

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 8th August, 2021  
19th 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



The Bishop's office announced that Confirmation will be held on Monday 23rd August: 10.00 am; 12.00 noon; 2.00 pm; 4.00 pm. & 6:00 pm.

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Uphill struggle

Have you ever felt like giving up? Elijah certainly did. In today's first reading we meet a prophet who has had enough. He is fleeing from trouble and things seem so hopeless after a day's journey that he sits under a bush and begs God to take his life. Life has a way of getting on top of us, such as when we are grieving a loss, when we are hurt by a friend, when illness strikes, or when we are simply exhausted. We experience the feelings described in the famous anonymous poem Don't Quit: 'When things go wrong as they sometimes will/ When the road you're trudging seems all uphill...'

At these times of struggle it is helpful to pause and to refuel for the journey. Elijah was visited by an angel who offered him comfort and respite, giving him the strength he needed to carry on. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again say he is the living bread. Some people have been complaining about his teaching. Surely this is the son of Joseph, they say, demonstrating their lack of understanding of who Jesus really is. Again, he explains that he is the bread of life - more than physical food, more than an ordinary man, he is the living bread and he is God. In all our struggles, especially when we feel like giving up, Jesus offers us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us especially in the Eucharist, offering comfort and strength.

'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium)

### First Friday Calls

If you, a family member or a neighbour are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home (on the First Friday), please contact the Parish Office on 041.9834587 in order to arrange a visit from one of the priests.



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



**Katheen Murphy (née Lynch), Ballsgrove**  
**Margaret Nugent**, Balymakeny Rd. & formerly of Crufty  
**Kevin Cummins**, Marian Park

May they rest in peace

### Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can now use the **donate** button facility on our website.

Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.

### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 1st August, 2021

<b>Sunday 8th August</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; P.J. & May Costello; James Mc Evoy
	<b>10:30am</b>	Joan Foley <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Margaret Smith; Thomas Murray; Marie Leddy; Michael Byrne, Ollie Rice & Maureen Rice
	<b>12 noon</b>	Margaret Byrne <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Anne & Patrick Mc Donnell & deceased members of the Mc Donnell & Mc Shane families
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Elizabeth Redmond
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	James Francis Prendergast & deceased relatives
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Vera Healy <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Johnny Reynolds
<b>Sunday 15th August</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Frances Mc Neill, Pete Browne
	<b>10:30am</b>	Francis Devin <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Sammy Gallagher; Henry Haughton; Mary Mc Gee
	<b>12 noon</b>	Paul Mc Dermott; John & Philomena Kelly; Claire Stratton & Gail Austin
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	