

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 6th October, 2019
Twenty Seventh 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.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for Life

The Scourge of Domestic Abuse – theme for the 2019 'Day for Life' pastoral letter

'Day for Life' is celebrated each year across the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England & Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This **Sunday, 6 October**, we mark 'Day for Life' in parishes throughout Ireland.

This year's message addresses the Church's response to the scourge of domestic abuse. One in four women and about one in six men suffer from domestic abuse in their lifetime. Such violence is an offence against the dignity of the human person.

A report published last week by Women's Aid, *Unheard and Uncounted: Women, Domestic Abuse and the Irish Criminal Justice System*, contains findings of a year-long media watch of domestic violence cases between May 2018 and April 2019.

It found that the court process was prolonged and stressful and noted a lack of support for victims throughout criminal trials. Pope Francis highlighted domestic abuse in his 2016 Papal Encyclical, *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love, On Love in the Family)*:

"Unacceptable customs still need to be eliminated. I think particularly of the shameful ill-treatment to which women are sometimes subjected, domestic violence and various forms of enslavement which, rather than a show of masculine power, are craven acts of cowardice. The verbal, physical and sexual violence that women endure in some marriages contradicts the very nature of the conjugal union" [n. 54].

These words are a call to action in our parishes, schools and Catholic communities so as to reflect, learn and act together to help those suffering from domestic abuse. Knowing what to look for, and spotting the signs, can make a real difference to people's lives. To find out more about what can be done please see www.dayforlife.org or www.catholicbishops.ie.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 6th October 2019

Sunday 6th Oct	9:00am	Special Intention; Pat Durkan
	10:30am	Christopher Matthews; Denis Mc Carthy
	12:00noon	Aly Farrell; Katie Long; Robert Carter
	7:00pm	Robert Brady; David Mc Donagh, Francis & Veronica Somerville
Monday	8:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Tom Reilly
Wednesday	8:00am	Caroline & Geraldine Mathews
Thursday	8:00am	Holy Souls
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday	10:00am	Philip Greene; Oliver Nugent; Deceased members of the Rooney family
Sunday 13th Oct	9:00am	Special Intention
	10:30am	Louis O' Hare <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Deirdre Cronin; Mark Varley & deceased members of the Varley family; Fr. Alphonsus Mc Kenna
	12:00noon	Sheila & Kevin Monaghan; Kevin Mc Grath
	7:00pm	William, Patricia, Paddy & Michael Clarke

Our Parish Community

Oct 2019

Mon 7th Oct 8:00pm
Tues 8th Oct 8:30pm
Thurs 17th Oct 7.30pm

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society *Teach Mhuire*
Baptism Preparation Meeting *Team A* **Centre Church**
St. Pio Mass & Devotion



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

St Mary's Parish - Confirmation Programme 2019/20

Confirmation Meeting for parents in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 8th October @ 7:00pm

Parishioners from St Mary's Parish attending schools outside the parish are welcome to join us here for the Preparation Masses

Legion of Mary: invite you to join them in a candlelit rosary procession after 7pm Mass on this Sunday 6th October to celebrate the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary

St. Mary's Church Cleaning: We would appreciate if you could join us on Thursday next 10th October from 9:00am - 10:30am.

Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman (1801 – 1890)

On **Sunday 13th October** Blessed John Henry Newman will be declared a saint by Pope Francis.

Blessed John Henry Newman is best known in Ireland as the founder of the first Catholic university in Ireland. He served as the university's first rector in 1858.

In his 1993 Encyclical Letter, *Veritatis Splendor (The Splendour of Truth)*, Pope Saint John Paul II, explaining the relationship between conscience, individual freedom and the duty to adhere to objective truth, quoted Cardinal Newman and describes him as 'an outstanding defender of the rights of conscience'.

On 19 September 2010, during his papal visit to Britain, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI beatified Cardinal Newman in Birmingham, saying during the Mass of Beatification that he was 'a man of gentle scholarship, deep wisdom and profound love for the Lord.'

Parish Mission

Saturday 12th – Sunday 27th October 2019

Next Saturday 12th October the Céilí Mission Visitation Team will arrive in our parish. **House Visitation** will commence on Monday 14th October, callers will be wearing a Céilí Hi-Viz jacket. On **Saturday 19th October** a Mission Mass with the **Anointing of the Sick** will take place for both Parishes in Holy Family Church at **3:00pm**. All are welcome especially those with disabilities (volunteer support services will be in attendance).

Our Mission Prayer

God our Father, we ask you to bless our Parish Mission.
You invite us to come to you with all our hearts.
Pour out your Spirit upon us.
May we experience the healing power of Jesus.
May we be renewed in faith, hope and love.
May the peace of the Holy Spirit light up our lives.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord,

Amen

Bakers Needed for

Parish Mission 12th - 27th Oct:



If you would like to help us please contact 087 623 5182 or the Parish Office 041 9835487 and leave your name and contact details. Thank You.

Accommodation

We urgently require accommodation for 5 people from 12th - 19th October, if you can accommodate one person for this week please contact the Parish Office on 041 9835487.



A prayer for those who died...

Frances Mc Neill, Dublin Road
Betty O'Keeffe (née Matthews), St. Mark's Terrace
Robert (Bobby) Harris formerly of St. Mary's Villas
Rita Murphy (née O'Beirne), Bryanstown

May they rest in peace



Supporting Our Parish:

29th September 2019

Offertory: €1,190.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,205.00

Many thanks for your support