

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 30th June 2019  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Phil Gaffney PP  
Fr Ciprian Solomon CC  
St Mary's Presbytery  
Dublin Road ☎ 9834958

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.

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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's First Reading, Elijah's disciple is allowed to kiss his parents goodbye before setting out to follow the prophet's call.

But we are called to follow a greater One than Elijah. This week's Liturgy wants us to know we have been called to leave behind our past lives and never look back - to follow wherever He leads.

Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind and his disciple was given a double portion of his spirit.

Jesus too, the Gospel reminds us, was "taken up" and He gave us His Spirit to live by, to guide us in our journey to His kingdom.

As this week's Epistle tells us, the call of Jesus shatters the yoke of every servitude, sets us free from the rituals of the old Law, shows us the Law's fulfilment in the following of Jesus, in serving one another through love.

Elijah called down fire to consume those who wouldn't accept God. But we have a different Spirit with us. To live by His Spirit is to face opposition and rejection, as the Apostles do in this week's Gospel. It is to feel like an exile, with no lasting city, no place in this world to lay our head or call home.

But we hear the voice of the One we follow in this week's Psalm. He calls us to make His faith our own - to abide in confidence that He will not abandon us, that He will show us "the path to Life," leading us to the fullness of joy in His presence forever.

## New Arrivals:

We welcome Fr. Ciprian Solomon CC to St. Mary's Parish and also Fr. Conor Magee C.C. who arrived in Holy Family Parish last week. We wish them well in their ministry and assure them of our support and prayers at this time of transition. Fr. Ignatius will be assisting us also during the summer months.

**St. Peter's Cemetery Sunday:** Takes place today.

**Kilsharvan Cemetery Devotions:** will take place on Tuesday 9th July at 7.30pm.

## Peter's Pence Collection

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses today after Holy Communion to assist Pope Francis in his evangelical mission. The money raised is used to support the poorest churches around the world.

## 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.

## Our Parish Community

July 2019

Tues 9th July 8:30pm

Baptism Meeting *Team A*

Centre

**Hospital Visitation:** Please inform Fr Phil, Fr Ciprian 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**

## Irish Blood Transfusion Service

**St. Oliver's National School, Ballymakenny Rd.**  
Wednesday 3rd July & Thursday 4th July  
**from 5.00pm to 8.30pm**

**St. Mary's Primary School, Crossroute, Bryanstown,**  
Monday 8th July, Tuesday 9th July, Wednesday 10th July & Thursday 11th July **from 5.00pm to 8.30pm**

It is important that we all remember that **many patients in hospitals need our blood** and this need never ceases.

**Relic of St Oliver Plunket** Mass and Blessing with Relic will take place here in St Mary's Church on Saturday next 6th July after the 10.00am Mass.

## St. Oliver's Procession

Will take place on Sunday week, 7th July 2019, commencing at Holy Family Church Ballsbridge at 3 pm. It will proceed downhill to St. Peter's Church West street. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamonn Martin at 4.00pm. All are invited to attend. Should any groups wish to take part, and have Flags made for this very special occasion, please contact Jim on 086-315561.

## Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: September 2019

Led by Bishop Tom Deenihan from 9th - 14th of September, five nights full board from €749 for pilgrims. Contact Pilgrimages abroad on 01-6359300. To book on Hospital pilgrim section contact Lily Brangan on 087 6978783.

**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

## Annual Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: 6th, 7th & 8th July.

For further details please contact -  
Mary Maguire 086 403 2364 / 041 6851754 or  
Rose Duff 086 845 8808 / 041 9822504

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## Parish Mission Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 30th June 2019

<b>Sunday 30th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael Mc Cabe
	<b>10:30am</b>	Breda Craig
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Peggy Wright; Tom Reynolds
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Joe Crilly <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Matthew & Maeve Murphy
<b>Monday 1st July</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Peggy Nugent
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Hugh Hanley <i>Month's Memory</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>First Friday – Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Ann Black
<b>Sunday July 7th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Harold Tonge; Frank Darcy, Richard Darcy, Kitty & Des Staehli
	<b>10:30am</b>	Larry Donovan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Josephine Judge (Josie) <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Deceased members of the Smith family; Joe & May Kelly; Karen O'Brien & Denise Byrne; Jim, Jennell & Paul Byrne, James, Christina & Joan Mohan
	<b>12:00noon</b>	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	

## A prayer for those who died...



**Anna (Meta) Maguire (née Lynch)**, Mornington  
**Margaret (Maggie) Smith (née McQuillan)**, Congress Avenue  
**John (Jack) Rothwell**, Gormanston, Co. Meath  
**Jim (Jemmy) Rock**, Oak Drive, Elmwood.

May they rest in peace

## Supporting Our Parish:



23rd June 2019  
Offertory: €1,149.00  
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,045.00

Many thanks for your support