

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 25th August, 2019  
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Mary's Presbytery  
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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.

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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Alice opened the door and found that it led into a small passage, not much larger than a rat-hole: she knelt down and looked along the passage into the loveliest garden you ever saw. How she longed to get out of that dark hall, and wander about among those beds of bright flowers and those cool fountains, but she could not even get her head through the doorway: (Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*). In the opening chapter of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Alice is having a bit of bother with doors. She finds herself in a hall in which the doors are all locked. When she finds a key, it doesn't fit the lock. When she manages to find a door to match the key, she herself won't fit through; the doorway is too narrow. How frustrating.

The parable in today's Gospel also features a narrow door and a locked door, as well as an unsympathetic doorkeeper - it's almost as if the master wants to keep everyone out! People knock on the door and expect to be admitted, but it's not that simple. The master turns them away, claiming not to know them, despite protestations that they are acquainted.

Jesus is trying to teach his followers about discipleship. What does he mean when he says we must 'enter by the narrow door'? Is it almost impossible to enter the kingdom of God? One thing is sure: a passing acquaintance with Jesus will not be enough. The plea of 'We once ate and drank in your company' is feeble. It is not enough to know Jesus only on the surface-to attend Mass every Sunday or to turn to him only when we are in need. To really know Jesus, one must walk the narrow path of the Gospel.

Trina Doherty

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 25th August 2019

<b>Sunday Aug 25th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Marie & Frank Wolfe
	<b>10:30am</b>	Maura & Patrick Nulty; Michael Byrne, Ollie Rice & Agnes Rice; Pauline & Michael Heeney & deceased members of the Heeney & Marley family & Johnny Callaghan
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Cepta Behan; Michael Tuite; John McCabe; William & Jenny Murphy, Tom & Margaret Cawley; Mary Dolly Thornton
	<b>7:00pm</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Tom & Stella Gannon
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Lily & Jim Moore
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Fr. Gerry Hanley
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Baby Sean O'Callaghan; Hughie & Pauline Reilly; Hilda, Shaun, Tony & Una Rooney; Rhys Michael James & Amy Luisa James
<b>Sunday Sept 1st</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	
	<b>10:30am</b>	James (Jem) Matthews <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Desmond & Catherine Kelly
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Johnny Sheeran; John Mc Cormack
	<b>7:00pm</b>	

## Our Parish Community

Aug/Sept 2019

Tues 27th Aug 8:30pm  
Mon 2nd Sept 8:00pm  
Tues 10th Sept 8:30pm  
Wed 11th Sept 8:00pm

Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team C Centre**  
Parish Mission Committee Meeting **Pastoral Centre**  
Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A Centre**  
Holy Hour of Adoration **Church**



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

## 29th Anniversary of Adoration



A Mass to celebrate the 29th Anniversary of Adoration will take place in St Mary's Church on **Friday 6th September 2019**, followed by a cup of tea in the Pastoral Centre, Dublin Road. Please come along and invite your friends to join you.

### Adoration Chapel:

We require Adorers for the following hours:

Monday: 1:00pm, Tuesday 6:00pm, Tuesday & Saturday 4:00pm. Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086 3658 358

### The Annual Young Adult Catholic Conference:

Takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September 2019. This weekend is packed full of interesting events for young Catholics. Prices range from €25 - €50. Accommodation also available. For further details visit [www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com](http://www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com) or phone Lucy on 087 9959 803.

## An Evening of Prayer and Adoration for God's Favour

The Psalmist exhorts in Ps 34:8a. "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" Do we, in anyway feel overwhelmed by life and its challenges and, therefore, see God's presence and intervention? Is there any obstacle which breaches our peace and makes us restless? Why don't we gather, pray and adore, based on the assurances of the Lord that where two or three are gathered together in his name, he is there in their midst (Mt.18:20). Can we offer him **an hour on Thursday 29th August 2019 (7pm-8pm), in St. Mary's Church**, requesting his presence to touch us? Let us take refuge in the Lord

### Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sept 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, or Email: [info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie](mailto: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.

### An Invitation to Young Adults (18-40):

to a Retreat on Sat. 7th September, 2019 (9.45am 5pm) at La Verna, Franciscan Sisters, Ballinderry, Mullingar. A prayerful, informative day in peaceful surroundings. Cost: Donation (lunch & tea breaks) Contact: Fr. Shane 087 977 4896, Sr. Una 090 648 1666 Or email: [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)

## Parish Mission Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Our 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**



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

**Philomena Kelly**, Mount Auburn Close, Dublin Road  
**Dolores (Del) O'Loughlin (née Brosnan)**, Wheaton Hall & formerly Weir Hope  
**Cathal Whelan**, Five Oaks Village  
**Linda Fitzgerald**, Meadowview  
**Derek Faulkner**, Ballsgrove.

May they rest in peace



### Supporting Our Parish:

18th August 2019

Offertory: €1,415.00  
Parish Dev. Fund: €924.00

Many thanks for your support