

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 23rd August, 2020
21st 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.



Send Leigh & Paddy to Holy Family Missions

Holy Family Missions is an organisation based in Glencomeragh, Tipperary. Catholic students spend a year here studying their faith and performing missionary work with the youth of Ireland. Leigh and Paddy are two Catholic students from St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda and will be attending Holy Family Missions this coming year and so are seeking to raise funds for our venture. We start in September and would greatly appreciate your support. Thank you very much.

Regards,
Patrick McCamley

www.gofundme.com/f/send-leigh-and-paddy-to-holy-family-missions



30th Anniversary of Adoration in St Mary's Church.

A Mass to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Adoration will take place in St Mary's Church on **Friday 4th September** at 7:30pm. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Tom Deenihan. Unfortunately due to Covid 19 restrictions we are limited in our celebration of this special anniversary this year.

On **Friday 4th** we will have the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the main altar from 8:30am until 6:30pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm.

At the moment we are able to facilitate approximately 130 people in our four pods observing Covid 19 guidelines. We will have some holy hours with music and meditations during the day as well as reciting the Rosary. Our webcam will be on during the entire day so that people can tune in at their convenience.

There will be sheets available at the back of the church which you can bring home and put your name down for an hour during the day. You can return the sheets by placing them in the box at the entrance to the church or by dropping them into the Parish Office. Alternatively you can call the Parish Office to give your details and the hour you request. Please come along and invite your friends to join you.

St John Paul II had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. He said *"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."*

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 23rd August, 2020

Sunday Aug 23rd	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Maria & Frank Wolfe
	10:30am	William O' Malley & Guy Galichet; David Tiernan; Samuel Gallagher; Noel Mac Quillan, Jim & Bridie Mac Lysaght
	12:00noon	John Mc Cabe; Cepta Behan; Janet Kiernan
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Anne Crosby & Vicky Behan
Wednesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Pat & Anna Mary Barden, Peter, Kathleen & Bernard Murnaghan
Friday	8:00am	Harlin Family and Boyle Family; John McKeague
Saturday	10:00am	Baby Sean O Callaghan; Jim & Lily Moore; Emily & James Lynch & Sr. De Pazzi Lynch; Patrick & Marie O'Connor; Rhys Michael James & Amy Luisa James
Sunday Aug 30th	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Catherine & Seamus Farrelly
	10:30am	Michael Byrne & Ollie Rice; Michael Tuite & Margaret Tuite
	12:00noon	Seamus Hallinan <i>Month's Memory</i> & David Hallinan; Mary Byrne <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Mary Alice & Thomas Cooney & deceased family members, Aloysius, Mona & Aly Farrell & deceased family members; Johnny Sheeran
	7:00pm	Special Intention



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 loudspeaker in the car park.

» A **COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM** is established in the parish

» The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being. Many parishioners may wish to attend Mass on a week-day rather than at weekends.

» Hand sanitizers are in place **permanently** at each entrance to the church.

Please follow Health Guidelines and wear face masks.

» Signs are in place to designate **every second seat** for use and for maintaining physical (social) distancing.

» **Ushers** have been recruited to direct people to available seats including exit from the church, using the one-way system.

» Thorough **cleaning** of church seats and other surfaces continues. Church seats will be cleaned with approved **sanitizing spray**.

» Collection **baskets** will **not** be passed along during Masses; supervised collection baskets **will be available at the church doors**.

» Ministers of the **Word** will be seated in their own seats, rather than the sacristy before Masses.

» Ministers of **Holy Communion** will not be required to sign-in before Masses.

» Communion should be received only on the hand.

» Priests and Ministers of **Holy Communion** should visibly sanitize their hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion. Priests and Ministers should wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion.

» In the absence of choirs, **music ministry** will continue with a rota of instrumentalists and cantors as heretofore since Easter.

» **People attending Sunday Mass are encouraged to take the weekly bulletin home with them.**

» **Altar servers** will be able to maintain physical distancing in the sacristy and sanctuary.

Offertory procession and **Sign of Peace** will be omitted..

>>In light of the above directives, we would ask parishioners **not to gather** at the entrances to the church before or after Mass.

Baptisms have resumed. Anyone wishing to book a baptism can do so by calling the Parish Office.

Dates have been set aside in September for the children receiving their **First Holy Communion**.

A prayer for those who died...



Gerry O'Neill, St. Finians's Park

May he rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

17th August, 2020

Offertory: € 1,010.00

Development Fund: € 1,020.00

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.

