

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 20th June, 2021
12th 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



Confirmation - 23rd August:

10.00 am; 12.00 noon; 2.00 pm; 4.00 pm; 6.00 pm.



Stewards required to assist at Sunday Masses, we are particularly short of people to help at the 12 noon & 7pm masses.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 13th June 2021

Sunday 20th June	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Moran & Reynolds families
	10:30am	Bridget Batterbee; John & Mary Murray & John Murray Junior, deceased members of the Murray & Stafford families, Willie Ryan & Kevin Rogers; Eileen Fanning; Hughie & Pauline Reilly; Mary Tunstead
	12 noon	Val Vaughey; Denis Doherty
	2:00pm	Polish Mass
	7:00pm	Paul Leech <i>Month's Memory</i>
Monday	8:00am	Patti Murphy; Paddy O'Brien
Tuesday	8:00am	Jim Hanley
Wednesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Special Intention
Friday	8:00am	Special Intention
Saturday	10:00am	Jane Lynch; Jinny Mc Evoy
Sunday 27th June	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Lily & Robert O'Neill
	10:30am	James Rock; John & Alice Donagh & deceased family members Peg & Tom Cawley
	12 noon	Phyllis Branigan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Steve Mc Cann <i>First Anniversary</i>
	7:00pm	Special Intention



Just two weeks ago, Fr Phil received a Mayoral Civic Award in recognition of his being to the front and centre in supporting the community in these difficult times with his pastoral work and chaplaincy for those in nursing home communities, and for his leadership in organising the Mass for peace at a difficult and sensitive time.

The citation encapsulates the contribution he has made to the life of the parish and the town of Drogheda since his arrival here in September 2013. Then, in his opening remarks to his new parishioners, he promised us his dedication, best efforts and parity of esteem for each and every one of us. Nobody would be left behind because of their personal circumstances. As we look back on his short time with us he has more than fulfilled all those

commitments to us. Since his arrival in Drogheda, Fr Phil immersed himself in every aspect of parish life and made an incalculable contribution to the further development of the area. His compassion and charity for those whose lives have been touched by any form of difficulty will not be forgotten.

President Woodrow T Wilson once remarked that "Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together". The friendship that Fr Phil established with the people of St Mary's Parish will be his enduring legacy to us all. His positive attitude, natural wit and hearty laugh have brightened up the lives of the many people with whom he came in contact here in St. Mary's. Perhaps it is fitting to quote the words of Pope Francis as we prepare to say a huge thank you to the humble Westmeath man. "Let us pray for all good and faithful priests who dedicate themselves to their people with generosity and unknown sacrifices".

Fr. Phil will celebrate all the Masses next Sunday, June 27th. This will mark his final day on duty in St. Mary's.

Go raibh míle maíth agat Fr Phil agus go dté tú slán.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless our Bishops and Priests. In a special way we ask you to send your Holy Spirit to guide and protect Fr. Phil as he starts his new ministry in Mullingar.

Memorare

Remember,

O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone
who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy
intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;
to thee do I come; before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy
hear and answer me. Amen



Calvary Devotions 2021 Sunday 20th June

Due to Covid 19 restrictions **Cemetery Sunday** has been postponed. This **Sunday June 20th**, following all the morning Masses, we will recite the **Prayers for All The Faithful Departed** and bless the water which the four priests from St. Mary's and Holy Family will use to bless the graves later.

The Holy Water will be available in suitable containers for collection, in both churches, after each Mass if people would like some to sprinkle on their family graves. Please abide by the **social distancing** guidelines when visiting the church and cemetery. Anyone who would like to make a contribution towards the upkeep of the cemetery can do so by clicking on the **donate button** on our website or by placing the assigned envelope in the box at the back of the church.

A prayer for those who died...



Paddy Gregory, Halpin Terrace
Terence (Terry) Dowd, Drogheda
Rev. Canon Stanley Baird, Late of 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.