

# St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 18th November 2018  
Thirty-Third 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 9834587.

## Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we come now to the end of the Church's year in two weeks, Jesus has reached Jerusalem. His passion and death are now imminent yet he gives us a teaching of hope - telling us how it will be when he returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which he describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation".

First, human community - nations and kingdoms - will break down. Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart

Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted. Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence.

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that he established in the sky in the very beginning - the sun, the moon and the stars. Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed. Here he describes his ultimate victory, and he shows himself to be the fulfilment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant.

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust.

We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at his right hand forever.

## 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, Portarlington, Co. Laois This retreat is being organised by the National Vocations Office for all dioceses. For more information see [vocations.ie](http://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*

**World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims** takes place on the third Sunday in November every year as an acknowledgment of victims of road traffic crashes and the loss suffered by their relations. Parishioners are invited to pray for all who have been bereaved, injured or killed.

To mark the **Solemnity of Christ the King, Mullingar** the Titular Feast of the Cathedral, Evening Prayer and Benediction will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday 25 November, 5pm. All parishioners from all over the diocese are most welcome.

## St Mary's Parish Mission 2019

A meeting will take place in the Pastoral Centre on **Monday 26th November at 7.00pm**. We need people to help out with our Parish Mission. A presentation will be given on the night on the details of the two week mission in our parish. Anyone who would like to be involved are welcome to attend.

## Sacrament of Confirmation 2019

Next weekend we welcome the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to the 10.30 and 12.00 noon Masses.

## Dates for your Diary

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

## Our Parish Community

### November 2018:

Tues 20th Nov. 8.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting *Team B* **Parish Centre**  
Tues 27th Nov. 8.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting *Team C* **Parish Centre**

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



## Parish Outreach

A reunion of all WMOF2018 volunteers is planned for **Friday 30th November 2018 at 7:30pm**. This liturgical gathering, social reunion and launch of a commemorative publication will be led by Bishop Tom Deenihan and hosted by St Mary's Parish, Navan.

The gathering is extended to parishioners, staff, clergy and religious who represented their parish at the Croke Park Festival of Families, in Knock or at the Mass in the Phoenix Park. Parish secretaries and all who assisted families to register are particularly welcome to attend.

Details on <https://dioceseofmeath.ie/wmof2018reunion/>  
*Priests are asked to make contact with those who represented their parish at Croke Park, Knock or the Phoenix Park so that they can attend.*

Enquiries: Fr Philip Gaffney & Fr Robert McCabe

**Benedictine Monks of Silverstream Priory:** invite the clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese to join them for Vespers, Homily and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 5 pm on the first three Sundays of Advent, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Prayer and Pilgrimage

### Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul in Malta 2019:

The Annual Kingscourt Parish Pilgrimage led by Fr. Gerry McCormack will retrace the footsteps of St. Paul in Malta from September 15th - 22nd 2019. Cost is €975 on a half board basis plus day excursions. Special Booking Offer of €975 in the four star Hotel in St. Julian is inclusive of half board and three full day excursions for all bookings by December 14th with MAP Travel, 36, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1 at 01 8783111 [patricia@maptravel.ie](mailto:patricia@maptravel.ie)

### Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Holy Land 2019:

Bishop Deenihan will lead the 2019 Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. Full details will be available shortly. Enquiries to MAP Travel at 01- 8783111, [patricia@maptravel.ie](mailto:patricia@maptravel.ie) or Gerry McCormack [info@kingscourtparish.ie](mailto:info@kingscourtparish.ie) 042- 9667314

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 18th November, 2018

<b>Sun 18th Nov</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Paddy Cluskey, Brendan & Michael Bowler; Deceased members of the Bohill family
	<b>10:30am</b>	Oliver Plunkett; Tosh McGovern; Jim, Jennell & Paul Byrne; Noel & Claire Monaghan, Special Intention; Jim & Rita Gargan
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Christopher Devlin, <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Nancy Gallagher; Mary Judge; Jerome Nolan Knights of Columbanus, deceased members Mass & presentation of long-term service medals
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Polish Mass</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	John (Bunny) Clinton, <i>Month's Memory</i> ; John M. Sampson <i>First Anniversary</i> , Josephine Sampson & Robert Kroes; Rosemary Tallon & Dr. Joe O'Sullivan
		Ann Skelton
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>6.30pm Polish Prayers</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Wednesday 8:00am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Friday 8:00am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Claire Monaghan
		Michael Black Snr., William & Christina Carroll, Anthony, Larry & John, Peggy & Matt Thornton & Fergus Thornton; Jack Lowth, Malachy & Philomena Dooley; Helen Brogan Sinead Beakey; Charlie McCarthy; John & Kathleen McCullen, Paul & Catherine Tritschler; Olive Kenny; Antoinette Corrigan; Dorrie Little & Mary Curran
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	John Byrne; Maureen & Oliver Halpin; Sr. de Pazzi Lynch, James & Emily Lynch & Loretta Lynch
	<b>10:30am</b>	Gerard Murtagh Junior; Bill & Gretta Thornton; Patrick & Mary Moroney & deceased family members, Robbie Bromley; Edward Crinion;
	<b>12:00noon</b>	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	

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



*Michael (Joe) Stafford*, Priest Lane  
*Theresa Healy (née) Callan*, Beamore  
*Paddy Clarke*, Cooperhill & formerly St. Mary's Villas  
*Mary Sheilds (née O'Neill)*, Ballsgrove.  
*May they rest in peace.*



## Supporting Our Parish:

11th November 2018

Offertory: €1,267.00  
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,025.00  
*Many thanks for your support.*