

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 3rd February 2019  
4th 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.

**Marriages** are facilitated by the Parish Centre 9834587.



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Sunday we saw Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and announce that this Scripture was now been fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus is well received by the people of Nazareth where he grew up, and yet they seem surprised.

They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know.

This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be.

This incident appears at the beginning of Jesus' ministry; Luke identifies the content of Jesus' teaching in detail, telling us that Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue.

The people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them.

Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors.

This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time.

The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.

## Feast of St Blaise ~ This Sunday 3rd February

People will have the opportunity to have their throats blessed today 3rd February after all Masses 9:00am; 10:30am; 12noon & 7:00pm.

### Dates for your diary

#### Confirmation

St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Saturday 30th March 2019 at 11:00am**  
Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa: **Saturday 6th April, 2019 at 11:00am**

#### First Confessions

St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Tuesday 26th February at 7:00pm**, Ms Walsh, Ms Kerr & Mr Kelly  
St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Wednesday 27th February at 7:00pm**, Mr Dunphy & Ms Califf  
Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa: **Thursday 28th February at 7:00pm**

#### First Holy Communion

St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Saturday 11th May at 11:00am**, Ms Walsh, Ms Kerr & Mr Kelly  
**Saturday 18th May at 11:00am**, Mr Dunphy & Ms Califf  
Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa: **Saturday 18th May at 1:00pm**

## Our Parish Community

### February 2019

Mon 4th Feb 8.00pm St. Joseph's Young Priests Society  
Tues 12th Feb 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A**  
Wed 13th Feb 8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration  
Thurs 21st Feb 7.30pm St. Pio Mass & Devotions

**Teach Mhuire**  
**Centre**  
**Church**  
**Church**



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

### St Mary's Roof Restoration Fundraiser 2019:

Would you like to walk the last stage of the Camino from Sarria to Santiago. It is 120 kilometres full of history and heritage. We are looking for volunteers who will raise €1500. Flight, food, hotel accommodation and transfers will cost approximately €900 leaving €600 for the Roof Fund. Travel dates are 9th-16th September 2019. Please contact: Joe T: 085-2566305 or Michael T: 087-7072955.

### Laytown-Bettystown Golf Classic - Friday 3rd May ~

**St Mary's Roof Restoration Fund:** Second Phase Fundraiser. To secure your Tee-Time for our golf classic, please contact: Joe Harlin: T: 085-2566305. Team of 4 €300. T-Box sponsorship €100. Last year's classic was great fun. This year's classic will be bigger and better!

**Alzheimer's Family Support Meeting:** will take place on Wednesday 6th Feb. in the Stables, Batchelor's Lane at 8.00pm. Please use the bell on the wall and we will admit you. The Memory Café is back on Tuesday 12th Feb. in Relish Café, Laurence St. at 6.00pm.

## Upcoming Pilgrimages for 2019

**St Mary's Pastoral Centre:** A documentary on Sister Claire Crocket will be presented on Saturday 9th February from 5pm -7pm. Organised by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal.

**Retreat for Couples:** Is all of your time taken up by work and a million activities? Why not take some time out for you to talk, pray and spend time together, find direction in your marriage, share with other couples.... and your children will be cared for in their own space – but in close proximity. If so, this is the retreat for you – Esker Retreat Centre, Galway, 21st to 27th July 2018 – contact Cana Ireland: T: 086 8386725, E: info@canaireland.org **Web:** [www.canaireland.org](http://www.canaireland.org)



## Supporting Our Parish:

27th January 2019

Offertory: €1,692.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,150.00

*Many thanks for your support.*

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 3rd February 2019

<b>Sunday 3rd Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intention; Special Intention	
	<b>10:30am</b>	Basil O'Reilly <i>Months's Memory</i> ; Thomas Lowth; John & Mary Murray & John Murray Junior and deceased members of the Murray & Stafford families; Kitty Campbell, Paddy & Kay Murray and Mary Murray; Deceased members of the Kiernan family	
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Special Intention; Funeral Mass Lillah Mathews	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Joan McNeece	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	May & Thomas Farrelly	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Dolores, Bernard & Margaret Gartland	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>		<b>Friday</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Frankie Beirne	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Martina Fitzpatrick	
	<b>10:30am</b>	Willie Murray; Tony Wade	
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Mary Reilly & Thomas Reilly	
	<b>7:00pm</b>		

## A prayer for those who have died...



**Rose Hoey (née Taaffe)** Portarlinton & Dromin  
**May Kelly (née Mohan)**, Smithstown and formerly of Marsh Road  
**Miriam Callan, Donacarne; Peter Smith**, Ballsgrove  
**Dessie Tiernan**, Donacarne & formerly Marian Park  
**Carmel Clinton** Woodgrange, Drogheda  
**Ken Donagh**, Greenview Cottages  
**Rose Heffernan neé McGlenn**, Kilcormac (former housekeeper in St. Mary's Presbytery)  
**Elizabeth (Lillah) Mathews (née Sheridan)**, Dublin Road  
**Val McCahey**, Maynooth & Wheaton Hall  
**Mary Durnin (née Carroll)**, Marian Park & formerly Platin Road.

*May they all rest in peace.*