

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 23rd February 2020  
Seventh 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**

**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.



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is quite a tough Gospel. We sometimes like to get our own back. We know the desire for vengeance in family and other groups, and in national groupings. The 'eye for an eye' brings no peace, just a quiet lull in violence.

We know the opposite. People see the enemy walking the street and know that the only way forward is to make peace. This may not mean forgiveness immediately. Some can find a way for-ward only gradually.

The forgiveness of the Gospel is a slow journey. We have small hurts and have ways of dealing, with them. But the big ones are there too – maybe someone getting a job over someone dishonestly, being abused, family being mocked, bullying. Healing, freedom and forgiveness takes time.

We need to understand our own vengeance and at times for-give ourselves for it. The love of God is the love that helps us love the self in the normal hurts and grievances of life. The love of God is a grace, filling that space in us that is open to love – the grace of loving self and others.

To be perfect is to become like God in compassion and in love. This is a wonderful vision for ourselves, our church and our world. It is the dream of God that all God's children live in love, peace and justice.

*Prayer helps ... can you bring someone to God – to the cross?*

*Pray with someone at the cross; it makes a difference.*

*Lord, help me to forgive and, when I cannot,*

*to be patient with myself as you are with me.*

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## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 23rd February 2020

<b>Sunday 23rd Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intention	
	<b>10:30am</b>	Baby Mary Teresa Dundon <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Special Intention; Marina & Johnny McQuillan & Maura & Willie Ryan	
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Peggy O'Gorman <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Michael McNally; Larry Farrell; Declan O'Halloran; Mona Melia	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>		
<b>Wednesday 26th</b>	<b>7:45am</b>	Ash Wednesday	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:45am</b>	Special Intention	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:45am</b>		<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Teresa Smith; Kathleen Byrd	
<b>Sunday 1st March</b>	<b>9:00am</b>		
	<b>10:30am</b>	Martha Lowth	
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Eileen Stafford <i>Month's Memory</i>	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention	

## Our Parish Community

Feb 2020

Tues 25th Feb 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team C Centre**

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



**Wednesday ... Lent begins**  
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 26th Feb.  
Masses **7.45am & 7.30pm**  
**It is a day of fast & abstinence.**  
Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. If you wish to bring ashes home kindly collect the ashes after Mass.  
*Mass Times for Lent 7.45am - Mon - Fri 7.30pm - Mon, Tues, Thurs. & Fri.*

- **What can I do this Lent?**
- **Weekday Mass** in St. Mary's at 7.45am or 7.30pm.
- **Stations of the Cross**
- **7:30pm** each Wednesday during Lent

Set aside some time each day for **prayer as a family**

**Eucharistic Adoration** – spend time in the Adoration chapel

**Stations of the Cross** – reflect on Jesus' final journey. Make a good **confession**

Reach out to those **who are in need** /give to the **poor**

- **Volunteer** to help out in your church, get involved in **Fundraising or any parish ministry**

**Vocations Information Day**  
**April 5th: St Mary's Church, Navan.**  
The Diocese will hold a vocations information day on Palm Sunday in St. Mary's Church, Navan. If you have been considering the priesthood this is an opportunity for you to find out more about what priesthood entails, about seminary studies; and a chance to explore God's call to priesthood in a deeper way. The event begins at 1pm with the Mass from Palm Sunday in the Parish Church. For more information contact **Fr Shane Crombie frshane@gmail.com**

## A prayer for those who died...



Barbara O'Grady, (née Lydon / Ní Loideáin), Meath & Galway  
Elizabeth (Lil) Dunne (née Kinlen), Hand Street.

*May they rest in peace*

## 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.**

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

Seven days from Dublin €945 per person sharing. For further details please contact

Group Organiser: Ann-Marie on 086 089 2788 see poster at back of church or contact Marian Pilgrimages 01.8788159. Spiritual Director is Fr. Phil Gaffney.

## 2020 Divine Mercy National Conference R.D.S. Ballsbridge, Dublin 4:

Continues on Sunday 23rd February. For more details phone 086 066 9203 or email [divinemercyconvergence@gmail.com](mailto:divinemercyconvergence@gmail.com)

## St. Mary's Parish Pilgrimage to Knock - 20th June, 2020:

Coach will depart from Mary Street at 7:00am. Cost €25. includes coach and refreshments (tea/scone) Contact Liz 086 3658358. All are welcome.

## Sacramental Gifts:

We have a small selection of gifts for First Holy Communion ranging in price from €1.00 to €10.00 available to purchase in the Parish Office. These include book markers, prayer cards and pens. Please feel free to call in any weekday between 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm.

## Supporting Our Parish:



16th February, 2020

Offertory: €1,615.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,242.00

*Many thanks for your support*