

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 1st December, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

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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.



Advent 2019

Children are fascinated by beginnings. They want to know how things are made, how their parents met, and where they come from.

A wonderful family exercise on a rainy day is to bring out the family albums and go through them with your children or grandchildren. They will discover faces like their own in these pictures of the past. They will be able to discover connecting links and a firm sense of identity.

Advent is the season in which we celebrate new beginnings. It is the season in which we begin the liturgical year and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Saviour.

We all know how easy it is to be distracted by the lights and decorations of businesses selling their goods. It's easy to get caught up in this noise, identifying the season with the momentary pleasure a gift supplies. But when the next year comes, the gift is forgotten as the new season presents new possibilities. How do we give our children memories that stay with them for years to come?

As we see in Advent activities such as the [Jesse Tree](#), we find the beginnings of the Christmas story in the Old Testament. These are the stories of the faithful people who are the ancestors of Jesus.

Using an age-appropriate Bible with our children, we can create firm memories by reading to them the classic stories of our spiritual ancestors. There we find the story of Adam and Eve, of Noah and the ark, and of the call of Abraham and Moses. We see Moses leading the Israelites from Egypt to the Holy Land. We read of David's kingdom and the message of the prophets.

Hearing these stories in a loving environment will create for our children loving memories that will be a permanent blessing from year to year.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 1st December 2019

Sunday 1st Dec	9:00am	Rose Kierans; Leonora Bogue; Harold, Vera & Conor Tonge
	10:30am	Sheila Mathews <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Emma Jane Matthews; Tom Garvey
	12:00noon	Joan Bruton <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Joe Fay <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Tom Branigan <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Claire Clare; Joe Murphy; Noreen & Michael Power; Bobby O'Malley; Joanna Neary; Kathleen Mc Donnell; Keith Tracey
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	
Tuesday	8:00am	Frank & Marie McAleer, Danny Tormey, John & Mary Tormey and family
Wednesday	8:00am	Thursday 8:00am
Friday 6th Dec	8:00am	First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Georgina Crosby <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Pray For Children; Cepta Shiels; Rita & Bily Gavin; James Connor; Michael Black Jnr., Desmond Keeley; Denis Sheridan; Joseph, Mary & Michael Harvey; Michael Byrne & Ollie Rice, Christopher & Annie Aspell, Karen O'Brien & Denise Byrne, Elizabeth Aspell & Peg Shortt, Nancy Walsh & family, Frank & Julie Quinn, Byrne & Rice Family, Bird & O'Brien family; Hughie & Pauline Reilly; James McAleer; Larry Grant; Babs McKeon, Dolores Grant MacMahon, Erika Rae Grant, Breda Maguire, Frances McNeill, Nickie & Dolly McKeon, Paddy & Mary Grant, Mc Keon family, Grant family & Hussey family
Sunday 8th Dec	9:00am	
	10:30am	Nora Young <i>Month's Memory</i> & Joe Young; Christopher, Annie & Alfie Aspell, Frank Quinn & James Rice
	12:00noon	James Mullen; Angela Weldon; Mary & Frank Smith, Baby James & deceased members of the Smith & Hand family; Pat Geraghty
	7:00pm	Mary Daly

Our Parish Community

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Mon 2nd Dec. 8:00pm St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
Tues 10th Dec. 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A**
Wed 11th Dec. 8:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration

**Teach Mhuire
Parish Centre
Church**



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

St Mary's Parish Primary School Notice of Junior Infant Enrolment for September 2020

Applications for junior infant places for September 2020 are now being accepted. The allocation of places will begin on Friday 17th January 2020 at 12 noon. Forms and enrolment policy are available on our website www.smpss.ie or from the school office (041-9845374).

Confirmation Preparation Mass:

Today Sunday **1st December** is the Second Preparation Mass for the children preparing for their Confirmation in March. We welcome the parents along with their children to the 10:30am and 12:00 noon Masses

New Carpet for our beautiful Altar

A very generous donation from one of our parishioners has made it possible to replace the carpet and the chipboard beneath the carpet on the altar area of our church. This work is now completed.

Thanks again to our generous donor. This donation will cover half of the total cost.

If anyone would like to make a donation for this project it would be greatly appreciated.

Adoration Chapel: We require Adorers for the following days Tuesday and Saturday hours at 4pm. Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086. 365 8358.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Rotas have been e-mailed this week. Some copies are also available from the Sacristy.

A prayer for those who died...



Marie Callaghan (née Black), Weir Hope
Joseph (Jody) Farrelly, Ballsgrove
Liam Hickey, Mount Auburn
Maurice Neary, Ballsgrove
Gary Martin, Five Oaks Village
Frank Kiernan, Dublin (brother of Kathleen Wilkinson)
Phyllis Byrne, Priest Lane
May they rest in peace

Advent Prayer



God of Love
Your son, Jesus, is your
Greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love
During the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare
For His coming.
We pray in the name of
Jesus, our Saviour
Amen.

SVP Annual Appeal: The Church Door collection in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place on Sunday December 1st. We would like to thank you most sincerely for your continued support throughout the year.

Duleek Fair: will take place this Sunday 1st in the Court House, Duleek from 11am - 4pm Lots of goodies on offer with Santa arriving at 2pm. No cover charge.

Drogheda Community Services: are holding a Coffee Morning & Cake Sale in aid of the Day Care Centre for Older People on Friday 6th December 2019 at the Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda, Co Louth from 10am - 12noon. Admission €3.00. Everybody welcome.

The Red Door Project, Dublin Road: Our Christmas Fair is taking place on 6th December from 10am - 1pm. Handmade crafts, Christmas wreaths, sweet treats etc. All proceeds in aid of the Red Door Project.

The Sacred Heart Messenger: If you would like to receive the Sacred Heart Messenger for 2020 at a cost of €24 please contact Austin on 087 9307541 or the Parish Office on 041 9834587..

Supporting Our Parish:

24th November 2019

Offertory: €1,327.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,000.00

Many thanks for your support