

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 3rd March 2019
8th 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.



Our Parish Community

March 2019

Mon 4th March 8.00pm St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
Tues 12th March 8.30pm Baptism Meeting **Team A**
Wed 13th March 8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Teach Mhuire
Centre
Church



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

Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Church:

Anyone interested in giving one hour each week in prayer are invited to contact the Parish Office or call 0863658358. The following hours are **vacant** at the moment:
Tuesday 10.am. Thursday 2.00pm & 3.00pm. Sat 11.00am 1.00pm & 6.00pm.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

St. Oliver's National School, Ballymakenny Rd. on Thursday 7th March from 5.00pm to 8.30pm, Sunday 10th March from 11.30am to 3.00pm & Monday 11th March from 5.00pm to 8.30pm

St. Mary's Primary School, Crossroute, Bryanstown, on Tuesday 12th March, Wednesday 13th March & Thursday 14th March from 5.00pm to 8.30pm

It is important that we all remember that **many patients in hospitals need our blood** and this need never ceases.

Pancake Tuesday 5th March

The D Hotel sponsors of The Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre **10.00am to 12.00noon. €5.00 per person**
Plenty of delicious pancakes with tea or coffee.

Altar Servers Rotas were emailed this week.

PARISH WEBCAM SERVICE

Many parishioners, nursing home residents and relations living throughout the country and abroad appreciate the online broadcasts of daily and weekend Masses from **St Mary's Parish** via **www.stmarysdrogheda.ie**. Younger parishioners are encouraged to help set up the website details on "smartphones" and iPads of their housebound/ elderly relatives and neighbours.



The Youth Group: will be having a bake sale in the Pastoral Centre today **Sunday 3rd March** after all morning Masses to raise funds for those attending Camp Veritas this summer. Anyone interested in learning more about Camp Veritas are invited to an information session that will take place on **3rd March at 1:30 in the Pastoral Centre.**

Holy Family Youth Choir:

Cotton Patch Gospel: A Musical telling the Story of Jesus will be performed by a Youth Theatre coming from Texas in a joint venture with Holy Family Youth. The Musical was written by Harry Chapin (Of Cats in the Cradle Fame). **Venue Holy Family Church. Thursday 14th March at 8.00pm**

Wednesday ... Lent begins

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 6th March
Masses **7.45am & 7.30pm**

It is a day of fast & abstinence.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. If you wish to bring ashes home kindly collect the ashes after Mass.

Mass Times for Lent 7.45am & 7.30pm Mon-Fri

What can I do this Lent?

- Weekday Mass** in St. Mary's at 7.45am or 7.30pm
Set aside some time each day for **prayer as a family**

Eucharistic Adoration – spend time in the Adoration chapel

Stations of the Cross – reflect on Jesus' final journey. The Stations of the Cross will be led by members of Our Mission Team on **each Friday during Lent at 3.00pm**

Make a good **confession**

Reach out to those **who are in need** /give to the **poor**

- **Volunteer** to help out in your church, get involved in our **Parish Mission, Fundraising or any parish ministry**

Céilí... Serving the New Evangelisation

Catholic Community

Parish Mission led by the Céilí Community.

The Mission Team will arrive on **Saturday 12th Oct and the Mission will conclude on Sunday 27th October.**

The Mission Team will be based in the Parish Pastoral centre for the duration of the Mission.

The Pastoral Centre will not be available to any other groups for these two weeks.

The Mission Team will visit all the homes in the Parish as well as working in our schools and with our young people. They will also visit the Nursing homes and the elderly in the parish. We will need **a lot of volunteers** to help with our planning as well as helping out during those two weeks.

Anyone who would like to get involved please leave your name in the Parish Office or contact Fr Phil.

More details to follow in the next few weeks.

Lent 2019

Once more we are preparing to welcome back the season of Lent into our lives. Every Lent offers us a precious opportunity to deepen and increase our faith. Lent is our annual retreat when we are each called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. On this day we begin our Lenten journey to Easter. It is one of two fast days in the church year. On Ash Wednesday the priest blesses the ashes. These ashes are made from the palms which were blessed on Palm Sunday last year.

Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation but many people attend church on this day to be marked with the sign of the cross. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance; penitents wore 'sackcloth and ashes' to show that they were in need of forgiveness.

Ashes also remind us that our life on earth will come to an end and that our eternal life with God will then begin. Our life with God begins with baptism and so the beginning of our Lenten journey is inextricably linked to our baptismal journey.

The sign of the cross is made as the ashes are put on our foreheads. The signing with ashes reminds us of our dying to the old way of life in baptism and challenges us to live our lives in the light of faith.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 3rd March 2019

Sunday 3rd	9:00am	John Woods; Eddie Veale
	10:30pm	Thomas Curran; Betty Johnston; Christopher Aspell; Geoff O'Donoghue
	12:00noon	Betty & Martin Branigan; John (Con) Cassidy <i>First Anniversary</i>
Monday	7:00pm	Mary Durnin <i>Month's Memory</i>
	8:00am	
Tuesday	8:00am	Mary Patricia Conroy
	7:45am	Holy Souls 7.30pm
Wednesday 6th	7:45am	7.30pm
Thursday	7:45am	7.30pm
Friday	7:45am	
Saturday	10:00am	Anthony Tony Reay; John, Sadie & Eileen O'Brien & deceased members of Corrigan family
Sunday 10th	9:00am	Jimmy Nulty, Myra O'Brien & Mary Doran
	10:30pm	Jimmy Nulty <i>Month's Memory</i> ; William Barron <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Raymond Cooney
	12:00noon	Elizabeth (Lilah) Mathews <i>Month's Memory</i> , her deceased husband Sean & John Fennell
		Danny & Kitty O'Donnell; Patrick (Paddy) Mohan
	7:00pm	Ken Donagh <i>Month's Memory</i>

A prayer for those who have died...



Very Rev. Eamon Butler Mullingar. Retired PP
Drumconrath. Meath
Owen Martin, Matson Lodge and formerly of
Ballykelly
Cillian Marley, Clogherhead & late of Marian Park
Eamon Clarke, Kells & Oldcastle
Sarah Keegan, Ballsgrove

May they all rest in peace.

Supporting Our Parish:

24th February 2019

Offertory: €1,405.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,117.00



Many thanks for your support.