

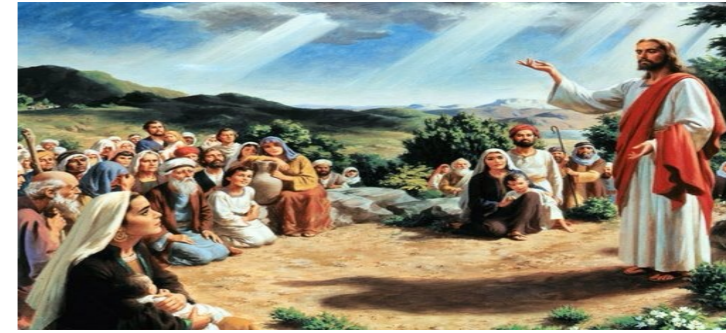
# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 16th August, 2020  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

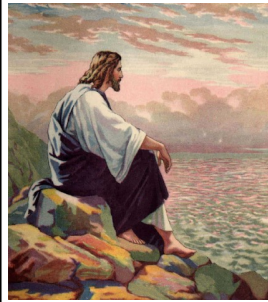
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**Hospital Visitation:** is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We all need some statements like Peter's that give a rock and a meaning to life. It gives us a clue of where we belong at deeper levels. We all need statements that express our faith in God. For Peter it was his faith in Jesus, the son of God. This would keep him going all of his life, even at times of unfaithfulness and danger. He could never forget that he had said, 'you are the Christ, the son of the living God'.

We might wonder who or what is a living God for us? Where we might put our basic trust? What is it that, if taken away, we would be lost without? We can give our lives to family, country, a political party, money. Some of these are worth our trust and some not so much.

We need the rock that Peter found in Jesus. He was called rock only because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, the one who calls forth our faith and love and gives our lives a huge meaning.

It is not that we have nothing but Jesus— it's that we can integrate all that is important in life within our trust in him. It is God who reveals Jesus to us.

We want to give this to our younger people - a rock they can stand on in life, which nothing can demolish.

This is Jesus, and in him all is created.  
Recall strong convictions in your life.  
Ask that they may be strengthened.  
Lord, be my rock, my stronghold, my safety.

Donal Neary SJ

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 16th August, 2020

<b>Sunday Aug 16th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Christopher Foran; Catherine
	<b>10:30am</b>	Henry Haughton; Mary Mc Gee; Denise Byrne & Karen O'Brien
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Philomena Kelly <i>First Anniversary</i> & her husband John Kelly; Paul Mc Dermott
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Cathal Whelan <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Kitty & Patsy Mc Keague
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Jean O' Rourke; Delia & Christy Dyas; George Murtagh
<b>Sunday Aug 23rd</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	<b>10:30am</b>	William O' Malley & Guy Galichet
	<b>12:00noon</b>	John Mc Cabe; Cepta Behan
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention



The return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments commenced on June 29th. This is a source of joy and hope to our parish community. Morning Mass has resumed at 8:00am. **The weekend Masses will be as normal.** We have installed a loudspeaker in the car park.

- » A COVID-19 **SUPPORT TEAM** is established in the parish
- » The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being. Many parishioners may wish to attend Mass on a week-day rather than at weekends.
- » Hand sanitizers are in place **permanently** at each entrance to the church.  
**Please follow Health Guidelines and wear face masks.**
- » Signs are in place to designate **every second seat** for use and for maintaining physical (social) distancing.
- » **Ushers** have been recruited to direct people to available seats including exit from the church, using the one-way system.
- » Thorough **cleaning** of church seats and other surfaces continues. Church seats will be cleaned with approved **sanitizing spray**.
- » Collection **baskets** will **not** be passed along during Masses; supervised collection baskets **will be available at the church doors**.
- » Ministers of the **Word** will be seated in their own seats, rather than the sacristy before Masses.
- » Ministers of **Holy Communion** will not be required to sign-in before Masses.
- » Communion should be received only on the hand.
- » Priests and Ministers of **Holy Communion** should visibly sanitize their hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion. Priests and Ministers should wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- » In the absence of choirs, **music ministry** will continue with a rota of instrumentalists and cantors as heretofore since Easter.
- » **People attending Sunday Mass are encouraged to take the weekly bulletin home with them.**
- » **Altar servers** will be able to maintain physical distancing in the sacristy and sanctuary.  
**Offertory procession** and **Sign of Peace** will be omitted..
- >>In light of the above directives, we would ask parishioners **not to gather** at the entrances to the church before or after Mass.
- Baptisms** have resumed. Anyone wishing to book a baptism can do so by calling the Parish Office.
- Dates have been set aside in September for the children receiving their **First Holy Communion**.

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



*Phyllis Donnelly (née Campbell),*  
Ballgrove  
*Geraldine Eustace (née Balfe),* Beamore.  
*Jane Glover (née Pentony),* Mullingar &  
late of James Street, Drogheda  
*Ann Crosby,* Marley's Lane

May they rest in peace

### Supporting Our Parish:

10th August, 2020

**Offertory:** € 845.00  
**Development Fund:** €1,180.00  
**Calvary Cemetery**  
**Donation:** €1,000.00



Many thanks. Keep safe and well.