

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 19th January, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Lord's Day 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon & 7:00pm
Monday ~ Friday 8:00am
Saturday 10:00am
Holydays 8:00am and 7:30pm

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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.

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

Marriages are facilitated by the Parish Centre: 9834587.

Two thoughts emerge from today's readings. The first is John's dramatic declaration, Behold the Lamb of God. The second is an invitation to do a personal stock-taking during this first month of the new year, and make some resolutions to improve the quality of our lives.

An honest stock-taking of ourselves may unveil the selfish motives that often direct our actions. To rise above an ego-centric spirit we need to recognise something outside of and larger than ourselves, the God who cares for us and for the whole human community. Can we listen to John's call to restore what is broken, and Jesus' call, to bring light to the world? Facing our deepest personal truths is always difficult; it calls us to not just drift along with this world's evil, always taking the line of least resistance. Discipleship is urgent and costly, but it is also possible and is the way towards the deeper joy and fulfilment that our soul is longing for. If we properly hear the Baptist as he witnesses to Christ, our response will be a stock-taking that goes to the root of our being. It may even reveal to us the truth that sets us free.

Sacramental Preparation Programme

This Sunday 19th January 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. As always we look forward to meeting you every Sunday here in St. Mary's.

Anointing with Chrism

The sacramental sign of Confirmation is the anointing with Chrism and the words 'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.' This anointing is a sign that our whole being has been filled by the power of the Spirit. The oil used for this anointing is Chrism.

A Holy Hour of Prayer for Peace in Holy Family Church Balls Grove this Sunday 19th January 3.00pm - 4.00pm.

Let us come together as a community in prayer or to light a candle at this time of sorrow and heartbreak that the Good Lord will restore peace and calm in our town.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 19th January 2020

Sunday 19th Jan	9:00am	Michael Tuite; Peter Campbell	
	10:30am	Ann Tiernan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Marie Crocock <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Bridget Cooney; Bridget Caffrey Special Intention; Jimmy Kelly; Tom Comyns; Special Intention; Willie Fay	
	12:00noon	Florrie Clarke <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Michael Boyle; Tony Christofides; Patrick (Ned) Thornton & Dolly Thornton; Matthew O'Rourke	
	2.00pm	Polish Mass	
	7.00pm	Pad Hegarty	
Monday	8:00am	Michael & Helen Daly	Tuesday 8:00am
Wednesday	8:00am	Laura Bathe <i>Month's Memory</i>	Thursday 8:00am
Friday	8:00am	John Desmond Tiernan, Gerry Murtagh & Joe Leonard	
Saturday	10:00am	Dolores Farrell <i>First Anniversary</i> ; John Desmond Tiernan <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Nickie Mc Keon & The McKeon family; Teresa Duffin; James & Rose Teelan & deceased members of the Teelan family & Mary Daly; May Maher; Patricia Greene; Willie & Nancy Smith; Philip & Rita Pentony Peter Kierans; Patrick & Bridie Maguire, Mary Flynn & deceased members of the McCann family; Michael & Mary Ann Murphy	
Sunday 26th Jan	9:00am		
	10:30am	Christy Caffrey <i>Month's Memory</i> ; May Kelly <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Maureen Downey; Carmel Clinton; Martina Bagnall	
	12:00noon	Margaret Morgan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Christy Weldon <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Eamonn Moore <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Mary Pentony & Michael Pentony; John Hayes; Gerard Murtagh Thomas & Catherine Ward, Christy & Lily Murtagh, Freddy & Pauline Prestonbird	
	7:00pm	Special Intention	

Our Parish Community

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Tues 28th Jan 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting Team C Centre

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Meeting resumes on First Monday in February.
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.



Flu alert: Due to an outbreak of severe flu - we will suspend the sign of peace during Mass

Sacramental Dates for 2020

Parishes of St Mary's and Holy Family Balls Grove

Dates for your diary: **Confirmations 2020:**

St Paul's & Marymount Holy Family:
Sat March 7th 11:00am

St Mary's Parish Primary School:
Sat March 7th 3:00pm

Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa
Sat 23rd May 11.00am St Mary's Church

First Holy Communion 2020

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:
Sun 17th May 12:30pm

First Confessions 2020

St Mary's Parish Primary School
Tues & Wed 11th & 12th February 7:30pm

Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa
Thursday 13th February 7:30pm

St John's Holy Family
Tues 25th February 7:30pm

Marymount Holy Family
Monday 24th February 7:30pm

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.**

2020 Parish Envelopes:

Most of the Boxes have been delivered to the distributors. If you have not received your box of envelopes please check in the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

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

Seven days from Dublin €945 per person sharing. For further details please see poster at back of church or contact Marian Pilgrimages 01.8788159. Spiritual Director is Fr. Phil Gaffney

The Upper Room Youth Group For Secondary School Students:

Led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (041-9830441). Weekly meeting resumed on Thursday 16th January in St Mary's Pastoral Centre . 7:15pm - 8:45pm Join us for faith, friendship and fun.

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.

A prayer for those who died...



Jackie Fallon, Balls Grove & formerly Yellowbatter
Patrick Byrne, St. Laurence Drive and formerly Moran's Tce.,
Angela Skelly (née Cunningham), late of Bothar Brugha
Mary McDermott, Wheaton Hall

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:



12th January, 2020

Offertory: €1,665.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,270.00

Many thanks for your support