

St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 11th November 2018
Thirty- Second 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.**

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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 041-9834587.



Our Parish Community

November 2018:

Mon 12th Nov. 8.00pm P.T.A.A
 Tues 13th Nov. 8.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A**
 Wed 14th Nov. 8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration
 Thurs 15th Nov. 7.30pm St Pio Mass & Devotions

Teach Mhuire
Parish Centre
Church
Church



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

Parish Outreach

Second Collection today is to offset the outstanding cost of the World Meeting of Families 2018

A reunion of the WMOF volunteers from around the diocese of Meath is being organised for **Friday 30th of November 2018 at 7:30pm** in St Mary's, Navan. It will take the format of a liturgical gathering led by Bishop Deenihan and will be followed by a social function during which a commemorative publication will be launched to mark the commitment of so many volunteers from our diocese. A sign-up / registration page is now in operation at the following link:

<https://dioceseofmeath.ie/wmof2018reunion>

Information from Fr Phil Gaffney or Fr Robert McCabe



We welcome the boys and girls preparing for their First Holy Communion to the 10.30am & 12 noon Masses today.

Prayer and Pilgrimage

Is God calling you to be a Priest?

A Come and See, Exploring Priesthood Retreat will take place on the 23rd/24th of November in Mount Saint Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Killenard, Portllington, Co. Laoise. This retreat is being organised by the National Vocations Office for all dioceses.

For more information see vocations.ie or contact Fr Shane Crombie (057)9321587 or Fr Joe Campbell (044) 9348338.

'A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people' Pope Francis

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 will be available shortly. Enquiries to MAP Travel at 01- 8783111, patricia@maptravel.ie or Gerry MacCormack info@kingscourtparish.ie 042- 9667314.

A Series of Contrasts

Today's Gospel is a series of contrasts – rich and poor, greedy and generous, arrogant and humble and it is not difficult to guess which of them Jesus is praising. The lady in question, a poor widow, may not even have heard the praise of Jesus but the disciples were left in no doubt where Jesus' sympathies lay.

He praises true religion in the widow who gave all she had in the cause of God. He berates the co-existence of long prayers and the greed which took away the property of people like this widow. The religious people of the day were meant to look after the widow and the orphan who had nobody else to fight their cause.

From the Gospel we take the invitation of Jesus to give all; the amount given is not the big question, it is the giving of the heart. Jesus knows the listeners would cop on that what he was talking about was more than money – it was to give the first place in life to God and the things of God. That is the call to all of us.

The things of God we can glibly refer to are the love we are called to receive and to give, it is to care for other things of God too, like creation, justice, peace and reconciliation. It is to give time to worship God in common and in private – to ensure a space and time for prayer in each day.

The widow of the Gospel had a generous heart, as did the widow in the first reading. They looked outward to the needs of others and the things of God, and gave what they could in this direction. Can we not do the same?

Donal Neary SJ

Congratulations

Fr Joe

A word of thanks to all our parishioners who attended Fr Joe's appreciation night in the City North Hotel on Thursday last.

It was a wonderful parish occasion and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Thanks to Mr Donal Lucey chairperson of the organising committee for his inspiring words.

A big thanks to all the committee members for their hard work in making this evening a memorable parish event.

Thanks also to those who were unable to attend but gave generous donations.

We wish Fr Joe every blessing in his new Appointment



Dates for your Diary:

11th November First Holy Communion Preparation Mass
25th November Confirmation Preparation Mass
30th November Reunion of WMOF2018 Volunteers, Navan
2nd December First Holy Communion Preparation Mass



A prayer for those who have died...

*Brendan Hand Platin Road
 Brigid O'Donnell, Nephin, Mullingar*

May they rest in peace



Supporting Our Parish:

4th November 2018

Offertory: €1,672.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,110.00
Many thanks for your support.