

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 5th January, 2020  
Second Sunday of Christmas

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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.



## Feast of the Epiphany Monday 6th Jan

### The Gifts of the Magi...



**Gold** - the gift for a king. Gold, the king of metals is the fitting gift for a king of men. Jesus was 'the Man born to be king'. He was to rule, not by force, but by love; not from a throne but from a cross.

**Frankincense** - the gift for a priest. In the Temple worship, and at the Temple sacrifices the sweet perfume of burning incense was used. The priest is a man who, in offering sacrifice, builds a bridge between man and God. This is what Jesus did: by the sacrifice of himself on the Cross; he bridged the gap that sin had made between man and God

**Myrrh** - the gift for one who is to die. Myrrh was used to embalm the bodies of the dead. Jesus came into the world to live for man and in the end He died for man.

**Mass Times for Feast of the Epiphany**  
**Holyday of Obligation**  
**8.00am & 7.30pm**

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 5th January 2020

<b>Sunday 5th Jan</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Deceased members of the Fleming family
	<b>10:30am</b>	Mary Bowden <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Peter Kierans <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Helen Harbison First Anniversary, her grandparents James & Sarah Harbison & Cathal & Helen O'Ceallaigh & Fr. Jim Harbison, Margaret Gallagher;
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Liam Hickey <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Gary Loftus <i>Month's Memory</i> ; James (Jimmy) Kennedy; Yvonne & Evelyn Scanlon; Bridget Doswell, Rachel McElhatton; Maureen Kelly; May & John Connor, Maurice O'Connor
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Joe Leonard <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Patrick Morrissey, Kathleen & Bernard Mc Avinia & deceased family members
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Feast of the Epiphany Holyday Masses 8.00am, 7.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Rose Malocca
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Mary Kirwan; Vera & Hughie Carroll, Annie & Stephen Ayres: Frank Byrne
<b>Sunday 12th Jan</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Eamonn McDonagh & deceased family members; Deirdre & Richard O'Brien & deceased family members; Jim, Jennell & Paul Byrne
	<b>10:30am</b>	Margaret Crinion <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Matthew Flaming & Fr. Pat Fleming & deceased members of the Connolly & Sexton family; Bernie Gregory; Cormac Rowley; William Connor; Maureen & Oliver Halpin
	<b>12:00noon</b>	John Holly <i>First Anniversary</i>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	

## Our Parish Community

### Jan 2020

**Tues 14th Jan 8:30pm** Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A Centre**  
**Thurs 16th Jan 8:30pm** St Pio Mass & Devotions **Church**  
**Tues 28th Jan 8:30pm** Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team C Centre**

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Meeting resumes on First Monday in February  
Holy Hour of Adoration will resume on 11th March

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



## St Mary's Parish Primary School Notice of Junior Infant Enrolment for September 2020

Applications for junior infant places for September 2020 are now being accepted. The allocation of places will begin on Friday 17th January 2020 at 12 noon. Forms and enrolment policy are available on our website [www.smpss.ie](http://www.smpss.ie) or from the school office (041-9845374).

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday 12th January



In the past twelve months 92 babies have been baptised here in St. Mary's. Next Sunday January 12th we invite all parents who have had their babies baptised in 2019 to bring them to the **10:30 or 12 noon** Masses on the **Feast of the**

**Baptism of the Lord** - where they will receive a special blessing.

Baptism takes place on the first Saturday, the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1.00 pm.

To register your child for baptism contact the parish centre ☎ 9834587. We thank the Parish Baptismal Team for their ongoing assistance throughout the past year.

Parents are strongly encouraged to actively participate in the Parish Pre-Baptismal Programme **which runs on certain Tuesdays in the Parish Centre.**

### Young Adults! (18-40)

A day of reflection takes place at Dalgan Park, Navan on Sat. 11th Jan. (9.45 - 5pm)

'Behold I stand at the door and knock' Rev. 3:20

The Lord has many exciting graces for each person!

Cost is just a donation! Lunch is provided.

Sr Una: [youthretreats@gmail.com](mailto:youthretreats@gmail.com)

### Adoration Chapel:

We require Adorers for the following days Tuesday and Saturday at 4pm. and Thursday at 5pm. Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086. 365 8358.

### A Gift of Love for Married Couples

A **Marriage Enrichment Weekend** offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) Weekend (Fri 8pm to Sun 4:30pm) will be held in Dromantine, Newry from 31<sup>st</sup> January- 2<sup>nd</sup> February For information and to book, visit our new website [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

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



**Margaret Morgan (née McDonnell)**, Ard, Ri & Skerries  
**Jackie Curran**, Ballsgrove  
**Christy Caffrey**, Priest Lane  
**Mary Clarke (née Kenny)**, Five Oaks Village & Duleek.

May they rest in peace

### Supporting Our Parish:



22nd Dec. 2019  
**Offertory:** €1,895.00  
**Parish Dev. Fund:** €1,605.00  
25th Dec. 2019  
**Offertory:** €4,829.00  
29th Dec. 2019  
**Offertory:** €1,347.00  
**Parish Dev. Fund** €1,045.00

Many thanks for your support