

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 10th February 2019
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Lord's Day 9:00am, 10:30am, 12 noon & 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.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A popular Irish hymn contains the hopeful prayer *I liontaibh De go gcastar sinn*, "may we be gathered into God's nets." It is a fine prayer in view of the many other nets that are spread out to catch us in these times.

There are various nets of consumerism and gambling, that can easily tangle us in a mesh of artificial need, and worry about ability to pay. We feel pressured into "buying things we don't want, with money we don't have, to impress people we don't like!"

What about the net of image-building and lots of hype about the success ethic, with an exclusive focus on financial growth and the outward self, to the detriment of human and spiritual values? Also, the net of drug and alcohol culture, and the net of depression, despair and suicide for those for whom life loses its meaning?

We pray that we may be taken caught up in God's own net where life, even with its faults, holds out a promise of goodness, acceptance and hope.

We must also involve ourselves in spreading this net. In the story in John 21 the spread net caught a hundred and fifty three fish, every type was taken in the net.

Like Peter we are commissioned to "be fishers of people" and if we spread the net at the command of the Lord we too can take every type of person into God's net of forgiveness, meaning, love and hope. This is our vocation and duty as Christians.

St Valentine's Day (February 14th)

In the third century AD, Valentine (226-269) bishop of Terni, Italy, performed weddings for couples who were not allowed to get married, because for example the bridegroom was a soldier or a slave. Valentine gave the married couple flowers from his garden. Hence why flowers play a very important role on Saint Valentine's Day. These marriages did not please the Roman Emperor Claudius Gothicus and on February 14th 269 AD, Valentine was beheaded because of his Christian faith. A relic of St Valentine is still to be found in Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church, Dublin city. "Valentine", derived from the Latin *valens* means worthy, strong, powerful.

Dates for your diary

Confirmation

St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Saturday 30th March 2019 at 11:00am**
Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa: **Saturday 6th April, 2019 at 11:00am**

First Confessions

St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Tuesday 26th February at 7:00pm**, Ms Walsh, Ms Kerr & Mr Kelly
St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Wednesday 27th February at 7:00pm**, Mr Dunphy & Ms Califf
Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa: **Thursday 28th February at 7:00pm**

First Holy Communion

St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Saturday 11th May at 11:00am**, Ms Walsh, Ms Kerr & Mr Kelly

Our Parish Community

February 2019

Tues 12th Feb 8.00pm Liturgy Meeting
Tues 12th Feb 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting *Team A*
Wed 13th Feb 8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration
Tues 19th Feb 8.30pm Finance Meeting
Thurs 21st Feb 7.30pm St Pio Mass & Devotions

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



St Mary's Roof Restoration Fundraiser 2019:

Would you like to walk the last stage of the Camino from Sarria to Santiago. It is 120 kilometres full of history and heritage. We are looking for volunteers who will raise €1500. Flight, food, hotel accommodation and transfers will cost approximately €900 leaving €600 for the Roof Fund. Travel dates are 9th-16th September 2019. **Next meeting Tuesday 19th Feb 7.30pm Parish Centre.** Please contact: Joe T: 085-2566305 or Michael T: 087-7072955.

Laytown-Bettystown Golf Classic - Friday 3rd May ~

St Mary's Roof Restoration Fund: Second Phase Fundraiser. To secure your Tee-Time for our golf classic, please contact: Joe Harlin: T: 085-2566305. Team of 4 €300. T-Box sponsorship €100. Last year's classic was great fun. This year's classic will be bigger and better!

Alzheimer's Association: The Memory Café is back on Tuesday 12th Feb. in Relish Café, Laurence St. at 6.00pm.

Drogheda Floral Art Group: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th February at 8.00pm in Holy Family Community Centre, Ballsgrove. Join us for a demonstration by the very talented Candy Holten. All Welcome

Upcoming Pilgrimages for 2019

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Holy Land 2019:

Bishop Deenihan will lead the 2019 Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 4th - 12th. Full details to follow. Enquiries to MAP Travel: T: 01-8783111.

E: patricia@maptravel.ie or Fr Gerry McCormack: T: 042-9667314, E: info@kingscourtparish.ie

Retreat for Couples: Is all of your time taken up by work and a million activities? Why not take some time out for you to talk, pray and spend time together, find direction in your marriage, share with other couples.... and your children will be cared for in their own space - but in close proximity. If so, this is the retreat for you - Esker Retreat Centre, Galway, 21st to 27th July 2018 - contact Cana Ireland: T: 086 8386725, E: info@canairland.org Web: www.canairland.org

Boomerang, 62 Fair Street - Special Offer

We have discovered that we have a few of the beautiful Fleadh Calendars still available. If you would like to relive those heady summer days filled with Irish music, dance and craic, then drop into Boomerang and pick up one for the reduced price of €5.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 10th February 2019

Sunday 10th	9:00am	Martina Fitzpatrick
	10:30am	Willie Murray; Tony Wade; Hanna Tracz
	12:00noon	James (Colly) Moore <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Mary Reilly & Thomas Reilly
	7:00pm	Special Intention
Monday	8:00am	Joe Mc Ginnity
Tuesday	8:00am	
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	
Saturday	10:00am	
		Friday 8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration
		Friday 8.00am
Sunday 17th	9:00am	Alice Gerrard & Dick Gerrard; Breda Tinley; Brian Faulkner; Sheila Milne; Christy Nulty & Alice Nulty & deceased family members; Bernard Maxwell
	10:30am	Special Intention
		John Holly <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Florence (Florrie) Clarke <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Nuala Kavanagh <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Matt Nolan Snr., Margaret McEvoy; Nancy Murray; Eamonn McDonagh
	12:00noon	
	2:00pm	Polish Mass
	7:00pm	

A prayer for those who have died...



Hanna Tracz, Poland
Nora Newman (née Russell) Rathmullen Park and formerly Hand Street
Nancy Kane (née McCormack) Cherrymount and formerly Mount St. Oliver.
William Barron Stameen & formerly Waterford
Moira O'Brien (née Freeman), Hillview & formerly Baltray
Jimmy Farrell, Dundalk & late of Morans Tce.
May they all rest in peace.

Supporting Our Parish:

3rd February 2019

Offertory: €1,64700

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,150.00



Many thanks for your support.