

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 23rd May, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

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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**



Pentecost Sunday

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. The word he often uses is 'Advocate', meaning helper or comforter, indicating the disciples will not be left to struggle on alone. We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection, and the implications for his followers - all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide you, he says. Not everything is revealed at once.

Then in our first reading from Acts, we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the streets, proclaiming the Good News. The time has come. They must have remembered Jesus' promise then, finally understanding what he meant when he said the Spirit would lead them, when the time was right.

The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues - as humanity, as church, as individuals - the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energising us. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God.

'I have always pleaded for a deep listening to the voice of the artist in our midst, and also to the supreme artist who tries to lead us to completion, the Holy Spirit of God.' (Mark Patrick Hederman)

Bishop Deenihan has announced the following appointments:

Fr. Phil Our Parish Priest appointed Administrator of the Cathedral in Mullingar.

Fr. John Conlon Parish Priest Duleek appointed as Parish Priest St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda & Administrator Holy Family, Ballsgrove.

These Diocesan changes will take effect on **3rd July 2021**.

Offertory Collection - In line with public health advice, the collection baskets will no longer be passed among the congregation during Masses; supervised collection baskets will be available at the church doors. Also, you can use the donate button on our parish website.

Calvary Devotions 2021 Sunday 20th June

Due to Covid 19 restrictions **Cemetery Sunday** has been postponed. On **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. The **Cemetery Gates** will remain open until 9pm daily, from June 14th., for those who wish to prepare their family graves in advance. 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.



First Holy Communion - Will be postponed until September
Confirmation - exact date to be advised by Bishop Tom.

Baptisms: Anyone who wishes to have their child baptised can call the parish office.

Stewards required to assist at Sunday Masses, we are particularly short of people to help at the 12 noon & 7pm masses. If you are available please contact the parish office. Many thanks

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 23rd May 2021

Sunday 23rd May	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Mrs. Elizabeth Salinger
	10:30am	Special intention.
	12 noon	Ita O'Brien <i>First Anniversary</i> & her husband Peter O'Brien
	7:00pm	Betty Clarke; Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	Larry Delaney
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Bernadette King
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Morgan; James Geoghegan
Friday	8:00am	Raymond Cooney
Saturday	10:00am	Marie Fagan
Sunday 30th May	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	10:30am	Special Intention
	12 noon	Olga Zishiri <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Robert Tiernan; Vera Black; Marie Boyle
	7:00pm	Special Intention

Thank you

As announced by Bishop Tom last weekend, Fr. Phil will take up duty in Mullingar on Sunday 3rd July. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 regulations, it will not be possible to hold a farewell function in honour of his dedicated service to St. Mary's Parish. Those who wish to express their good wishes and thanks to him may do so by leaving their letters or cards in the Parish Office or the Presbytery.

A prayer for those who died...

Seamus Corcoran, St. Finian's Park
Carol Corcoran, (née Finan), Lisnarower, Beltra & late of Cluid, Co. Sligo
Karen Meegan, Termonfeckin
Margaret (Rita) O' Hare, Beamore Road & formerly Dromin
Paul Leech, **Morans Terrace**
Stephanie Oda (née Caffrey), U.S.A. & formerly Togher
Thomas Cunningham, St Finian's Park



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.