

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 26th May 2019  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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.



## Our Parish Community

May/ June 2019

Tues 28th May 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team C Centre**

Tues 4th June 7:00pm Calvary Cemetery Clean Up



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

### Meath Diocesan Clerical Appointments:

Meath Diocesan Clerical changes were announced last weekend. Fr Phil will now be responsible for the Parishes of St Mary's and Holy Family Ballsgrove.

Two new curates have been assigned to these parishes, Fr Conor McGee and Fr Cyprian Solomon. Fr Fergal has been transferred to Tullamore parish and we wish him well in his new assignment. We thank him for his time with us in St Mary's Parish.

Fr David Bradley has been appointed as PP of Multyfarnham. We wish Fr David every good wish and blessing and thank him for 25 years of ministry here in Drogheda. He will be sorely missed.

### Parish 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

### SUN FUN & SUMMER CAMPS

**Boomerang** staff are all geared up for a summer of FUN as they eagerly await your arrival to their exciting summer camps. Check it out – seriously – Circus Skills, Robot Wars, Really!!

Yes & your favourites like Cakes'n'Bakes, Arts, Beats, Be Active, For information call 041 9839916 Or Contact us on face book @ Boomerang Centre & Café.

If you are aged 10 – 18 years of age then Boomerang is the place to be this summer. Please Book EARLY to avoid disappointment

### St Oliver's Walk

The annual "St. Oliver's walk", around 7 churches in Drogheda takes place on Saturday 1st June. Participants may commence the walk anytime from 10.30am to 4.00pm registering at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Harman's Gardens.

Walkers will pass many of the sites and streets associated with St Oliver Plunkett. It is a spiritual/reflective walk and can be done at your own pace, whether on foot, bicycle or in a wheelchair. A souvenir passport will be provided at the start, and a certificate presented on completion.

To register please phone 086 3155611 (Facebook) stoliverswalk or [www.stoliverswalk.com](http://www.stoliverswalk.com)

### Adoration Chapel

We urgently require night adorers for following hours  
1.00am - 2.00am, 4.00am - 5.00am 5.00am - 6.00am

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

This portion of John's Gospel contains some of Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. The Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence.

Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father.

After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.



### Calvary Cemetery Devotions

Sunday 16th June at 3.00pm

To prepare for this special occasion in our parish we are organising a clean up of the cemetery on **Tuesday June 4th at 7.00pm.**

If you have an hour to spare we would welcome your help.

It is important that all of us look after the graves of our ancestors, one day someone will be looking after ours.



### Prayer for Exams

Loving God, be with us as we continue our examinations. Thank you for the many gifts and talents that you have given us. Calm our nerves and anxiety, help us to remember what we have studied and to express it clearly.

Help us to answer the questions as best we can.

Holy Spirit, sit with us and guide us each day. Amen.

Congratulations to the Leaving Certificate students from St Mary's Diocesan School and Sacred Heart Schools who had their Graduation Masses last week.

### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 26th May 2019

<b>Sunday 26th May</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	John & Anna Davis; Brian Duff
	<b>10:30am</b>	Gerard (Gerry) Gilroy <i>Month's Memory</i> & Esther Gilroy <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Robert Tiernan; Michael Brendan Conroy;
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Michael Mc Cormack; Marie Boyle; Frank Smith, Mary Smith & deceased members of the Smith & Hand families Special Intention
	<b>7:00pm</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Robert Tiernan
<b>Friday 31st May</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Mary Ann Prendergast & deceased family members; Joe Aspell
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Pray for Children
<b>Sunday 2nd June</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Julia Kierans
	<b>10:30am</b>	Gerard Kelly, Sean Dunne ,Olive Mullen
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Kevin Dowd
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Maureen Newman

## Forthcoming Parish Mission Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Rejoice Return Renew

**The Mission Team** will be based in the Parish Pastoral Centre for the duration of the Mission.

The Pastoral Centre will not be available to any other groups for these two weeks.

**Accommodation:** Anyone who would like to provide a room for our visiting Mission Team please let us know or leave your name in the Parish Office. The visitors require just a bed and a light breakfast. They will leave their accommodation after breakfast and return each night at approximately 10:00pm.

**Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word:** Our Parish is the focal point for our worshipping community. We want to celebrate God's love for everyone through our words and actions. We would like to have more parishioners involved in our parish. We are currently looking for more Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word (Readers). If you would like to become a Minister of the Eucharist/Word, please leave your details in the Parish Office. Training will be provided in September.

This is an ideal opportunity for parishioners to become involved in the life of our community.



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

**Sr. Carmel Cooke M.M.M.**, Drogheda  
**Sergejs Klimasins**, Highlands  
**Seán Bourke**, Rathmullan Road

May they rest in peace



### Supporting Our Parish:

19th May, 2019

Offertory: €1,300.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,080.00

Many thanks for your support