

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 8th September, 2019
Twenty Third 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.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life can be full of mystery. While we live in a time of increased knowledge, technology and science, the mysteries of the meaning of life, suffering and death persist.

In the first reading we read: 'What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord?' We use the word 'mystery' a lot in our Catholic language. We have the mysteries of the rosary, the mystery of faith in the Mass, the mystery of the cross and suffering, the mysterious ways of God - even the sacraments are called mysteries. Is it that our faith is full of all these things that we can't understand? Our understanding of mystery is a bit different from the world around us. It is not as if these are all things we will never understand, but we depend on the grace of God to understand them properly. Jesus reveals to us a God who, while his ways are mysterious, reveals to us the hidden meaning of these mysteries to bring us to greater truth and knowledge of the love of God. Again, we read in the first reading, 'men have been taught what pleases you and saved, by Wisdom. 'Jesus said to his disciples that he would not leave us orphans, alone trying to struggle with what we don't understand, but that we would send the Spirit of truth. In the Gospel today, Jesus reveals to his disciples the central mystery of his ministry - that of the cross. Here we see how God deals with the parts of life we most often struggle with. From a human perspective, it looks like injustice, senseless violence and death, but Jesus in his person makes the cross a meeting place of heaven and earth and God transforms meaningless violence into redemption, into a new creation, and reconciles mankind with God. The mystery of the cross shows us, when we bring the mysteries of our lives to God, to the sacrifice of our mass, right to the foot of the cross, that God will send from heaven meaning and transformation to enlighten us to live with renewed hope and faith in the face of the mysteries of our lives.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 8th September 2019

Sunday Sept 8th	9:00am	Vera, Harold & Conor Tonge
	10:30am	Doreen Penders <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Paula Judge & David Tracey
	12:00noon	Ida McKown (née Meade); Matthew Connor; Patrick Leech
	7:00pm	Special Intention; Tony & Margaret Tunney
Monday	8:00am	
Tuesday	8:00am	
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday	8:00am	Agnes & John Kierans
Saturday	10:00am	Hughie & Pauline Reilly; Alice & John Donagh & deceased family members; Justina Berrill; Gerard Leech; Una & William Gibney, Philip & Rita Pentony, Emily, Patricia & Anthony Reay
Sunday Sept 15th	9:00am	
	10:30am	Ollie Rice & Michael Byrne
	12:00noon	Jim Byrne
	7:00pm	

Our Parish Community

Sept 2019

Mon 9th Sept **8:00pm**
Tues 10th Sept **8:30pm**
Tues 17th Sept **8:00pm**
Wed 18th Sept **8:00pm**
Thurs 19th Sept **7:30pm**

P.T.A.A.

Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A**
Finance Committee Meeting
Liturgy Committee Meeting
St Pio Mass & Devotions

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

Cancelled: Please note there is no Holy Hour of Adoration on 11th September.

Sepsis Awareness Week: Monday 9th - Friday 14th September. We are lighting up for Sepsis. All churches in the town are lighting up. Please see local press for details.

All Rotas were emailed this week

Adoration Chapel:

We require Adorers for the following hours:
Monday: 1:00pm, Tuesday 6:00pm, Tues. & Saturday 4:00pm.
Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086 3658 358.

Parish Pastoral Centre (Fatima)

All groups using the Pastoral Centre must complete a registration form in the Parish Centre before re-commencing activities in September. All **new** bookings will be taken in the Parish Centre.

The Pastoral Centre will be unavailable to groups from Friday 11th Oct - Monday 28th October 2019 to facilitate the Parish Mission.

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage: The Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 29th September, 2019. Contact Liz Moloney on 086 365 8358 before 16th September. Cost of Coach is €20. and will leave bottom of Mary Street at 7.00am.

Drogheda & District Floral Art Group:

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th September at 8pm, in Holy Family Community Centre, Ballsgrove. Join us for a seasonal demonstration by Bernadette Palminteri. All Welcome.

Sacramental Dates for 2019 Holy Family & St Mary's Parishes

Dates for your diary: **Confirmations 2019:**

St Paul's & Marymount Holy Family: **Sat March 7th 11:00am**
St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Sat March 7th 3:00pm**

First Holy Communion 2019

St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Sat 9th & 16th May 11:00am**
St John's Holy Family: **Sat 16th May 12:30pm**
Marymount Holy Family: **Sat 9th May 12:30pm**

First Confessions 2019

St Mary's Parish Primary School Tues & Wed 11th & 12th February @ 7:30pm
St John's Holy Family Tues 25th February @ 7:30pm
Marymount Holy Family Monday 24th February @ 7:30pm

The Upper Room Youth Group:

Led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (041 983 0441)
Opening registration night: Thursday 26th Sept. 7- 8.45pm at St. Mary's Pastoral Centre. Parents please attend to sign permission slips. Following weekly meetings will be held on Thursdays 7.15 - 8.45pm at St. Mary's Pastoral Centre. Join us for faith, friendship and fun.

Thank You: to all who supported the coffee morning in Bellewstown in aid of the Persecuted Christians. €1,000.00 has been sent to Aleppo Syria to the persecuted Christians in Iraq (Nineveh Plains).

Parish Mission Saturday 12th – Sunday 27th October 2019

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**



A prayer for those who died...

Brendan (Buster) Smith, Scotch Hall & Marian Park

May he rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

1st September 2019

Offertory: €1,160.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,340.00

Many thanks for your support

