

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 17th March 2019  
Second Sunday of Lent ~ St Patrick's Day



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

Mass Times for Lent 7.45am & 7.30pm Mon-Fri

What can I do this Lent?

**Weekday Mass** in St. Mary's at 7.45am or 7.30pm

Set aside some time each day for **prayer as a family**

**Eucharistic Adoration** – spend time in the Adoration chapel

**Stations of the Cross** – reflect on Jesus' final journey.

Make a good **confession**

Reach out to those **who are in need/give to the poor**

**Volunteer** to help out in your church, get involved in our Parish Mission, Fundraising or any parish ministry

**St John of the Cross:** "The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them."



Wishing all our parishioners a very happy  
St. Patrick's weekend

## Second Sunday of Lent

Today is the Feast of St Patrick. No Mass at 12.00 due to parade. Masses at 9.00am, 10.30am & 7.00pm.

**Light the Fire 2019** - The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to join them at St. Patrick's Church in Slane, to pray together for Ireland in the place where St. Patrick lit the Easter Fire. **Event begins at 5.00pm on the 18th March (Bank Holiday Monday).**

Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop Tom Deenihan**, Bishop of Meath, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal 041.9830441.

### 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. Please contact: Joe: 085-2566305 or Michael: 087-7072955.



This great Catholic saint, became famous for converting Ireland to Christianity. Patrick was kidnapped, along with many others, by Irish pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. According to his autobiographical Confession, which survives, the next six years were spent imprisoned in the north of the island and he worked as a herdsman of sheep and pigs on Mount Slemish in Co. Antrim.

During this period, he became increasingly religious. He considered his kidnapping and imprisonment as a punishment for his lack of faith and spent a lot of time in prayer. After a vision led him to stow away on a boat bound for Britain, Patrick escaped back to his family. There he had a dream that the Irish were calling him back to Ireland to tell them about God.

His studies took him to France where he was trained in a monastery, and he dedicated this period of his life to learning. It was some 12 years before he returned to Irish shores as a bishop sent with the Pope's blessing. The history of St Patrick is littered with periods of imprisonment when his teachings had upset local chieftains or Celtic Druids, but he always escaped or gained freedom by presenting his captors with gifts.

For twenty years he travelled the length and breadth of the island, baptising people and establishing monasteries, schools and churches as he went. By the time he died, on 17 March 461, he left behind an organised church, the see of Armagh, and an island of Christians. This date: 17 March ~ has been commemorated as St Patrick's Day ever since. He was buried in Downpatrick, Co Down.

## Our Parish Community

March 2019

Thur 21st March 7.30pm St Padre Pio Mass & Devotions

Church

Tues 26th March 8.30pm Baptism Meeting Team C

Centre

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



### Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Church:

You are warmly invited to come and pray in Our Adoration Chapel during Lent. Adorers especially welcome for these hours:  
**Tuesday** 3- 4pm, 4-5pm, **Thursday** 2-3pm, 3-4pm  
**Saturday** 5-6pm, 6-7pm. Contact the Parish office or phone 086 365 8358.

**The Legion of Mary:** The Legion of Mary will be holding their annual Acies ceremony at 3:00pm on Sunday 24th March. This ceremony celebrates Legionaries renewing their consecration to Our Lady. There will be Mass in St. Marys and refreshments in the Pastoral Centre on the Dublin Road after the ceremony. All are very welcome.

**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: 085-2566305. Team of 4: €300. T-Box sponsorship: €100.

**Prize giving at 9:00pm in the Black Bull. Join us for raffle, music and refreshments.** Last year's classic was great fun. This year's classic will be bigger and better!

### Céilí... Serving the New Evangelisation

Catholic Community

**Parish Mission** led by the Céilí Community. The Mission Team will arrive on **Saturday 12th Oct** and the **Mission will conclude on Sunday 27th October.**

The Mission Team will be based in the Parish Pastoral centre for the duration of the Mission. **The Pastoral Centre will not be available to any other groups for these two weeks.**

**The Mission Team** will visit all the homes in the Parish as well as working in our schools and with our young people. They will also visit the Nursing homes and the elderly in the parish. We will need a **lot of volunteers** to help with our planning as well as helping out during those two weeks.

**Accommodation:** anyone who would like to provide a room for our visiting Mission Team please let us know or leave your name in the Parish Office. The visitors require just bed and a light breakfast. They will leave their accommodation after breakfast and return each night at approx. 10:00pm

**Our Mission Prayer** will be launched by Bishop Deenihan at the Confirmation ceremony on Saturday March 30th. **Our Mission Co-ordinator Mary Duff** will speak at all the Masses on Sunday March 31st.

### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 17th March 2019

<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Brian Connolly & deceased family members	
	<b>10:30am</b>	Michael Byrne & Ollie Rice; Christy Flanagan; Dermot Berrill; Pat Dennis; Martin Kilkelly	
	<b>12:00noon</b>	No Mass	
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	James Leech & Peggy Leech	<b>No Evening Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:45am</b>		<b>7:30pm</b> Alfred Malocca
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:45am</b>		<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:45am</b>	Tom & May Farrelly	<b>7:30pm</b> St. Pio Mass & Devotions
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:45am</b>		<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Philip & Rita Pentony	
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intention	
	<b>10:30am</b>	Jane, Christina & Joan Mohan, Jim, Jennell & Paul Byrne	
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Angela Sheeran; Mary Mc Hugh	
	<b>3:00pm</b>	Legion of Mary Mass	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Dr. Joe O'Sullivan, Rosemary Tallon	



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

**Michael (Barry) Behan**, formerly of Beamore Road  
**Gretta Collins (née Lowth)**, Donore Road  
**Madeline Malone (née Cullen)**, Baltray.

May they all rest in peace.



### Supporting Our Parish:

10th March 2019

Offertory: €1,492.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,000.00

Many thanks for your support.