

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 25th July, 2021  
17th 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



## Seventeenth day in Ordinary Time Gift of love

We meet Jesus today in a situation of need. The crowds have followed him and they are hungry. Jesus challenges his disciples to provide a meal for them. When they object that they don't have enough money, and only a tiny amount of food, Jesus uses what they have to pull off a remarkable feat (and feast). For us, this Gospel might bring to mind the situation of migrants and asylum-seekers who experience hunger and hardship today. We are left in no doubt about our obligation to protect and care for those in need, just as Jesus provided for the hungry crowds. This feeding account also has the elements of a Eucharistic meal, with Jesus taking the food, giving thanks, and distributing it to everyone. Jesus doesn't produce this meal from nothing, but transforms what the disciples provide into a blessing for many.

Sharing in Eucharist means sharing our resources. It means ensuring people are not left to fend for themselves in crisis situations. When we receive the body of Jesus, it is a gift of love. But if we do not give and love in return, we are wasting the gift. Where people are in need, it is our responsibility, as followers of Jesus, to share and to provide. God will provide beyond our imagining, no matter how little we think we have to give, but we are invited to take the first step.

'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world... We cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need wherever and whoever they may be.' (Pedro Arrupe SJ)

### First Friday Calls

If you, a family member or a neighbour are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home (on the First Friday), please contact the Parish Office on 041.9834587 in order to arrange a visit from one of the priests.



As you may have heard recently, Confirmation and First Communion Ceremonies are not permitted under the current Covid 19 restrictions. Bishop Tom Deenihan has issued a statement in relation to this decision. Copies of the statement are available at the back of the Church.

We appreciate your patience in this matter.

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 25th July 2021

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| <b>Sunday 25th July</b>  | <b>9:00am</b>  | Ann Tiernan, Freddie Tiernan; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke   |
|                          | <b>10:30am</b> | Ena Bradley; Denis Mc Carthy; Kelly Ann Ward; Francis Devin  |
|                          | <b>12 noon</b> | Seamus Hallinan <i>First Anniversary</i> & Margaret Quinn; Bill Connell; Aidan Mac Kenna; Michael Callaghan Junior, May Callaghan & Michael Callaghan; Susan & John Kelly & dec. family members & Frank Benson |
|                          |                | Dominic & Nancy Thornton; Catherine & Leo Fuller & dec. family members, Mary & Frank Smith & dec. family members, Special Intention  |
|                          | <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>  | Liam Keegan; Ronan Saurin  |
| <b>Thursday</b>          | <b>8:00am</b>  | Special Intention  |
| <b>Friday 30th July</b>  | <b>8:00am</b>  | Special Intention  |
|                          | <b>7:00pm</b>  | <b>Vocations Holy Hour</b> , with Reflection on Vestments, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction  |
| <b>Saturday</b>          | <b>10:00am</b> | Patrick & Mary Byrne <i>First Anniversary</i> , Peggy Leech; Basil Kennedy; Cepta & Christy Clarke, Marie Clarke, Emily & Paddy Lynch, Joan Martin & Gene & Barbara Clarke                                     |
| <b>Sunday 1st August</b> | <b>9:00am</b>  | Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Margaret Fleming   |
|                          | <b>10:30am</b> | Special Intention  |
|                          | <b>12 noon</b> | Phyllis Lowth; John Owens  |
|                          | <b>7:00pm</b>  | Elizabeth & Margaret (Peggy) Meehan  |

### A prayer for those who died...



**Patricia Dowling (nee Murray)** Hillview & Dublin  
**Bridget Carroll (neé Mallon)**, Ballymakenny Road & formerly Beamore  
**Noreen Fennell (née Sheridan)**, Stameen & Dublin  
**Vera Healy (née Hanlon)**, Meadowview  
*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.**