

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 1st August, 2021
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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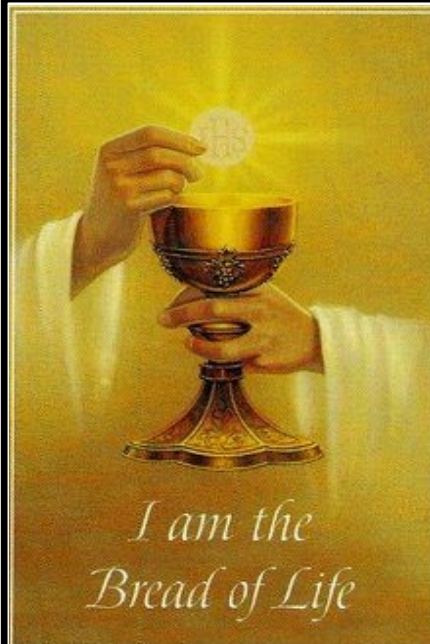
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The Lord's Day 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon & 7:00pm
Monday ~ Friday 8:00am; Saturday 10:00am
Holydays 8:00am and 7:30pm



The Bishop's office announced on Friday that Confirmation will be held on Monday 23rd August: 10.00 am; 12.00 noon; 2.00 pm; 4.00 pm; 6.00 pm.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food that satisfies



Growing up, did you hear any 'old wives' tales' about food - eating carrots helps you see in the dark; bread crusts will make your hair curly; an apple a day keeps the doctor away...? These wise old sayings, passed down the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Many even had an element of truth. These days we can easily establish the accuracy of such claims, but many parents still find themselves falling back on these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up strong and healthy. Recent years have seen an increased focus on health, both physical and mental. Nourishing one's body and mind and keeping them healthy are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a different type of nourishment - bread that gives life, food that satisfies, food that endures. 'I am the bread of life,' says Jesus. It is Jesus who nourishes us at the very core of our being, who knows our every need and gives meaning to our lives. He tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' As we continue on our way, learning how to best nourish our body and mind, let us not forget to nourish our spirit with Jesus, the bread of life. 'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.' (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium)

First Friday Calls

If you, a family member or a neighbour are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home (on the First Friday), please contact the Parish Office on 041.9834587 in order to arrange a visit from one of the priests.

The Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 8th August will be accessible online through the Knock Shrine Website. There will be Rosary at 2.30 pm followed by Mass at 3.00 pm. The Main Celebrant will be Bishop Tom Deenihan.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 1st August, 2021

Sunday 1st August	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Margaret Fleming;
	10:30am	
	12 noon	Maura Whelan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Phyllis Lowth; John Owens
	7:00pm	Elizabeth & Margaret (Peggy) Meehan
Monday	10:00am	Rita Murphy
Tuesday	8:00am	Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday	8:00am	Noreen Fennell
Thursday	8:00am	Phyllis Byrne
Friday 6th August	8:00am	The Transfiguration
		First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Celine Kelly <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Carmel Freeman; Mary Thornton, Rita O Hare & All Deceased Members of the Lourdes Hospitality
Sunday 8th August	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; P.J. & May Costello; James Mc Evoy
	10:30am	Joan Foley <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Margaret Smith; Thomas Murray; Marie Leddy; Michael Byrne, Ollie Rice & Maureen Rice
	12 noon	Margaret Byrne <i>Month's Memory</i> , Ann & Patrick Mc Donnell & deceased members of the McShane & Mc Donnell families
	7:00pm	Elizabeth Redmond

A prayer for those who died...



Cian Tierney, Cambodia & Bryanstown Village
Eamonn Kirwan, St. Finians' Park
John Garvey, Donacorney & late of 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.