

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 28th June, 2020
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



The return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments will commence on June 29th.

This will be a source of joy and hope to our parish community. Morning Mass will resume at 8:00am each week day and the weekend Masses will be as normal. We have installed a loudspeaker in the car park.

» A COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM is established in the parish

- » The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being. Many parishioners may wish to attend Mass on a week-day rather than at weekends.
 - » Hand sanitizers are in place **permanently** at each entrance to the church.
 - » Signs are in place to designate **every second seat** for use and for maintaining physical (social) distancing.
 - » **Ushers** have been recruited to direct people to available seats including exit from the church, using the one-way system.
 - » Thorough **cleaning** of church seats and other surfaces continues. »Church seats will be cleaned with approved **sanitizing spray**.
 - »Collection **baskets** will not be passed along during Masses; supervised collection baskets will be available at the church doors.
 - » Ministers of the **Word** will be seated in their own seats, rather than the sacristy before Masses.
 - » Ministers of **Holy Communion** will not be required to sign-in before Masses.
 - » Communion should be received only on the hand.
 - » Priests and Ministers of **Holy Communion** should visibly sanitize their hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion. Priests and Ministers should wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion.
 - » In the absence of choirs, **music ministry** will continue with a rota of instrumentalists and cantors as heretofore since Easter.
 - » **Altar servers** will be able to maintain physical distancing in the sacristy and sanctuary.
- Offertory procession** and **Sign of Peace** will be omitted..

Baptisms will resume next weekend. Anyone wishing to book a baptism can do so by calling the Parish Office.

Dates have been set aside in September for the children receiving their **First Holy Communion**.

Confessions will be available after Mass next Saturday and on Sunday evening after Mass.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 28th June, 2020

Sunday 28th June	10:00am	Brendan Hand; Margaret (Peggy) Wright; Margaret & George Balfe, Patsy, Fr. George & Joe; Freddie Tiernan & Lily & Robert O'Neill
Monday	8:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday 1st July	8:00am	Special Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Frank & Maura Darcy
Friday 3rd July	8:00am	First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	100th Anniversary of St. Oliver Plunkett; Peggy Nugent; Breda Craig; Assumpta Owens
Sunday 5th July	9:00am	Special Intention; Josephine Judge & Sean Judge & deceased members of the Judge family
	10:30am	Karen O'Brien, Denise Byrne & Rosie Rice; James, Christina & Joan Mohan; Hughie & Pauline Reilly; Frank Darcy, Richard Darcy, Kitty & Des Staehli
	12noon	Special Intention
	7:00pm	Special Intention; Holy Souls

Returning to a "new normal"

Over the past few weeks, we have placed a huge investment, both in energy and financial resources, into preparing our Churches to be ready for the reopening of public worship on 29th June. We are fortunate that there are many lay people more than willing to play their part and provide support to us.

Working together, priest and people, will be the way forward in the years to come and it is important to build up a relationship of trust.

We must be attentive to the natural fear and apprehension that some people may have. We can apply the health and safety measures and at the same time show clearly that we rejoice that the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments is an opportunity to receive new graces and support for our lives, consolation for those who have been bereaved and hope for those who are experiencing economic hardship and challenges to their health and wellbeing.

Norms are necessary but they are never just an end in themselves. We cannot auto-dispense ourselves from respecting norms that are there to protect people from Covid-19. However, we should not end up so entangled with norm-making that we overlook the fact that we are returning to the richness of celebrating Eucharist and the sacraments and to nourishing God's people with the word of God.

People should feel welcome and not frightened. We should feel encouraged in our ministry and service to renew a commitment to building faith communities in a complicated world to be communities where the love of God revealed to in Jesus Christ is witnessed to with renewed commitment.

For the moment the **Sunday obligation** is suspended and people may fulfil their obligation by attending Mass on any day of the week. You can choose to attend Mass on a day other than Sunday. Our morning Mass Monday to Friday will be streamed live at **8:00am**.

Our Mass on Saturday morning will be streamed live at **10:00am** and our four Masses on Sundays at **9:00am, 10:30am, 12.00 noon and 7:00pm**.

Reception of Holy Communion: our ushers will help people to receive Holy Communion and direct people to the designated mats in the church. Holy Communion will be distributed at the normal time as it is an integral part of the celebration of Eucharist.

Holy Communion will be distributed after Mass in the carpark for those who wish to listen to the Mass via our newly installed speaker outside the church.

Adoration chapel will remain closed for the moment.

Relic of St Oliver Plunkett Mass and Blessing with Relic will take place here in St Mary's Church on Saturday next 4th July after the 10.00am Mass.



A prayer for those who died...

Mary Durnin (née Coakley), Ard Rí,
Sr. Anne Sharratt (MMM), Drogheda
Paddy Mc Keon, Hillbrook Drive
Eileen Woods, Carmelite Cottages
Jim Johnson, Ballsgrove
Steve (Tuffy) Mc Cann, Marian Park

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.