

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 9th August, 2020  
19th 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.



## Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady AUGUST 15TH FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The feast of the Assumption salutes Mary's trust and openness. She had been at one with God all her life, even in the searing passion and death of her son. Faith in her Assumption is an acknowledgement of how close she had been to Jesus all life long, and especially in his death. It is faith that she is body and soul in heaven. *D. Neary*

**Masses in St Mary's Church for the Feast of the Assumption on Saturday 10.00am & 12 noon**



### 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus calms the storm with, "Hush, be still!"

The disciples of Jesus had an eventual journey at times, one minute, John the Baptist is executed and shortly afterwards they are feeding the five thousand. Then Jesus sends the disciples off into a boat and they find themselves out on the lake in a very rough sea. Before long, Jesus comes walking on the water to rescue them! We can look to this quick succession of extraordinary events and try to make sense of them one by one. Maybe, it is something we really ought to do. Jesus walks toward the boat in the heavy sea and invites Peter to come towards him on the rough seas. But when

they return to the boat the wind drops and the Apostles make their great profession of faith: 'Truly, you are the Son of God.' It is in the calm that faith comes. It is among the ordinary things that we find faith.

We find God not so much in great events but in stillness and silence.

And every Christian must find room in his or her life for silence. Most of our lives can be a great whirlwind of activity; high pressure jobs or caught up in the hectic life of childrearing; but whatever it is we do there really does need to be a certain stillness at the centre of our lives. Prayer is a complicated thing; it has many aspects and comes in all sorts of varieties and yet it is essentially very simple. Spending quality time in the presence of the Lord which requires a certain amount of stillness, quiet, and peace.

We may well, like Peter, be struggling but Jesus reaches out to help us, to rescue us. What better image of salvation could there be than Jesus reaching out to Peter to save him from drowning. What better analogy could there be of our own lives and relationship with Jesus. We live complicated lives; we doubt and we lack faith but nevertheless we are still moving towards the Lord. And when we start to sink, he is there for us, reaching out with his saving hand ready to raise us up.

### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 9th August, 2020

<b>Sunday August 9th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke		
	<b>10:30am</b>	Ella Flynn <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Tommy Murray; Michael Byrne & Ollie Rice		
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Special Intention; Nannie & Pop Mc Dermott & Margaret Rogers		
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	James Francis Prendergast		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention		
<b>Saturday Aug 15th</b>		<b>Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady</b>		
	<b>10:00am</b>	Margaret Lynch <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Frances Mc Neill, Pete Browne; Ester Everitt; Pat, John & Mary Durkan, Pat & Laura McEvoy		
	<b>12:00 noon</b>			
<b>Sunday Aug 16th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke		
	<b>10:30am</b>	Henry Haughton; Mary Mc Gee; Denise Byrne & Karen O'Brien		
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Philomena Kelly <i>First Anniversary</i> & her husband John Kelly		
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>		
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention		



**The return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments commenced on June 29th.** This is a source of joy and hope to our parish community. Morning Mass has resumed at 8:00am. **The weekend Masses will be as normal.** We have installed a loudspeaker in the car park.

- » A COVID-19 **SUPPORT TEAM** is established in the parish
- » The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being. Many parishioners may wish to attend Mass on a week-day rather than at weekends.
- » Hand sanitizers are in place **permanently** at each entrance to the church. Please follow Health Guidelines and **wear** face masks.
- » Signs are in place to designate **every second seat** for use and for maintaining physical (social) distancing.
- » **Ushers** have been recruited to direct people to available seats including exit from the church, using the one-way system.
- » Thorough **cleaning** of church seats and other surfaces continues. Church seats will be cleaned with approved **sanitizing spray**.
- » Collection **baskets** will **not** be passed along during Masses; supervised collection baskets **will be available at the church doors**.
- » Ministers of the **Word** will be seated in their own seats, rather than the sacristy before Masses.
- » Ministers of **Holy Communion** will not be required to sign-in before Masses.
- » Communion should be received only on the hand.
- » Priests and Ministers of **Holy Communion** should visibly sanitize their hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion. Priests and Ministers should wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- » In the absence of choirs, **music ministry** will continue with a rota of instrumentalists and cantors as heretofore since Easter.
- » **People attending Sunday Mass are encouraged to take the weekly bulletin home with them.**
- » **Altar servers** will be able to maintain physical distancing in the sacristy and sanctuary. **Offertory procession** and **Sign of Peace** will be omitted..
- >>In light of the above directives, we would ask parishioners **not to gather** at the entrances to the church before or after Mass.
- Baptisms** have resumed. Anyone wishing to book a baptism can do so by calling the Parish Office. Dates have been set aside in September for the children receiving their **First Holy Communion**.

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



**Mary Thornton**, The Grange, Donore  
**Vincent Mc Adam**, South Africa & formerly Drogheda & Cavan  
**Celine Kelly (née Gregory)**, Ballsgrove

May they rest in peace



### Supporting Our Parish:

4th August, 2020

**Offertory:** € 955.00

**Development Fund:** € 965.00

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.