

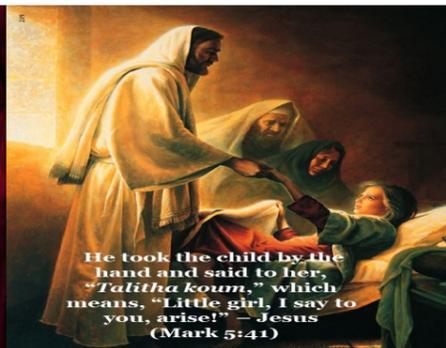
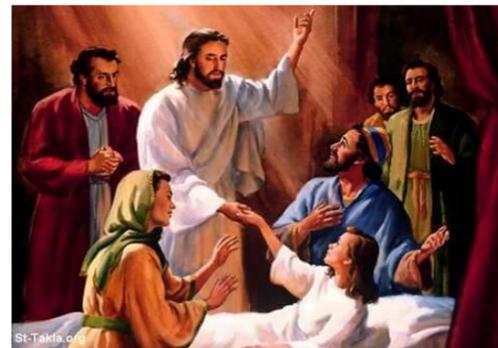
St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 27th June, 2021
13th 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



Confirmation - 23rd August:

10.00 am; 12.00 noon; 2.00 pm; 4.00 pm; 6.00 pm.

Stewards required to assist at Sunday Masses, we are particularly short of people to help at the 12 noon & 7pm masses.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 27th June 2021

Sunday 27th June	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Lily & Robert O'Neill
	10:30am	James Rock; John & Alice Donagh & deceased family members Peg & Tom Cawley
	12 noon	Phyllis Branigan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Steve Mc Cann <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Margaret Lynch
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Thursday 1st July	8:00am	Special Intention
Friday 2nd July	8:00am	First Friday - Mass For All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Patsy Faulkner <i>Month's Memory</i> & his wife Deirdre Mary Faulkner; Peggy Nugent; Assumpta Owens; Mary O'Brien, Frank Darcy; Breda Craig Thomas & Mary Ann Cooney; Margaret Peggy Wright
Sunday 4th July	9:00am	Josephine Josie Judge & deceased members of the Smith family
	10:30am	William Reilly <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Declan Flood <i>First Anniversary</i> ;
	12 noon	Sean Whearty <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Josephine Mc Kenna; Special Intention
	7:00pm	Patricia Murphy <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Patrick Morrissey



Today marks a monumental day in the life of St Mary's Parish. Our cherished Parish Priest will celebrate all the Masses to mark his final day on duty with us.

Just four weeks ago, Fr Phil received a Mayoral Civic Award in recognition of his being to the front and centre in supporting the community in these difficult times with his pastoral work and chaplaincy for those in nursing home communities, and for his leadership in organising the Mass for Peace at a difficult and sensitive time.

The citation encapsulates the contribution he made to the life of the parish and the town of Drogheda, since his arrival here in September 2013. Then, in his opening remarks to his new parishioners, he promised us his

dedication, best efforts and parity of esteem for each and every one of us. Nobody would be left behind because of their personal circumstances. As we look back on his short time with us, he has more than fulfilled all those commitments to us. Since his arrival in Drogheda, Fr Phil immersed himself in every aspect of parish life and made an incalculable contribution to the further development of the area. His compassion and charity for those whose lives have been touched by any form of difficulty will not be forgotten.

President Woodrow T. Wilson once remarked that "Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together". The friendship that Fr Phil built with the people of St Mary's Parish will be his enduring legacy to all of us. His positive attitude, his faith, natural wit and hearty laugh have brightened up the lives of the many people with whom he came in contact, here in St. Mary's. Perhaps, it is fitting to quote the words of Pope Francis as we prepare to say a huge thank you to the humble Westmeath man. "Let us pray for all good and faithful priests who dedicate themselves to their people with generosity and unknown sacrifices". This is a true reflection of his vocation to the priesthood.

Go raibh míle maíth agat Fr Phil agus go dté tú slán.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless our Bishops and Priests. In a special way we ask you to send your Holy Spirit to guide and protect Fr. Phil as he starts his new ministry in Mullingar.

Memorare
Remember,

O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone
who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy
intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;
to thee do I come; before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy
hear and answer me. Amen



Dear Parishioners,

As my ministry in St. Mary's comes to a close, I wish to express my sincere thanks to you all for your cards and best wishes on my departure to Mullingar. Over the last 8 years I have thoroughly enjoyed my time among you. The warmth of your welcome, on my arrival, helped me to settle into the challenges that lay before me. Nobody could have predicted the difficulties for our ministry that the Covid 19 pandemic presented. As parishioners you responded to those challenges with your faith, friendship and loyalty which helped us through those difficult times. Once again a sincere thank you for all your kindness and best wishes. It has been my privilege and honour to serve you. You will forever remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Your friend,
Fr. Phil

A prayer for those who died...



Martin Leslie, Ramparts Green & Townley Hall
Catherine (Cassie) O'Reilly (née Mc Carthy),
Mornington & Clogherhead

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.