

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 20th January 2019
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Lord's Day 9:00am, 10:30am, 12 noon & 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.



The Wedding feast at Cana in Galilee

There are three lessons that we can reflect on from today's gospel.

1. There is the changing of the water into wine indicating that Jesus is human and divine.
2. Jesus attending a wedding and his willingness to help the young married couple.
3. We have the words of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who tells the servants: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5)

The changing of the water into wine was the first of Jesus' miracles or signs as John calls them. Jesus is revealed as divine. All Jesus' miracles were signs by him pointing to his true identity as the Messiah. They were more than just acts of kindness and compassion. They revealed to the world who he was and why he came into the world. These signs of power and healing were glimpses of eternity. They invited people to repentance and conversion so that they could strive for a share in eternity. We see Jesus attending a wedding feast and his kindness to help the young couple to avoid an embarrassing scenario. He did not abandon them in their hour of need and made a significant difference to their celebration. Similarly Jesus is present in all our lives and relationships. He is the silent partner at every wedding and the silent guest in every home. All we need to do is to acknowledge him and trust in him so that he can lead and guide us too on our journey through life.

Finally we have the few but important words spoken by Mary his Mother. Her advice is as relevant to each of us today as it was at Cana. "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). Mary who is our Mother offers us the same advice. She encourages us to listen to Jesus and follow his advice by living our daily lives as his followers.

Sacramental Preparation Programme

Today Sunday 20th January we welcome the boys and girls who are preparing for **First Holy Communion** and their families to the 10:30am and 12:00 noon Masses.

Next Sunday 27th we will welcome the children who are preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and their families to the 10:30am and 12:00 noon Masses.

Distributors - 2019 Parish Envelopes: The boxes are available for collection from the Sacristy.

Flu alert: Due to an outbreak of swine flu—we will suspend the sign of peace during Mass.

Youth Space!

Panama in Dublin: Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, Co Dublin: Saturday 26th January 5pm until Sunday 27th January 5pm. €15 per person (incl.: evening meal, breakfast, lunch, Tea + Coffee). For 16-29 year olds. Creating the best parts of World Youth Day here in Dublin for those who can't go. This weekend will be a celebration of faith, we'll live stream the Pope's talks and Homilies, we'll have music, workshops, drama, food, fun & fellowship.

The theme is: "Let it be done unto me according to your word." Luke 1:38. Sister Kelly-Frances CFR will be speaking at this event. Registration at: www.emmauscentre.ie/programme/wyd. Bring your sleeping bag! For more info, please email: wydathome@dublindiocese.ie.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week 2019 will run from 27 January to 3rd February on the theme 'Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools'. During Catholic Schools Week 2019 we invite each of our Catholic school families to participate in a week of celebration and reflection.

The Catholic Schools Week Steering Committee has made a series of resources available, each with its own unique daily theme. Check out: www.catholicschools.ie ~ for more info!

Each Catholic school is a vital member of the one community which is called to work towards the Kingdom of God. Each Catholic school contributes to this mission in a unique way.

Our Parish Community

January/February 2019

Tues 22nd 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 also resume on 13th February

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



St Mary's Roof Restoration Fundraiser 2019

Would you like to walk the last stage of the Camino from Sarria to Santiago. It is 120 kilometres full of history and heritage. We are looking for volunteers who will raise €1500. Flight, food, hotel accommodation and transfers will cost approximately €900 leaving €600 for the Roof Fund. Travel dates are 9th-16th September 2019. Please contact: Joe 085-2566305 or Michael 087-7072955.

Laytown-Bettystown - Golf Classic:

St Mary's Roof Restoration Fund: Second Phase Fundraiser. To secure your Tee-Time for our golf classic, please contact: Joe Harlin: 085-2566305. Team of Four €300. T-Box sponsorship €100. Last year's classic was great fun. This year's classic will be bigger and better!

5km Chipped Running Race:

Sunday January 27th 2019, 11am, Bettystown Beach. Register at: www.sacredheart.ie Sacred Heart Facebook Page or at www.myraceresults.ie for race entry, chip and t-shirt. This race is a fundraiser for the Sacred Heart School to complete their 400m running track.

Upcoming Pilgrimages for 2019

Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul in Malta 2019:

The Annual Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage led by Fr Gerry McCormack will retrace the footsteps of St Paul in Malta from September 15th - 22nd 2019. Cost is €975 on a half board basis plus day excursions. Special Booking Offer of €975 in the four star Hotel in St Julian is inclusive of half board and three full day excursions for all bookings with MAP Travel, 36, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. T: 01-8783111. E: patricia@maptravel.ie

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Holy Land 2019:

Bishop Deenihan will lead the 2019 Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 4th - 12th. Full details to follow. Enquiries to MAP Travel: T: 01-8783111. E: patricia@maptravel.ie or Fr Gerry McCormack: T: 042-9667314, E: info@kingscourtparish.ie

Adoration:

Adorers needed for 4-5pm and 5-6pm. If you are interested please phone Liz 086.3658358 for more details.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 20th January, 2019

Sunday 20th	9:00am	Mary (Marie) O'Sullivan <i>Months's Memory</i>	
	10:30am	Alan Farrell, <i>1st Anniversary</i> ; Bridget Cooney; Bridget Caffrey; Helen Haribson; Fr. Pat Fleming, Matthew Fleming and deceased family members; Deirdre & Richard O'Brien and deceased members of the Dempsey & O'Brien families; Special Intention; Margaret (Peggy) Rossiter; Oliver Barriscale;	
	12:00noon	Charles Watters; Raymond Williams; Michael Boyle; Patrick Thornton and Mary Dolly Thornton; Matthew O'Rourke	
	7:00pm	Special Intention	
Monday	8:00am		Tuesday 8:00am Elizabeth & Kevin Molloy
Wednesday	8:00am		Thursday 8:00am
Friday	8:00am	James Teelan, Rose Teelan, Mary Daly and the Teelan family, Bernard & Margaret Keeley	
Saturday	10:00am	Teresa Duffin; Maureen Downey; Rita & Philip Pentony; Thomas & Jayne Lynch	
		Nicky McKeon, Dolores Grant Mac Mahon; May Maher; Shaun, Hilda, Tony & Una Rooney	
Sunday 27th	9:00am	Patrick & Bridie Maguire & deceased members of the McCann family, Brendan Hand; Marie O'Sullivan	
	10:30am	Patrick Brunton <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Peter Murphy <i>Month's Memory</i> ; William & Jane Fay & deceased family members; Martina Bagnall	
	12:00noon	Mary Pentony <i>First Anniversary</i> ; John Hayes <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Tony Christofides; Nancy Thornton; Alfie Lambe 60th Anniversary Mass	
	7.00pm	Deceased members of the McEntegart, Collins, Churchill & Reynolds families	

A prayer for those who have died...



Florrie Clarke (née Healy), Moneymore
Dragan Saric, Bryanstown Manor
James (Jimmy) Walsh, Lr. Donore Rd. & formerly of Trinity Street
John Holly, Wheaton Hall & late of Congress Avenue
Michael Rath, Ardee & Drogheda
Brendan Kilmartin, Kinnegad, Co Westmeath
May they all rest in peace.



Supporting Our Parish:

13th January 2019

Offertory: €1,552.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1317.00

Many thanks for your support.