

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 21st July 2019
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Phil Gaffney PP
Fr Ciprian Solomon CC
St Mary's Presbytery
Dublin Road ☎ 9834958

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

St Mary's Parish Centre
24 James Street
☎ 9834587 ☎ 9838347

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.

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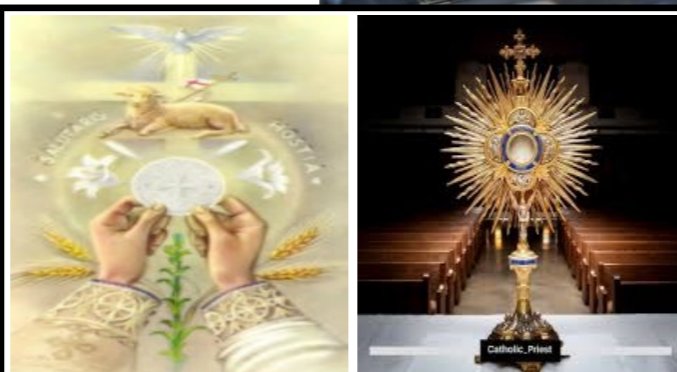


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Today's gospel is the story of two sisters, Martha who is busy with the work of the Lord, and Mary who is more interested in knowing the Lord of the work. For Martha service comes first, for Mary relationship comes first. Martha must have been shocked to hear the Lord himself saying that it is relationship with him that comes first, for without it our service is meaningless. There are people who see Martha in this story as the material girl and Mary as the spiritual one.

The point of the story of Jesus with Mary and Martha is not to invite us to choose between being a Martha or a Mary. The true disciple needs to be both Martha and Mary. We need to challenge our priorities so that we come to see that fellowship with the Lord, being with the Lord and hearing his word should always precede the work we do for the Lord.

Do we have a program of daily fellowship with the Lord? Many people fulfil this by assisting daily in the Eucharist where they can also hear the word of God. Others schedule a holy hour or quiet time when they can pray and read the word of God. Whatever way we fulfil this need, today's gospel invites all Christians first to be a Mary who sits with devotion at the Lord's feet listening his word, and then also to be a Martha who throws herself with energy into the business of serving the Lord.



Preparing for Our Parish Mission

Triduum

A Triduum of Holy Hours will be held in St. Mary's Church at 7:00pm on
Thurs July 25th, Thurs August 1st & Thurs August 8th

to pray for the success of the upcoming Parish Mission and for Peace in our town.

One of our priests will lead the Holy Hour and the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Each Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction.
All are welcome.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 21st July 2019

Sunday July 21st	9:00am	Thomas & Margaret Hand
	10:30am	Kelly-Ann Ward; Lily Finegan
	12:00noon	Ray Drum; Michael Callaghan Jnr., Mary & Michael Callaghan & deceased family members, Susan & John Kelly & deceased family members
	7:00pm	Special Intention; Tim Purcell
Monday	8:00am	Verna Kelledy
Tuesday	8:00am	
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday 25th	8:00am	7:00pm Triduum Holy Hour
Friday	8:00am	Basil Kennedy
Saturday	10:00am	Alice Hughes & John Hughes, Johnny Hughes, Pat Hughes & David Hughes
Sunday July 28th	9:00am	Maryanne & Philip Smyth
	10:30am	Jim Rock <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Bill Connell
	12:00noon	Marie Leddy <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Phyllis Lowth <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Ciaran O' Searcaigh; Dominic Thornton
	7:00pm	Special Intention

Our Parish Community

July 2019

Tues. 23rd July 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team C** Centre Church
Thurs. 25th July 7:00pm Triduum of Holy Hours

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



Parish Mission Prayer:

God our Father, we ask you to bless our Parish Mission. You invite us to come to you with all our hearts. Pour out your Spirit upon us. May we experience the healing power of Jesus. May we be renewed in faith, hope and love. May the peace of the Holy Spirit light up our lives. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Young Adults (18-40 years) Retreat at Dalgan Park, Navan 26th - 28th July. (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)
Cost is donation. Own Room, All Meals.
Phone 090 648 1666 or email youthretreats@gmail.com
'Do not be afraid to dream of great things' - Pope Francis

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: September 2019

Led by Bishop Tom Deenihan from 9th - 14th of September, five nights full board from €749 for pilgrims. Contact Pilgrimages abroad on 01-6359300. Email: info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie

Vacancies for hospital pilgrims, anyone who would like to go to Lourdes or recommend someone who is ill and would like to avail of the opportunity please contact Lily Brangan on 087 6978783

Lough Derg: The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently open. You may begin on any day until 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Phone Lorraine on 071. 986 1518 or email info@loughderg.org.

Knock 140 years 1879 - 2019: Join us this year as we celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the Apparition that took place on the 21st August 1879. Enquiries to Knock Shrine Office on 094 9388 100 email info@knockshrine.ie www.knockshrine.ie

Adoration Chapel:

We urgently require Adorers for the following hours:
Monday 3.00pm - 4.00pm, **Thursday** 2.00pm - 3.00pm, **Friday** 4.00pm - 5.00pm.
Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086 365 8358

Parish Mission Saturday 12th – Sunday 27th October 2019

A word of thanks to all our parishioners who have volunteered to be involved in our Parish Mission. Work on the programme will continue over the summer months and anyone who would like to be involved can leave their details in the Parish Office 041 9834587.

May we take this opportunity to hope that you and your family have an enjoyable and safe summer. Please continue to recite our Parish Mission Prayer. We will return with further updates at the end of August.



A prayer for those who died...

Kathleen Fealey (née Leonard), Wales & late of Congress Avenue
Mary Bernadette (Bernie) Gregory (née Lynch), Beamore Road
David McNally, Aston Village & late of Hazel Lane
Tommy Byrne, Harvest Way, Wheaton Hall
Mary Weir, Tullamore, mother of Fr. Noel Weir

May they rest in peace



Supporting Our Parish:

14th July 2019
Offertory: €1,024.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,090.00

Many thanks for your support