

St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 4th November 2018
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Phil Gaffney PP
Fr Fergal Cummins CC
St Mary's Presbytery
Dublin Road.
☎ 9834958 Fax: 9845144

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.

St Mary's Parish
Centre/Office
24 James Street
☎ 9834587 ☎ 9838347
www.stmarysdrogheda.ie
stmarysdrogheda@gmail.com

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 041-9834587.



Our Parish Community

November 2018:

Tues 13th Nov. 8.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A**
Wed 14th Nov. 8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration
Thurs 15th Nov. 7.30pm St Pio Mass & Devotions

Parish Centre
Church
Church



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

Parish Outreach

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

St Mary's Parish Primary School, Bryanstown
Sunday 4th Nov. from 11.30am - 3.00pm.
& St Oliver's N.S., Ballymakenny Rd., Drogheda
on Mon. 5th & Tues. 6th Nov. 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.

Fr Joe's Evening of Appreciation - 8th November:

Tickets to Fr Joe's Evening of Appreciation will be on sale after all Masses on Sunday 4th November cost €25.

On Thursday 8th November, complimentary buses will leave at 7pm from the bottom of Mary's Street. The meal starts at 7:30pm followed by brief presentations and lively entertainment.

Tickets cost €25.00 and are available from the Parish Office and McCabe's Shop. Music by Phil & Mill. Anyone unable to attend but wishing to make a contribution may do so at the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

Anyone wishing to avail of the free bus to the City North please contact the parish office.

Prayer and Pilgrimage

Knights of Columbanus, Drogheda:

At the annual general meeting of the Knights of St Columbanus held in Armagh on Saturday the 13th October, the council in Drogheda was selected as council of the year. This award is made to the council who in the opinion of the Supreme Executive have made a huge contribution in their area. This is the third occasion, the council in Drogheda has been recognised. Our council in Drogheda are involved in several projects that help to develop lay apostolate. They bring the relics of St Oliver Plunkett to over 20,000 people, by visiting local parishes, hospitals, nursing homes etc. They are also involved in St. Oliver's Procession, St Oliver's Camino Walk, the Way of the Cross and the May Day Procession. They raise money through church gate collection which is then distributed to local charities. They also supply Medi Alarms to the elderly. Many of their members are also involved with their parishes.

List of the dead envelopes are available in your box of Parish Envelopes and also at the back of the Church.



Bereavement Sunday

The Masses this Sunday on 4th November are offered to remember all your loved ones. If you were bereaved during the past year, you are invited to take a candle at the beginning of Mass to place before the altar.

Calvary Cemetery

A liturgy of prayer and blessing in Calvary Cemetery will take place at **3:00pm today**. A **Daily Rosary** will be recited each day during November at 3.00pm in the Cemetery.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." - John 14:3

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.

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.

The Masses today on Remembrance Sunday, and on each First Friday of the year are offered for those on our new Parish List of the Dead



Parish & School Mission in St Mary's Parish 4th May to 19th May 2019

A Parish Mission for our schools and parish is booked for May 2019. The Mission will be led by Fr Pat McHugh and the Céili Catholic Community who are based in Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath. The Mission will begin with some of the priests introducing the Mission and preaching at the Masses on Sunday 5th May.

Week One 5th - 11th May 2019

Door to door visitation to connect with our parishioners. A mission team will be here to visit homes; another team will focus on our parish schools both Primary and Secondary and will involve the pupils in the weekend liturgies. We will need families to provide accommodation for the Mission Team. We will also provide meals for them.

Week Two - Preached Mission 12-19th May 2019

The Mission team will preach at the Masses morning and evening with a daily Holy Hour with Adoration. Other ministries will be provided each afternoon.

Preparation for our Parish Mission will begin six months in advance with the Mission Team visiting our parish to outline their programme for us. More details to follow.

We should use this as an opportunity to strengthen our own faith and to encourage those who have lapsed to return to the fold. We will be in touch in due course to get as many parishioners as possible involved in this programme.

We welcome the boys and girls preparing for their First Holy Communion to the 10.30am & 12 noon Masses next Sunday 11th November.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 4th November, 2018

Sunday 4th Nov	9.00am	Liam Keegan; Marion Foran
	10.30am	Hughie Reilly First Anniversary; Special Intention; Peggy Murphy; Catherine Matthews; John & Mary Murray, John Murray Jr & deceased members of the Murray & Stafford families; Patrick & Vera Geoghegan
	12.00noon	Eileen Moore; John Gray
	7.00pm	
Monday	8.00am	Mary Conroy
Tuesday	8.00am	Mary Patricia Conroy; Anthony & Eileen Roche
Wednesday	8.00am	
Friday	8.00am	
Saturday	10.00am	Jenny Smith & deceased members of the Dyas & Smith families; Jack & Josephine Lowth, Jack, Nora & Josephine Lowth, William Collins, Joan & Con Cassidy, Kevin & Catherine Penders; Philip Kirwan; Christy & Cepta Clarke, Gene & Barbara Clarke, Marie Clarke & Joan Martin Clarke; Frank Smith; Christy Faulkner, daughter Briedge Faulkner Tuite & Molly Mc Cormack
Sunday 11th	9.00am	
	10.30am	Aidan & Marian Mac Kenna; Monica Kermath & deceased members of the Kermath family; Margaret Tiernan
	12.00noon	James Clarke First Anniversary; Molly McCormack; Paddy Farrell; Gerry Traynor
	7.00pm	John (Bunny) Clinton Month's Memory



A prayer for those who have died...

Ignatius Martin, Templeogue
Rosemary Ludlow (nee Crinion), Ard Ri and late of Bellewstown.

May they rest in peace



Supporting Our Parish:

28th October 2018

Offertory: €1.414.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1.025.00

Mission Sunday: €2.450.00

Many thanks for your support.

Dates for your Diary:

4th November Remembrance Sunday
8th November Fr Joe's Congratulations & Farewell Function
11th November First Holy Communion Preparation Mass
25th November Confirmation Preparation Mass