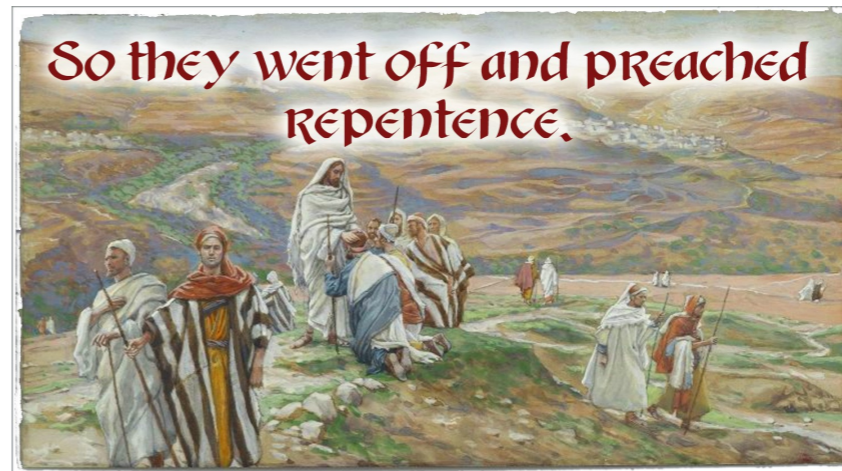


# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 11th July, 2021  
15th 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



## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time The first mission

Two phrases come to mind as I read about the disciples heading off on their first mission: 'baptism of fire' and 'to be thrown in at the deep end'. We use these expressions to describe a difficult introduction to a new job or activity, when we are expected to learn as we go and cope with whatever obstacles we face. In today's Gospel, Jesus sends the Twelve out on their first mission. It is a challenging one and his instructions are brief and very specific: they are to bring nothing but a staff - no food or money - meaning they will have to rely on the hospitality of others for all their needs. They are to stay wherever they are welcomed, rather than move around from house to house, so they can't be choosy about their lodgings. Simplicity is key - no baggage, no luxuries, no distractions, nothing but the task of reaching to people. It might not be plain sailing, but Jesus offers advice for those difficult times too.

It appears their mission of preaching and healing was successful, as we are told the disciples came back eager to fill Jesus in. Imagine the experiences they must have had during this time - the people they met and helped, the generosity of those who welcomed them, the conversations on the road, the chance to share their excitement at everything Jesus was doing. They were certainly thrown into a challenging situation, but they returned with a fresh perspective and strengthened faith. Jesus calls us to step out into the unknown, his words as our guide and his bond with us unbreakable.

'A boat is safe in the harbour, but this not the purpose of a boat.' (Paulo Coelho)



Stewards required to assist at Sunday Masses, we are particularly short of people to help at the 12 noon & 7pm masses.

As you may have heard during the week, Confirmation and First Communion Ceremonies are not permitted under the current Covid 19 restrictions. Bishop Tom Deenihan has issued a statement in relation to this decision. Copies of the statement are available at the back of the Church. We appreciate your patience in this matter.

### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 11th July 2021

Sunday 11th July	9:00am	Larry Grant; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	10:30am	Helen (Ella) Flynn <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Aidan & Marion Mac Kenna; Margaret Tiernan; James & Bridget Mullen.
	12 noon	James Sullivan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; David Mc Nally; Bernie Gregory
Monday	7:00pm	Special Intention
	8:00am	David Quinn
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Special Intention
Friday	8:00am	Tommy Byrne
Saturday	10:00am	Tommy Byrne
Sunday 18th July	9:00am	Ray Drum; Tommy Cunningham & family & Holohan family; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	10:30am	Bridget & John Cooney; Patrick, Thomas & Paddy Reilly Senior, Kelly, Plunkett & Reilly families
	12 noon	Eddie Mc Govern, Kitty Wolfe
	7:00pm	Special Intention

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



**Maura Whelan (née Carry)**, Sunnyside Cottages  
**Frances Byrne (née Lawless)** Lr. Rathmullen Road  
**Joan Foley (née O'Connor)**, Rosevale  
**Ann Carolan**, Laurence 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.**