

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 20th September, 2020  
25th 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.



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 loud-speaker in the car park.

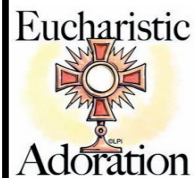


## First Holy Communion in St Mary's



We congratulate the children who received their First Holy Communion yesterday in St Mary's Church. May they always have a deep respect and reverence for the Eucharist.

**A Big Thank You** to Frances Fleming for the beautiful floral display on the altar for the recent ceremonies, she excels herself every year.



**Eucharistic Adoration each Friday in St Mary's Church from 8:30 – 4:00pm**

**"When you have received Holy Communion, close your bodily eyes so that you may open your soul. Then look upon Jesus in the centre of your heart."**

*St Teresa of Avila*

**'Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.'**

*(Pope Francis, Laudato Si')*

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 20th September, 2020

<b>Sunday 20th Sept</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; James & Rita Kierans; Lily & Robert O'Neill & Anne Metcalf	
	<b>10:30am</b>	Carmel Freeman <i>First Anniversary</i> & Sean Freeman; Holy Souls; Sr. Dominic; Philip & Maura Mc Donagh; Patricia, William, Paddy & Michael Clarke; Maurice Bogue; George Rainsford	
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Kaline Murray; Mary Quinn; Mary Power; Ann Smith	
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	George & Josephine Devin	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	P. J & May Costello; Vera & Peggy Mc Keague	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Breda Nugent <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Fr. Joe Heffernan <i>OP First Anniversary</i> ; Bernard Rogan; Henry & Alice Craig; John & Bridget Cooney; Frances Mc Neill; Patrick & Mary Brangan & dec. members of the Brangan family; Rita & Billy Gavin; Sara & Patrick McEvoy, Joan & Damien McEvoy, Paul McKenna, Connie & Jacinta McEvoy, Stella Kelly, Jane, Joe & Annie Gibney, Patty & Dessie Martin, Assumpta & Kathy Owens; Una & William Gibney, Rita & Philip Pentony, Patricia, Emily & Anthony Reay	
	<b>Sunday 27th Sept</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael Mary Kate & Mena Rourke
		<b>10:30am</b>	Jim Jennell & Paul Byrne, James, Christina & Joan Mohan; Paschal & Lally Mooney, John & Alice Donagh & decaasd family members; Special Intention
		<b>12:00noon</b>	Chris Boylan
		<b>7:00pm</b> Special Intention	

Amie Dyer, is a one in a million operatic talent who has given of her time in abundance not only to her local community but much further afield. She is undoubtedly destined for international stardom but now needs a helping hand to further her burgeoning career.

Amie is a graduate of the Royal Irish Academy of Music but now has the chance to develop her soprano voice as she has been accepted to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's acclaimed two-year programme. The total cost of this advanced programme is considerable, taking fees and accommodation into account. This will place a heavy burden on Amie and her family and she will need support if she is to be able to take up her place on the prestigious programme.

Amie had arranged a number of recitals and concerts to help raise funding but, unfortunately, the advent of Covid-19 meant all these had to be cancelled.

Amie hails from Rathmullen Park and has been deeply immersed in the cultural and artistic life of her community and the town in general.

It is no exaggeration to say she is a shining example and provides a beacon of hope in these challenging times.

She is a former pupil of DEIS Band 1 schools at primary and second level. Amie developed her passion for music in the Holy Family Parish Church, Ballsgrove where she continues to delight the congregation. She unstintingly lends her voice in support of other churches and charitable causes throughout the surrounding area.

She is particularly effective in mentoring young musicians and singers from her own community, working tirelessly to this end as Musical Director of the Holy Family Youth Choir. Her academic career has thrived under the tutelage of internationally-renowned soprano Virginia Kerr, during which time she has competed at the highest level, winning multiple prizes at several Feiseanna Ceoil, including the coveted Mac Greevy Rosebowl. A recipient of the 2017 Irene Sandford Award for Best English Art Song, Amie has also played a variety of roles across a range of RIAM productions including the lead role of Satirino in Francesco Cavalli's La Calisto.

Amie is a role model for the youth of the Drogheda area and has worked for the betterment of the town's young people. She deserves to get the chance to fulfil her dream of pursuing an opera career. In earnestly asking for your support in any way possible. We hope you can contribute to helping this fine young woman achieve her ambition. Amie is heading to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland next week to complete a 2 year MA programme. Amie was to perform in a concert St. Mary's Church in April to raise much needed funds towards her education, but this was cancelled due to Covid 19. If anyone wishes they can go on line to **Friends of Amie** and make a donation or if they prefer they can leave a donation into The Augustinian Mass Shop, St. Mary's Parish Office or Holy Family Parish, Ballsgrove.

We wish Amie the very best in her further studies and look forward to her singing again for all of us.

## A prayer for those who died...



**Mary Matthews (Née Kierans)**  
Ballsgrove;  
**Dick Duffin**, Stameen  
**Monsignor Edward Dunne**, Skyrne & Dunboyne  
**Frankie Collins (née Leonard)**, Halpins Terrace; **Peter (Pedro) Clarke**, Moneymore.  
**May they rest in peace**

## Supporting Our Parish:



14th September, 2020

**Offertory:** € 945.00  
**Development Fund:** € 915.00

**Many thanks. Keep safe and well.**