

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 17th February 2019
6th 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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading from the prophet Jeremiah presents the image of the flourishing tree planted near the stream producing green leaves and fruit. In the gospel Luke presents an image - one that is opposed to that which the world teaches: that it is the poor and needy who are truly blessed. He tells us who is present at this gathering; the newly formed twelve apostles as well as many other disciples who had witnessed the miracles and healings Jesus had performed. With them were many who were simply curious. Luke is interested in the lived experience of those who are present: those who are physically poor, hungry, suffering. It is they who are marginalized by the society of the day, and they to whom this sermon brings very specific good news. Those people in power are however threatened by Jesus' message which challenges the very things that society regards as essential to happiness.

The things that we think we need to be happy and successful are exposed as being of no value at all in God's economy. What does the church teach us about worldly wealth and the responsibilities required of those who have an abundance of it? The social justice teachings of the church have been consistently forthcoming in the past hundred years. They remind us that the teachings of Jesus were not just for that time, but for all time.

Jesus is addressing us with the challenge of this teaching. How does this make you feel? Jesus did not say that it was wrong to own things, have enough to eat or a comfortable home, but his sermon reminds us that this should not be our sole focus in life.

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

Church Fundraisers 2019

Golf Classic: Laytown-Bettystown Golf Club Friday May 3rd contact: Joe Harlin: 085-2566305. Team of 4 €300. T-Box sponsorship €100.
Camino: Travel dates are 9th-16th September 2019. Next meeting Tuesday 19th Feb 7.30pm Parish Centre. Please contact: 085-2566305 or Michael 087-7072955.

Our Parish Community

February 2019

Tues 19th Feb 7.30pm	Camino Meeting	Centre
Tues 19th Feb 8.30pm	Finance Meeting	Centre
Tues 19th Feb 8.30pm	Baptism Meeting Team B	Centre
Thurs 21st Feb 7.30pm	St Pio Mass & Devotions	Church



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: 085-2566305 or Michael: 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!

Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Church:

Anyone interested in giving one hour each week in prayer are invited to contact the Parish Office.

Upcoming Pilgrimages for 2019

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the 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



PARISH WEBCAM SERVICE

Many parishioners, nursing home residents and relations living throughout the country and abroad appreciate the online broadcasts of daily and weekend Masses from **St Mary's Parish** via www.stmarysdrogheda.ie.

Younger parishioners are encouraged to help set up the web-site details on "smartphones" and iPads of their housebound/elderly relatives and neighbours.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 17th February 2019

Sunday 17th	9:00am	Special Intention	
	10:30am	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	Special Intention	2:00pm Polish Mass
	7:00pm	Special Intention	
Monday	8:00am	Rose Sherwin	
Tuesday	8:00am	Jenny Smith & deceased members of the Dyas & Smith families	
Wednesday	8:00am		
Thursday	8:00am	Carmel Clinton, Mary Durnin	7:30pm St Pio Mass & Adoration
Friday	8:00am		
Saturday	10:00am	Patrick & Anna Marley, Evelyn, Bob & Joanne Bateson Teresa Smith.	
Sunday 24th	9:00am	Rose Hoey <i>Month's Memory</i>	
	10:30pm	Dolores Farrell <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Martha Lowth	
	12:00noon	Eamonn Moore <i>Month's Memory</i> ; John (Desmond) Tiernan <i>Month's Memory</i>	
		Declan O'Halloran; Andy Boylan; Michael McNally; Larry Farrell	
	7:00pm	Special Intention	

A prayer for those who have died...



Jimmy Nulty, St. Finians Park & formerly Moran's Terrace, **Olive Tuite**, Ballsgrove **Margaret (Gretta) Thornton (née Smith)**, Ballsgrove
Gerard (Gerry) Morgan, Mornington & formerly Ballymakenny Rd., Drogheda
Andrew Thomas, Bettystown
Frank Wolfe, Lourdes Square, **Kay Blacoe**, Artane.
May they all rest in peace.

Supporting Our Parish:



10th February 2019
Offertory: €1,107.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,015.00

Many thanks for your support.