

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 28th April 2019
Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

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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.



Divine Mercy Sunday

At the heart of Divine Mercy devotion is the figure of Jesus, the unblemished paschal lamb who has been sacrificed for our sake. The Most Holy Eucharist is our sacrament of mercy that restores us to full communion with God. In the Holy Eucharist we offer to God the body and blood, the soul and divinity of his dearly beloved

Son our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins.

The great "Mercy Pope", Pope St John Paul II described divine mercy as God's "Easter gift" to the world. Like our own beloved Holy Father Pope Francis, Pope St John Paul II believed that mercy is the answer to the world's problems.

His final message was read out on Divine Mercy Sunday, the day after he died in 2005: "Humanity sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear; but as a gift to humanity, the Risen Lord offers His mercy, His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is love that converts hearts and gives us peace."

Laytown-Bettystown Golf Classic Friday 3rd May

St Mary's Roof Restoration Fund:

To secure your Tee-Time for our golf classic, please contact: Joe Harlin: 085~2566305. Team of 4: €300. T-Box sponsorship: €100.



Raffle Tickets are €2 each or €10 for 6 and are on sale after all Masses today and also from the Parish Office during the week.

We have some **Great Prizes. Prize giving at 9:00pm in the Black Bull. Join us for raffle, music and refreshments.** Last year's classic was great fun. This year's classic will be bigger!

St Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-38) OLM: is the patron Saint of Mercy. She was a Polish nun, gifted with mystical visions of our Lord Jesus. Her diary records her dialogue with Jesus as He proclaimed His message of mercy. Check out www.fasutina.org

"All the good that is in me is due to Holy Communion. I owe everything to it. I feel that this holy fire has transformed me completely. Oh, how happy I am to be a dwelling place for You, O Lord! My heart is a temple in which You dwell continually" (*Ibid* 1392)

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 28th April 2019

Sunday 28th	9:00am	Margaret Ann Kiernan, John Joe Kiernan, Bridget O'Donnell & Pat O'Donnell
	10:30am	Gretta Collins <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Susan Murphy (née Manifold) <i>First Anniversary</i>
	12:00noon	Raymond Reilly <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Noeline Gradwell; Joe & Anna Vaughey; Eileen O'Malley; Jack Mc Closkey; Frances Harmon
	3:00-4:00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour (During Eucharistic Exposition we will have a sung Chaplet, Readings from St Faustina's Diary, Confession, Benediction ~ with Holy Communion distributed afterwards).
	7:00pm	Michael Brendan Conroy
Monday	8:00am	Jimmy McGuirk; Eddie Carlon
Tuesday	8:00am	James Prendergast & deceased family members
Wednesday	8:00am	Thomas & Mary O'Connor
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday 3rd May	8:00am	First Friday – Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	James Bellew <i>First Anniversary</i> and his sister Adrienne Bellew; Pray for Children; Paddy Kelly; Paddy Fanning
Sunday 5th May	9:00am	Michael Brendan Conroy
	10:30am	Edward (Eddie) Carolan <i>Month's Memory</i>
	12:00noon	Michael Tiernan <i>First Anniversary</i> , his wife Brigid, grandson Stephen & deceased family members
	7:00pm	Patricia Flanagan <i>Month's memory</i>

Our Parish Community

April/May 2019

Sun 28th April 3:00pm

Mon 6th May 8:00pm

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Church

Teach Mhuire



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

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.

PARISH WEBCAM SERVICE

All Masses from **St Mary's Parish** are live streamed via www.stmarysdrogheda.ie. Younger parishioners are encouraged to help set up the website details on "smartphones" and iPads of their housebound/elderly relatives and neighbours.



Don't forget to return your Trócaire box

X-Pert Dietitian Care Course for Type 2 Diabetes:

Starting in St Theresa's Building, Hardman's Gardens, (beside Lourdes Church) on Friday 10th May. This is a free course that runs for 6 weeks. If you are interested please contact Ger Nolan on 041.6850675 for more information.

St Clare of Assisi: "We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."

Forthcoming Parish Mission Saturday 12th – Sunday 27th 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.

Volunteer Drivers: Driving the House visitation Week 13th - 14th October we need drivers to bring the Céili team to the various estates in the parish. This will involve collecting the visitors at the Pastoral Centre, Dublin Road in the mornings and afternoons and bringing them back later.

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

Thank you for your help and support from the Parish Mission Team.

A prayer for those who died...



Marc Smith, Five Oaks Village
Linda Mugadzaweta (née Reynolds) formerly of London and Ballsgrove
Michael Brendan Conroy, Navan & Drogheda
Gerard (Gerry) Gilroy, Barrack Lane
Alice Flood (née Wynne) Rathmullen Road.
May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

21st April 2019
Offertory: €1,600.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,240.00

Many thanks for your support

