

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 28th July 2019
Seventeenth 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

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.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The passage of the Gospel, today, invites us to reflect on the prayer which Jesus taught his disciples, and indeed, all of us as his followers. It is the most popular Christian prayer said often in our collective prayer as a Church in the liturgy and in the privacy of personal supplication to God. We call it the "Our Father" (from the Latin "Pater Noster"), or simply the "Lord's Prayer".

From the accounts of the Evangelist Luke, we learn that Jesus had a common habit of going aside, alone, to commune with his Father. It was on one of such occasions which inspired his disciples' request of being taught to pray (as John the Baptist had instructed his followers). So, he did by first teaching them a prayer.

God is our Father; we must revere him because he is holy; we ask that his reign may come to us; we lay before him both our material and spiritual needs; we seek his forgiveness in our failings and sins as we, by imitating his mercy, cancel the wrongs of our brothers and sisters who are indebted to us; we surrender ourselves to his divine guidance and protection, and final redemption. This is what we do when we pray, and it must not end in a day. For this reason, the Lord Jesus encourages us to pray and do it with persistence because God hears us. There are those lonely moments when we grow faint-hearted thinking that we are not heard, or our words have fallen on deaf ears and we give up. Those, indeed, are the very moments that cry out to God for his intervention. To these dire circumstances of our lives, the Lord addresses these words: "I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants". Therefore, we must ask, seek and knock at the door of God. His fulfilment will assuredly come since he attends to them that wait upon him. How often do I talk to him in prayer?

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 28th July 2019

Sunday July 28th	9:00am	Maryanne & Philip Smyth
	10:30am	Jim Rock <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Special Intention; Bill Connell; Special Intention; Siobhan Cronin Special Intention
	12:00noon	Marie Leddy <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Phyllis Lowth <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Ciaran O' Searcaigh; Dominic Thornton; Bill Hickey and William & Mary Hickey
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	Liam Keegan
Tuesday	8:00am	
Wednesday 31st	8:00am	Basil Kennedy
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday 2nd Aug	8:00am	7:00pm Triduum Holy Hour
Saturday	10:00am	First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead Lily Finegan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Noel & Frances Crinion; Pat Durkan, John & Mary Durkan and Pat & Laura McEvoy; Tom Berrill.
Sunday Aug 4th	9:00am	
	10:30am	The Fay family & the Mohan family; Tommy Murray & deceased family members
	12:00noon	Rose Woods <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Lucy Murray
	7:00pm	Elizabeth (Betty) Redmond

Our Parish Community

July/ Aug 2019

Thurs. 1st Aug 7:00pm Triduum of Holy Hours

Thurs. 8th Aug 7:00pm Triduum of Holy Hours

Tues. 13th Aug. 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A**

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



Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 11th August 2019

Led by Bishop Tom Dennyhan with the Meath Diocesan Choir. For further detail contact <https://www.knockshrine.ie>. Also for details of supports for elderly and invalids phone 094 9388100.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes September 2019

Led by Bishop Tom Dennyhan from 9th - 14th of September, five nights full board from €749 for pilgrims. Contact Pilgrimages abroad on 01-6359300. Email: info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie

Vacancies for hospital pilgrims, anyone who would like to go to Lourdes or recommend someone who is ill and would like to avail of the opportunity please contact Lily Brangan on 087 6978783

The Annual Young Adult Catholic Conference:

Takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Saturday August 31st and Sunday September 1st 2019. This weekend is packed full of interesting events for young Catholics. Prices range from €25. - €50. accommodation also available. For further details visit www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com or phone Lucy on 087 995 9803.



Preparing for Our Parish Mission Triduum

A Triduum of Holy Hours continues in St. Mary's Church at 7:00pm on

Thursday August 1st & Thursday August 8th to pray for the success of the upcoming Parish Mission and for Peace in our town.

One of our priests will lead the Holy Hour and the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Each Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction.

All are welcome.

Adoration Chapel:

We urgently require Adorers for the following hours:
Monday 3.00pm - 4.00pm, **Thursday** 2.00pm - 3.00pm,
Friday 4.00pm - 5.00pm. Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086 365 8358

Parish Mission Saturday 12th – Sunday 27th October 2019

A word of thanks to all our parishioners who have volunteered to be involved in our Parish Mission. Work on the programme will continue over the summer months and anyone who would like to be involved can leave their details in the Parish Office 041 9834587.

May we take this opportunity to hope that you and your family have an enjoyable and safe summer. Please continue to recite our Parish Mission Prayer. We will return with further updates at the end of August.

A prayer for those who died...



James (Jimmy) Keys, Ballsgrove
Thomas (Tom) Finnegan, Hillview

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

21st July 2019

Offertory: €1,015.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €980.00



Many thanks for your support