

St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 23rd September 2018
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Lord's Day 9:00am, 10:30am, 12 noon & 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.



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In today's Gospel Jesus is presented as the courageous leader, instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect. 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' In the context of today's Gospel we might ask: how are we welcoming generations to come?

Pope Francis urges us to remember that the goods of the earth are not meant to be exploited and states, 'Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.'

During this creation time let us reconnect once more with nature and restore our relationship with the environment. As parish communities we must play our part in ensuring that our world is liveable for generations to come.

'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.'

Pope Francis, 'Laudato Si', 25

Jane Mellett September Intercom



Ordination for the Diocese of Meath

On Sunday 30th September Deacon Fergal Cummins will be ordained a priest by Bishop Tom Deenihan, Bishop of Meath at 3pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne. All are welcome to attend this ceremony.

Fergal will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in his home parish, St. Brigid's Church, Rolestown, Co. Dublin on Monday 1st October at 7pm. Immediately after this Mass Fergal will bless his parents JJ and Frances Cummins and sister Marie. All are welcome to attend this Mass of Thanksgiving - there will be a parish reception in Rolestown Hall next door after the Mass while the First Blessings are taking place.

Fergal has been assisting us here in St. Mary's Parish over the summer months. We congratulate him on his ordination and wish him every blessing in his future ministry in the Diocese. Please keep Fergal and his family in your prayers at this time. We also pray for our three Seminarians in Rome and for an increase in vocations for the Diocese of Meath.

Appointment of Vicar General: Bishop Tom has re-appointed Fr. Declan Hurley as Vicar General with immediate effect. We wish to congratulate Fr. Declan on his re-appointment.

An Appreciation night for Fr. Joe will be held in the City North Hotel on Thursday 8th November.

Tickets costing €25.00 are now available from the Parish Office and McCabe's Shop. Music by Phil & Mill. Complimentary bus available. Anyone unable to attend but wishing to make a contribution may do so at the Parish Office.

Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses today and next Sunday 30th September.

Dates for your Diary:

Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in St Mary's Church for the five sixth classes from St Mary's Parish Primary School on Saturday March 30th 2019 at 11.00am.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion for the five second classes from St Mary's Parish Primary School will take place on Saturdays 11th & 18th of May 2019. More details to follow.

Our Parish Community

September 2018:

Tues. 25th Sept. 8.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team C** Centre

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



Parish Outreach

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (New Members):

St. John's Hospital Visitation Conference visits Boyne View House and St. Mary's Hospital every Thursday at 7pm. If you would like to join us please leave your name and contact details at the parish office.

St Mary's Diocesan School, Drogheda: Invites Primary School Boys of 5th & 6th class & their Parents to an **Open Night** on Thursday 27th September from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. For further information, contact the Secretary's office on 041.9837581. Website: www.stmarysds.ie.

Thank You: to all who attended and supported the recent coffee morning in Bellewstown. €1,570.00 was raised and this will go direct to aid the suffering children of Aleppo.

Drogheda & District - Support 4 Older People:

Provides support for the Health, Safety, Well - Being & Community Involvement of Older People.
Unit 7 The Haymarket
☎ 9847764 or 086 3772777 Email : DD4OP @eircom.net

Prayer and Pilgrimage

The Upper Room Youth Group:

Led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (041.9830441). Weekly meeting will be held on Thursdays from 7.15pm - 8.45pm in St. Mary's Pastoral Centre. Join us for faith, friendship and fun.

Our Lady of the Rosary: Sunday 7th October is the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. To mark the celebration the Legion of Mary invite everyone to take part in a candle lit procession and recitation of the Rosary after the 7pm Mass. Refreshments afterwards.

Rotas for Ministers of the Word & Ministers of the Eucharist:

have been emailed and there are also copies available in the Sacristy for those without email addresses.

Legion of Maria Drogheda Curia:

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 30th September. Bus €15.00. Pick Up 6.45am bottom of Mary St., 6.50am bottom of Cherrymount Estate.
6.55am. Thatch Pub, Donore Road.

Contact: June 041.9831235.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 23rd September, 2018

Sunday 23rd	9.00am	Margaret & Thomas Hand
	10.30am	Jean O'Rourke <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Jim, Jennell & Paul Byrne; Sr. Mary Dominic; Special Intention; George Rainsford
	12.00noon	Kaline Murray; Ann Owens
	7.00pm	Special Intention
Monday 24th	8.00am	Special Intention
Tuesday 25th	8.00am	P. J. & May Costello
Wednesday 26th	8.00am	
Thursday 27th	8.00am	
Friday 28th	8.00am	
Saturday 29th	10.00am	John, Bridget & Ray Cooney and deceased family members; Desmond & Catherine Kelly
Sunday 30th	9.00am	Pat Durkin
	10.30am	Sheila Hughes and deceased family members
	12.00noon	Chris Boylan; Peg McNally
	7.00pm	Helen Rogers

A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest ...



Alexandra Saiciva, Pitcher Hill

May she rest in peace.

Supporting Our Parish:

16th September 2018

Offertory: €1,177.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €835.00

Many thanks for your support.

