

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 15th August, 2021
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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**



"Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life."

-St. Pope John Paul II
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The slow work of God

'Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.'

(Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

These beautiful words from French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ speak to the sometimes tortuous experience of waiting. In it the author gives us permission to not have all the answers, to allow our faith time to grow and

develop. Above all, he invites us to do that most difficult of things: live in the present moment, and surrender ourselves to God in that moment.

This poem comes to mind as I think about today's celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, when we recall Mary's role in the life of Jesus and in salvation. In our Gospel extract we meet Mary, pregnant and celebrating with her relative Elizabeth. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable if she was unsure and fearful. Her future is uncertain, as is that of her soon-to-be-born son. She cannot yet comprehend the enormity of what is to come. But Mary seems content to wait. When Elizabeth proclaims Mary as 'blessed', Mary bursts into prayer, praising God for his greatness and for 'looking upon his lowly handmaid'.

In modern terms, it is a lesson in mindfulness. When we find ourselves impatient, struggling to comprehend or to trust God's ways, let us turn to Mary who accepted God's plan with trust and hope, allowing it all to unfold one step at a time.

First Friday Calls

If you, a family member or a neighbour are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home (on the First Friday), please contact the Parish Office on 041.9834587 in order to arrange a visit from one of the priests.

The Rosary will be recited at 3:00pm today, at the Statue of Our Lady on St Marys Hospital Grounds.



Confirmations will be held on Monday 23rd August at 10.00am; 12.00noon; 2.00pm; 4.00pm; & 6:00pm

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 15th August, 2021

Sun 15th August	9:00am	Frances McNeill & Pete Browne, Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke;
	10:30am	Francis Devin MM; Sammy Gallagher; Henry Haughton; Mary McGee
	12 noon	Paul McDermott; John & Philomena Kelly; Claire Stretton & Gail Austin; Derek Murphy & his daughter Grainne
	7:00pm	Paddy Reynolds
Monday	8:00am	Fr Alvey O.P.
Tuesday	8:00am	Mass of Thanksgiving
Wednesday	8:00am	Kitty McKeague
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday	8:00am	Annie Moran
Saturday	10:00am	Breda Nugent <i>First Anniversary</i>
Sun 22nd August	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Maria & Frank Woulfe
	10:30am	Paddy & Thomas Reilly & Patrick Reilly Junior
	12 noon	Noreen Fennell <i>Months Memory</i>
	7:00pm	

A prayer for those who died...



Brendan Murray, Stillorgan & formerly of Mount St Oliver.

Bernadette Cooke nee McMahon, Ballsgrove.

Laurence Woods, Cherrybrook Drive.

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.