

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 8th November, 2020
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Hospital Visitation: is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



Reflection for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we approach the end of this Church year and start a new one when Advent begins, the gospel today and next Sunday speak to us of being ready and prepared. In our ordinary everyday lives we all know how to prepare and get ready. We get ready if we have an appointment with the doctor. We get ready for school or for work. If we are going out to somewhere special, we spend extra time getting ready and being prepared. We wait for our favourite television programme to start.

We all know what happens when we are at the bus stop. We check at our watches as we look up and down the street anxiously hoping that the bus will arrive sooner rather than later.

The gospel this Sunday reminds and asks us to get ready and prepare at a much deeper level. We are not simply waiting for the bus to come or the kettle to boil; we are asked to prepare for Jesus. What does the mean for us to be watching and waiting for Jesus?

The question that is implied in the parable of the wise and foolish wedding guests, is what are we actually doing *while* we are waiting for Jesus? Are we sitting around with no thought or concern for ourselves and others, or are we actively living our daily lives with meaning and purpose?

How I live my daily life really matters; it is not just about getting up every morning and doing my best to get through the day. What small but important things am I doing each day that brings joy and hope to others and not just to myself? The challenge and invitation of waiting and being prepared is that I am trying my very best to live my daily life as a follower of Jesus.

This will be seen in how I speak, how I act and in how I treat others. Waiting then, is not about some vague and unknown future. Being a Christian and waiting for Jesus is about how I live my daily life, right here and right now.

Being ready and being prepared for Jesus is not about sitting around in silence waiting for something to happen. Waiting is never passive. Being ready and prepared means living out the present moment to the fullest.

Mass Intentions for the coming week will be included in the Private Masses celebrated by the Priests at 10:00am each day Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 8th November, 2020

Sunday 8th Nov	10:00am	George Pittman <i>Month's Memory</i> ; May & P. J. Costello & David Floyd; Brendan Hand; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Catherine Matthews; Peggy Murphy; Hughie & Pauline Reilly; Margaret Tiernan; Rose Morgan & dec. family members; John & Mary Murray & John Murray Jnr. dec. members of the Murray & Stafford families; Willie Ryan & Kevin Rodgers; Paddy Clarke; Michael Joe Stafford; Teresa Healy; Solomon George
Monday	10:00am	Special Intention; Kitty Mc Keague
Tuesday	10:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	10:00am	Special Intention
Thursday	10:00am	Pat Beakey; Deceased members of the Davey family & deceased members of the Conroy family
Saturday	10:00am	Michael Brendan Conroy; Frank Smith; Sr. de Pazzi Lynch & deceased family members
Sunday 15th Nov	10:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Monica Kermath & deceased members of the Kermath family; Mary Judge; Molly Mc Cormack; Nancy Gallagher & Deceased members of the Gallagher family; Michel & Teresa Keehan & Elizabeth Murtagh

COVID 19 MASS ARRANGEMENTS

All public weekday and Sunday Masses are suspended, commencing Wednesday 7th October 2020 until further notice. Fortunately, we have a webcam facility in our church which can be accessed via our website www.stmarysdrogheda.ie Click on live stream to view.

Mass will be celebrated each morning at **10:00 am** (weekdays and Sundays).
The Church will be open each day from **10.30am to 4.00pm** so that people can call in to say a prayer or light a candle.

Adoration in the main Church Monday to Friday 10.30am to 4:00pm.

Copies of the parish bulletin will be available in the Church.

The Apostolate of Adoration invites you to **ADORATION, PRAYER & FASTING** on the four Fridays in November for: renewal of the Catholic Faith in Ireland, reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Suppression of the Pandemic, The Holy Souls, preparation for Advent and for the Birth of Jesus. For more details visit eucharisticadoration.ie

Sacred Heart Messenger: If you would like to receive the Messenger for 2021 please contact Austin on 087 930 7541 or the Parish Office (€24 for years subscription will aid foreign missions).

Notice of Junior Infant Enrolment for September 2021

Applications for Junior Infant places for **September 2021** are now being accepted.
The allocation of places will begin on Friday 8th January 2021 at 12 noon. Forms and enrolment policy are available on our website www.smpps.ie or from the school office (041) 9845374



SVP Annual Christmas Appeal 2020

To make a donation

By cheque: SVP Drogheda Area, Magdalene St., Drogheda

By Direct Debit/Bank Transfer: AIB A/C No. 36146687 NSC: 93-20-94

IBAN: IE46 AIBK9320 9436 1466 87 BIC: AIBKIE2D

In keeping with Covid regulations this year **your donation will be distributed in voucher form which we will source from local shops and business's.**

A prayer for those who died



Denise Logue-Meehan Santry, Dublin
Allan Sword, Bahrain

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.