St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 3rd November, 2019
Thirty First 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.

Remembering our Faithful Departed

The Church always prays on behalf of the Dead. It is an act of charity to the faithful departed from those who still have the gift of life. When we remember someone's name they are still very much alive to us. To remember them is to keep them alive…. The month of November gives us a unique opportunity to offer their names to God.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. We remember and pray for all our loved ones who have gone to their eternal reward. As we place our candle at the altar for our loved ones, we are letting them go off into what death really is - our finding our way to the arms of God.

Words of Pope Francis - *"Hope is not looking at a half full glass, which is simply optimism, which is a human attitude that depends on many things. Hope is a gift of Jesus, of His very self, His very name is hope. It is Christ in you, the hope for glory".*

Bereavement Masses:

The Masses today are offered to remember all your loved ones. If you were bereaved during the past year, you are invited to take a candle as you enter the Church to place before the altar.

List of the Dead:
Envelopes are available in your box of Parish Envelopes and are also available at the back of the Church. Please send in your new List of the Dead so that they will be remembered in all the first Friday Masses during the year.

Calvary Devotions:
Devotions today at 3.00pm in Calvary Cemetery. Daily Rosary will be recited each day during November at 3.00pm. Everyone welcome.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 3rd November 2019

Sunday 3rd Nov		**Rememberance Sunday at All Masses**
	9:00am	May & P.J. Costello & David Floyd; Special Intention
	10:30am	Peggy Murphy; Catherine Matthews; John & Mary Murray & John Murray Jnr. & deceased members of the Murray & Stafford family
	12:00noon	Nano Keegan; Eileen Moore**;** John Gray
	7:00pm	Special Intention; Ellen Clarken (née Matthews)
Monday	**8:00am**	Bill Hickey, family and friends
Tuesday	**8:00am**	Holy Souls
Wednesday	**8:0am**	Special Intention; Margaret Tiernan
Thursday	**8:00am**	
Friday	**8:00am**	Special Intention
Saturday	**10:00am**	Michael Joe Stafford *First Anniversary*; Deceased members of the Lowth family, Cassidy family, Collins family and Penders family; Cepta & Christy Clarke, Marie Clarke, Joan Martin-Clarke & Gene & Barbara Clarke; Philip Kirwan; Hughie & Pauline Reilly; Pat Beakey
Sunday 10th Nov	**9:00am**	Paddy Clarke *First Anniversary*; Special Intention; Paddy & Veronica Smith
	10:30am	Brendan Hand *First Anniversary*; Aidan & Marion MacKenna; Margaret Tiernan & Lily Tiernan**;** Monica Kermath & deceased members of the Kermath family
	12:00noon	Teresa Healy *First Anniversary*; James Matthews; Jim Clarke; Paddy Farrell
	7:00pm	

Our Parish Community

Nov 2019

Sun	3rd Nov	3:00pm	Calvary Devotions	***Calvary Cemetery***
Mon	4th Nov	8.00pm	St. Joseph's Young Priests Society	***Teach Mhuire***
Mon	11th Nov	8:00pm	P.T.A.A.	***Teach Mhuire***
Tues	12th Nov.	8:30pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting ***Team A***	***Parish Centre***
Wed	13th Nov.	8:00pm	Holy Hour of Adoration	***Church***
Thurs	21st Nov.	7:30pm	St. Pio Mass & Devotions	***Church***

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

Confirmation Preparation Mass:

Next Sunday **10th November** is the first preparation Mass for the children preparing for their Confirmation in May. We will welcome the parents along with their children to the enrolment ceremony at the 10:30am and 12:00 noon Masses.

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the Mission there are envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Would you like to work with women and children? Drogheda Woman & Children's Refuge are now recruiting Support Worker Staff on CE for 20 hours per week. Please contact Carmel for further details at 041.9847316

Vocations to the priesthood

"When the Son of Man returns will he find any faith on earth?" Jesus asks this very striking question. He has entrusted the faith to the Church; and all the baptised have the responsibility of proclaiming the Good News. With love he chooses some brothers to follow him a particular way as priests. By the grace of the Sacrament of Holy Orders they bring the Lord, by Word and Sacrament, to a world that often does not know Christ, but needs Christ. If you have considered your life in service of God and his people as a priest in the Diocese of Meath contact Fr Shane Crombie in Navan frshane@gmail.com or
Fr Joe Campbell in Mullingar frjoecampbell@gmail.com
for confidential and non-committed information

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

The opportunity to give blood will arise at

St. Oliver's National School, Ballymakenny Rd., Drogheda

on **Wednesday 6th Nov. & Thursday 7th Nov. from 5.00pm - 8.30pm.**

St. Mary's Primary School, Crossroute, Bryanstown, Drogheda
on **Monday 11th,Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th November from 5.00pm - 8.30pm**

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

Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting:

Will be held next Wednesday 6th November in the Stables, Bachelors Lane. We are changing our time to 7pm - 8pm to try to accommodate families and we hope this will prove to be a better time to suit everybody.
The Memory Café is on held on Tuesday 12th November in Relish Café, Laurence Street from 6pm - 8pm. The speaker this month is Dr. Patricia Mc Parland, Independent Dementia Advisor.

Drogheda & District Floral Art Group: would like to invite you to our Annual Christmas Gala Night in aid of S.O.S.A.D. ' Christmas Traditions and Festivities' a wonderful festive floral demonstration by the very talented & entertaining Diane Gallagher. Tuesday 12th November, at 8pm sharp, in the Barbican Theatre, Drogheda. Tickets are €15 and include entrance & raffle on the night.

A prayer for those who died...

Joan Bruton (née Regan) , Weirhope

May she rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

27th October 2019

Offertory: €1,397.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €960.00

Many thanks for your support