

St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 2nd September 2018
Twenty Second 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.



Canon Deenihan was born in Blackpool in Cork City in 1967 and studied in St. Patrick's College in Maynooth. He worked in the parishes of Schull, Kealkill and Bantry and taught in St Goban's College. He has a masters & doctoral degree in education and was appointed as diocesan adviser for post primary

catechetics in 2003. In 2006 he was named diocesan secretary and diocesan education secretary.

Canon Thomas Deenihan, will be consecrated as the new Bishop of Meath later today. He will replace Dr. Michael Smith, who submitted his letter of resignation to Rome three years ago. Speaking following the announcement of his new position, Canon Deenihan admitted to suffering many sleepless nights since he was informed of the pope's decision.

"There is an acute sense of being unworthy for the task, the enormity of the task and a deficit too in local knowledge - be it geography or personality," he said.

"I always had the view that the Diocese of Meath has a unified and a talented clergy and younger too than many other dioceses. That must be a blessing.

Canon Deenihan thanked Dr. Smith for his welcome, advice and leadership in the diocese. "Even for those of us outside the diocese, there was a sense about him of a father figure and a bishop who was close to his priests. I hope the same will and can be said of me when my time comes."

We look forward to having Bishop Deenihan in our parish and we wish him well in his role as shepherd of the Diocese of Meath.



Bishop Michael Smith was born on 6th June, 1940. He was ordained a priest in the Papal Archbasilica of St. John Latiran on 9th March, 1963. He celebrated his first Mass on 10th March, 1963 in the Clementine Chapel, located under the Altar at the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter.

He was born in Oldcastle, Co. Meath. Having studied for the priesthood at the Irish College in Rome, he was ordained a priest for the diocese on 9th March, 1963. Continuing his studies in Rome he earned a doctorate in canon law. He attended at 168 days of the Second Vatican Council.

Returning from Rome he served in the Cathedral Parish of Mullingar, as chaplain to St. Loman's Hospital and as secretary to the Bishop. He was appointed auxiliary bishop of the diocese on 17th November, 1983 and was consecrated on 29th January 1984. On the 13th October, 1988 he was appointed coadjutor bishop with the right of succession. On 16th May, 1990 he succeeded Bishop John McCormack..

For much of this time as Bishop of Meath he served as secretary to the Irish Bishop's Conference and was actively involved in Church matters. He was always well respected both by the people of his diocese and those in public life. Bishop Smith will retire as Bishop of Meath on 2nd September 2018. We thank Bishop Michael for his years of priestly service and his leadership in our diocese and we pray that God will grant him health and happiness in his retirement..

Ordination - New Bishop of Meath -

Parishioners are asked to keep **Bishop-elect Tom Deenihan** in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination as Bishop of Meath today.

An Appreciation night for Fr. Joe will be held in the City North Hotel on Thursday 8th November. Tickets costing €25.00 available shortly 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.

Our Parish Community

September 2018:

Mon. 3rd Sept. 8.30pm
Tues. 11th Sept. 8.30pm

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society **Teach Mhuire**
Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A Centre**



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

Parish Outreach

Back to School

We welcome back the pupils of our parish schools after their summer holidays and we especially wish well children beginning school for the first time. To our teachers, staff, parents, children and Board of Management, we pray that the Holy Spirit may inspire and guide you through the coming academic year. This is an exciting time, especially for the pupils in Junior Infants and the students in First Year.

Drogheda Floral Art: The next meeting of Drogheda & District Floral Art Group will take place on Tuesday the 11th of September at 8pm, in the Holy Family Community Centre, Ballsgrove.

Alzheimer Memory Café: takes place on 11th September from 6pm to 8pm in Relish Café, Laurence Street. Our guest speaker is Dr. Atiqa Rafiq, Consultant, Mental Health Services for Older People, Louth. Family Support Group meeting will commence on Wednesday 5th Sept. at 8pm in the Stables, Batchelor's Lane.

Coffee Morning: in Lila Young's house in Bellewstown on 5th September from 11am - 1pm and all proceeds will go direct to aid the suffering children of Aleppo.

Prayer and Pilgrimage

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Led by Bishop Michael Smith. 12 -17 September. Pilgrim fare is €749 including return flights and 5 nights full board. All bookings through Pilgrimages Abroad, 164 Lower Baggot St., Dublin 2 at (01) 6359300. Please contact Lily Brangan in relation to enquiries for Hospital. Pilgrim section at (087) 6978783.

Padre Pio Pilgrimage: 50th Anniversary of the death of St. Pio and 100th anniversary of the stigmata. 17th-24th of September. €955 per person sharing. For further details contact group organiser Annemarie Byrne on 086.0892788. The Spiritual director is Fr. Phil Gaffney.

Renewing Prayer and Life in Ireland:

Invitation to join in praying the rosary for Faith and Life in Ireland. Beginning on 15th August (Feast of the Assumption of our Lady) and continuing until 7th October (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary).

Legion of Maria Drogheda Curia: The Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 30th September 2018. Bus costs €15. Times of buses: 6.45am Bottom of Mary Street, 6.50am Bottom of Cherrymount Estate, 6.55am Thatch Pub, Donore Road. Contact: June on 041.9831235.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 2nd September, 2018

Sun 2nd Sept.	9.00am	Special Intention; Mass of Thanksgiving
	10.30am	Rose Woods <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Patrick & Maura Nulty, Desmond & Catherine Kelly
	12.00noon	Phyllis Lowth <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Mary Dolly Thornton; John Mc Cormack; Johnny Sheeran; Michael Tuite; Thomas & Mary Alice Cooney & deceased family members, Aloysius & Mona Farrell & their son Aly; Phil Gradwell
	7.00pm	Marie Leddy <i>Month's Memory</i>
Monday	8.00am	
Tuesday	8.00am	
Wednesday	8.00am	
Thursday	8.00am	Special Intention
Friday 7th	8.00am	First Friday - Mass Intentions for all those on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10.00am	Paula Judge & David Tracey; Kenny Doyle & deceased family members
Sun 9th Sept.	9.00am	Paddy Maxwell <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Vera, Harold & Conor Tonge; Mass of Thanksgiving
	10.30am	Madge Collins <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Maureen & Oliver Halpin
	12.00noon	
	7.00pm	

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



Damien Cogan, Highlands, Drogheda

May he rest in peace.

Supporting Our Parish:

26th August 2018

Offertory: €1,020.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €782.00

Many thanks for your support.

