

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 1st September, 2019
Twenty Second 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.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus teaches the importance of humility and simplicity in our Christian journey. In this regard, we have a lot to learn from the Blessed Virgin Mary who humbled herself. Her humility was so remarkable that God exalted her to be the Mother of His Son.

Mary attested to this through her Magnificat: "My soul glorifies the Lord...for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant...He has brought down rulers from their thrones and has lifted up the humble" (Lk 1:47, 59). Therefore, there is no reason to wonder why Christ was humble. He had humble parents and learnt humility from them. Also, we must emulate the humility of Christ and Mary in order to be like them.

There is nothing to lose by being humble. Proverb tells us that: "Humility and the fear of the Lord brings wealth, honour, and life" (Prov 22:4). On the contrary, pride results in defeat and shame. Any spiritual life that is not based on humility will definitely be an empty one. This is because such a Christian will only work for himself, and without regards for others.

The church teaches us that: "Humility is the foundation of prayer." Only a humble heart can come and prostrate before God in prayer. A humble person is always ready to ask for guidance from God and from others. He is also ready to listen, and learn from others. It takes humility to say please, and also, to ask for forgiveness. So, let us humbly implore the Lord:

"O Jesus! Meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 1st September 2019

Sunday Sept 1st	9:00am	Holy Souls
	10:30am	James (Jem) Matthews <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Desmond & Catherine Kelly; James & Rita Kierans; Carmel McEntee
	12:00noon	Johnny Sheeran; John Mc Cormack; Phil Gradwell; Mary Alice & Thomas Cooney & deceased family members, Alyosius, Mona & Aly Farrell & deceased family members
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	Patrick & Rose Sherwin, George & Hannah Kennedy; Thomas & Ita O'Reilly
Tuesday	8:00am	
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday Sept 6th	8:00am	First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
	7:30pm	Mass to celebrate the 29th Anniversary of Adoration in St Mary's
Saturday	10:00am	Joe Maher; Kenny Doyle & deceased members of the Doyle family; James Beakey; Kevin Devine & John Lynch
Sunday Sept 8th	9:00am	Vera, Harold & Conor Tonge
	10:30am	Doreen Penders <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Paula Judge & David Tracey
	12:00noon	Ida McKown (née Meade); Matthew Connor
	7:00pm	Special Intention

Our Parish Community

Sept 2019

Mon 2nd Sept 8:00pm
Tues 10th Sept 8:30pm
Wed 11th Sept 8:00pm

Parish Mission Committee Meeting **Pastoral Centre**
Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A Centre**
Holy Hour of Adoration **Church**



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



29th Anniversary of Adoration

A Mass to celebrate the 29th Anniversary of Adoration will take place in St Mary's Church on **Friday 6th September 2019**, followed by a cup of tea in the Pastoral Centre, Dublin Road. Please come along and invite your friends to join you.

Adoration Chapel:

We require Adorers for the following hours:
Monday: 1:00pm, Tuesday 6:00pm, Tues. & Saturday 4:00pm.
Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086 3658 358.

Parish Pastoral Centre (Fatima)

All groups using the Pastoral Centre must complete a registration form in the Parish Centre before re-commencing activities in September. All **new** bookings will be taken in the Parish Centre.

The Pastoral Centre will be unavailable to groups from Friday 11th Oct - Monday 28th October 2019 to facilitate the Parish Mission.

Invitation to Young Adults (18-40): to a Retreat on Sat. 7th September, 2019 (9.45am 5pm) at La Verna, Franciscan Sisters, Ballinderry, Mullingar. A prayerful, informative day in peaceful surroundings. Cost: Donation (lunch & tea breaks) Contact: Shane 087 977 4896, Sr. Una 090 648 166 Or email: youthretreats@gmail.com

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage: The Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 29th September, 2019. Contact Liz Moloney on 086 365 8558 before 16th September. Cost of Coach is €20. and will leave bottom of Mary Street at 7.00am.

Back to School Blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the Right time, to receive your grace.

Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of Your Spirit fill their hearts.

Help us to mature as parent and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God.

Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

National Grandparent's Pilgrimage - Sunday Sept. 8th

Will take place at Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo.
Chief Celebrants: Bishop Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin and Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio.

Choir & Musicians: Combined choirs of Knock Parish, Directed by Una Nolan, Director of Music, Knock Shrine.

Reflection by: Catherine Wiley - Founder of the CGA

Special Guests: Dana, sings 'Our Lady of Knock'

Cathal Gavin, sings 'Voice of an Angel'

Children's Prayer Appeal - An invitation to all children to write a prayer for their Grandparents. All prayers will be blessed at the pilgrimage. Please send prayers to our office**
2.30pm - Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with Music and Song

3.00pm - Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary.

**Email: info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com

Parish Mission Saturday 12th – Sunday 27th October 2019

Our 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.



A prayer for those who died...

Pat Minnock, Carlow
Keith Branigan Ballsgrove

May they rest in peace



Supporting Our Parish:

25th August 2019

Offertory: €1,240.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,102.00

Many thanks for your support