

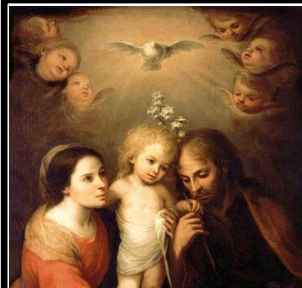
St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 27th December, 2020
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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Hospital Visitation: is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



Our True Home: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Holy Family

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church. In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it.

The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called His "parents" and are referred to separately as His "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 27th December, 2020

Sunday 27th Dec.	10:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Alice Creagh & Bernie Lynch Catherine Reynolds; Michael Everitt; Noel Mac Quillan; May Flanagan Lily Taaffe, Frank Taaffe & Frank Taaffe Junior; Chris Keown; Richard & Margaret Churchill, Michael & Sadie Churchill, Patrick & Maureen Mc Donnell; O'Connor, McDonnell, Mc Shane & Mulvaney families
Monday	10:00am	Mary Hoey & deceased family members; Special Intention; Anne Smith & Majella Carroll; Kathleen, Johnny, Frank, Marie, Eugene, Sheila, Bridget & Kathleen Smith, Pat, Joseph, Richard, Kathleen & Martin Mullen
Tuesday	10:00am	Annie & Artie Collier; Frank Byrne; Noel, Bernadette & David Fleming
Wednesday	10:00am	Joey Flynn; Michael Clarke; Cormac Brodigan & deceased members of the Black & Brodigan family
Thursday	10:00am	Basil Kennedy
Friday 1st January	12noon	World Day of Peace - First Friday - Mass for All those on the Parish list of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Tony Kierans & deceased family members; Bridget Reid
Sunday 3rd Jan.	10:00am	Margaret Gallagher & deceased family members James (Jimmy) Kennedy; Eileen O' Friel; Maureen Kelly; Yvonne & Evelyn Scanlon; Bridget Doswell; Mary Alice & Thomas Cooney & deceased family members; Aloysius, Mona & Aly Farrell & deceased family members Phil Hegarty



Mass will be celebrated privately each day at 10:00am and will be available via webcam. You can join us by going online to our website live stream.

The Church will be open each day from 11.00am to 4.00pm so that people can call in to say a prayer or light a candle.

Adoration in the main Church Monday to Friday 11:00am to 4:00pm. Copies of the parish bulletin will be available in the Church.



St Mary's Schedule from Christmas to January 6th. (On webcam only.)

Sunday 27th December Mass 10:00am

Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st December 10:00am Mass

Friday 1st January – Mary, The Holy Mother of God & World Day of Peace - 12:00 noon Mass

Saturday 2nd January Morning Mass at 10:00am

Sunday 3rd January Morning Mass at 10:00am

Wednesday 6th of January – The Epiphany of The Lord. Masses 10:00am

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Happy New Year



A prayer for those who died...

Jason Kierans, Rowan Heights
Eamonn Maguire Balbriggan, late of
Beabeg
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.