

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 25th November 2018
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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The Lord's Day 9:00am, 10:30am, 12 noon & 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.



The Solemnity of Christ the King

To mark today's **Solemnity of Christ the King**, Evening Prayer and Benediction will be celebrated at our Cathedral of Christ the King in Mullingar today at 5pm. All parishioners from all over the diocese are most welcome to join.

Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent; our time of preparation for Christmas. Therefore this Sunday marks the end of our current liturgical year.

Let's reflect upon Christ our King. When Jesus was asked by Pilate if he was a king, Jesus said that he was a king. Where are we to look for and find Jesus our king today?

Jesus is to be found in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the homeless, the poor, the rejected and those in prison. We are to turn our attention to each other if we are to find Jesus.

Today's gospel asks us to draw closer and more intimately into Christ's presence who dwells within each of us. May we see and value Christ in others, especially those who are poor and those who are in any kind of need. This gospel is about each of us and how we follow Jesus here and now.

Jesus is a King and we are his brothers and sisters. Therefore we belong to a royal household. May we treat each other with the dignity and respect we deserve; as princes and princesses of a royal family.

As one of the early popes said, *Christian, be aware of your dignity and nobility, it is God's own life that you share.*

Sacrament of Confirmation 2019

Today we welcome the young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:30 and 12:00 noon Masses.

Pope Francis addressing children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

A boy named Davide asked the pope, "When you were our age, what helped your friendship with Jesus grow?"

First of all, the pope said, it was his grandparents. One of his grandfathers was a carpenter, who told him Jesus learned carpentry from St. Joseph, so whenever he saw his grandfather work, he thought of Jesus. The other grandfather taught him to always say something to Jesus before going to sleep, even if it was just, "Good night, Jesus."

His grandmothers and his mother, were the ones who taught him to pray. He told the children that even if their grandparents "don't know how to use a computer or have a smartphone," they have a lot to teach them.

Going to Mass strengthened his faith because "being with others is important." He also encouraged families to go to Mass together. "This is beautiful and will help you live the commandment to keep the Lord's day holy."

An essential part of handing on the faith, he said, is teaching children the meaning of solidarity and engaging them in the parents' acts of charity and solidarity with the poor. "Faith grows with charity and charity grows with faith," he said.

St Mary's Parish Mission 2019

A meeting will take place in the Pastoral Centre on **Monday 26th November at 7.00pm**. We need people to help out with our Parish Mission. A presentation will be given on the night on the details of the two week Mission in our parish. Anyone who would like to be involved is welcome to attend.

Dates for your Diary

30th November Reunion of WMOF Volunteers, Navan
2nd December First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

Our Parish Community

November 2018:

Mon 26th Nov. 7.00pm Parish Mission Meeting
Tues 27th Nov. 8.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting Team C

Pastoral Centre
Parish Centre

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



Parish Outreach

St Mary's Parish Primary School:

Notice of junior infant enrolment for September 2019 Applications for junior infant places for September 2019 are now being accepted. The allocation of places will begin on Friday 18th January 2019 at 12 noon. Forms and enrolment policy are available on our web-site www.smpps.ie or from the school office (041-9845374).

St Mary's Roof Restoration Fundraiser 2019

Would you like to walk the last stage of the Camino from Ferrol to Santiago. It is 120 kilometres full of history and heritage. We are looking for volunteers who will raise €1500. Flight, food, hotel accommodation and transfers will cost approximately €900 leaving €600 for the Roof Fund. Travel dates are 9th- 16th September 2019. Please contact Joe Harlin 085-2566305 or Michael Murphy 087-7072955.

The Samaritans would like to thank the people of St Mary's for their generosity at the church gate collection last Sunday.

Prayer and Pilgrimage

A reunion of all **WMOF2018 Volunteers** will take place on **Friday 30th November at 7:30pm in St Mary's Parish, Navan**. This liturgical gathering, & launch of a commemorative publication will be led by Bishop Tom Deenihan. This gathering is extended to parishioners, staff, clergy and religious who represented their parish at the Croke Park Festival of Families, in Knock or at the Mass in the Phoenix Park. Parish secretaries and all who assisted families to register are particularly welcome to attend. Details on <https://dioceseofmeath.ie/wmof2018reunion/>

FIDE - Faith in Depth group have moved to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, St Mary's Pastoral Centre, Dublin Road, at 8pm. This year we are looking at "Mary in the Scriptures and the Church". New participants very welcome.

The Sacred Heart Messenger for 2019 can be ordered by leaving your name in the Parish Office or by contacting Austin on 087-9307541. The cost for the year is €21.00.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 25th November, 2018

Sun 25th Nov	9:00am	John Byrne; Maureen & Oliver Halpin; Sr. de Pazzi Lynch, James & Emily Lynch & Loretta Lynch
	10:30am	
	12:00noon	
Monday	7:00pm	Gerard Murtagh Junior; Bill & Greta Thornton; Patrick & Mary Moroney & deceased family members, Robbie Bromley; Edward Crinion; Joanna Neary; Aly Farrell: Thomas & Alice Nulty & deceased Doyle family members.
	8:00am	
	6.30pm	
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intention John, Joan & Mary Mullen & deceased members of the Mullen & Mackin families.
	Wednesday	
Thursday	8:00am	Polish Prayers Patrick Sherwin Cepta Connor
	Saturday	
Sunday 30th	9:00am	Michael (Joe) Stafford <i>Months memory</i> ; Prayer for children; Hughie & Pauline Reilly; Patrick McDonnell; Patrick Nally; Bernard O'Connor & dec. family members; Margaret McConnon & dec. members of McCabe family; Margaret & Eugene O'Connor; Roseann & Jos McAdam, Marie Conor, Sr Bernadette Murray; Leonora Bogue; Joseph, Mary & Michael Harvey; Maggie Berrill; Damien Berrill; Thomas & Elizabeth Woods; Paul & Christina Tully.
	10:30am	
	12:00noon	
	7:00pm	
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A prayer for those who have died...

John McGinn, Duleek Street
David Clerkin, Beamore
Tom Branigan, St Mary's Villas
May they rest in peace.



Supporting Our Parish:

18th November 2018
Offertory: €1,449.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,030.00
Many thanks for your support.