10:00am	Brendan Mc Cullough
Sunday 23rd May	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke.
	10:30am	Special intention.
	12 noon	Patrick Joseph Reynolds <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Ita O'Brien <i>First Anniversary</i> & Peter O'Brien
	7:00pm	Betty Clarke

Thank you

As announced by Bishop Tom last weekend, Fr. Phil will take up duty in Mullingar on Sunday 3rd July. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 regulations, it will not be possible to hold a farewell function in honour of his dedicated service to St. Mary's Parish. Those who wish to express their good wishes and thanks to him may do so by leaving their letters or cards in the Parish Office or the Presbytery.

A prayer for those who died...

Oliver Garry, College Rise
Clare Mc Govern (née McDonnell), Moneymore
Ita Holly (née Mc Kenna), Wheaton Hall
Bro. Thomas McDonnell, Artane & late of Mary Street, brother of Sean McDonnell, Stameen
James Gavin, Stameen.
James Sullivan, Wheaton Hall.
May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can now use the **donate** button facility on our website. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.