

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 19th May 2019  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Fr Phil Gaffney PP  
Fr Fergal Cummins CC  
St Mary's Presbytery  
Dublin Road ☎ 9834958

St Mary's Parish Centre  
24 James Street  
☎ 9834587 ☎ 9838347

www.stmarysdrogheda.ie  
stmarysdrogheda@gmail.com

The Lord's Day 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon & 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.



## Our Parish Community

May 2019

Mon 20th May 7:00pm Calvary Committee Meeting Centre

Tues 28th May 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting Team C Centre

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



### Meath Diocesan Clerical Appointments:

Meath Diocesan Clerical changes were announced last weekend. Fr Phil will now be responsible for the Parishes of St Mary's and Holy Family Ballsgrrove.

Two new curates have been assigned to these parishes, Fr Conor McGee and Fr Cyprian Solomon. Fr Fergal has been transferred to Tullamore parish and we wish him well in his new assignment. We thank him for his time with us in St Mary's Parish.

Fr David Bradley has been appointed as PP of Multyfarnham. We wish Fr David every good wish and blessing and thank him for 25 years of ministry here in Drogheda. He will be sorely missed.

### Parish Mission Prayer:

God our Father, we ask you to bless our Parish Mission.

You invite us to come to you with all our hearts.

Pour out your Spirit upon us.

May we experience the healing power of Jesus.

May we be renewed in faith, hope and love.

May the peace of the Holy Spirit light up our lives.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen

### Golf Classic & Raffle Fundraiser:

Income €18,885. Costs €3,340. Profit €15,020.

Congratulations to Joe Harlin and The Fund Raising Committee for all their hard work in organising this event. A word of thanks to all who contributed so generously.

### St Oliver's Walk

The annual "St. Oliver's walk", around 7 churches in Drogheda takes place on Saturday 1st June. Participants may commence the walk anytime from 10.30am to 4.00pm registering at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Harman's Gardens.

Walkers will pass many of the sites and streets associated with St Oliver Plunkett. It is a spiritual/reflective walk and can be done at your own pace, whether on foot, bicycle or in a wheelchair. A souvenir passport will be provided at the start, and a certificate presented on completion.

To register please phone 086 3155611 (Facebook) stoliverswalk or [www.stoliverswalk.com](http://www.stoliverswalk.com)

### Adoration Chapel

We urgently require night adorers for following hours

1.00am - 2.00am 4.00am - 5.00am 5.00am - 6.00am

Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086 365 8358.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

This gospel is taken from John's account of the last supper. It differs from the others because John leaves out any mention of the bread and wine and speaks rather of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples.

Our text begins with Judas departing the scene and continues with Jesus' words to his disciples. He is explaining to them that the events that are about to unfold, i.e. his passion and death, are not a disaster but rather the culmination of his life's work. His faithfulness to his task of revealing God has brought him to this point and so God is glorified in all that will unfold.

Even though it appears at first sight that evil triumphs, nothing could be further from the truth for on the cross Jesus will reveal the glory of God who has 'loved us to the end'.

That is why the commandment that Jesus now gives is so important. The disciples must love one another in the way that Jesus has loved them. This is what his life's work has been: to draw the disciples into the relationship of love that Jesus shares with his Father. Sean Goan

### First Holy Communion SMPPS

Congratulations to the boys and girls from **St Mary's Parish Primary School and from Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa** who received their First Holy Communion yesterday. We thank their teachers, staff and their parents who supported them on their journey to receiving their First Eucharist.

**"The Eucharist is the Sacrament of love; it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life." St Thomas Aquinas OP**



**Recruitment Sunday:** This Sunday we are looking for parishioners to sign up to become Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. See details on opposite page.

### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 12th May 2019

<b>Sunday 19th May</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Special Intention; John & Anna Davis
	<b>10:30am</b>	Marc Smith <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Sean Judge & deceased family members; Paddy Murray
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Joe Kenny <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Mary Una Clarke <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Paddy Keegan; Walter & Agnes Mc Loughlin, daughter Ita and son John; Philip Reid
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Elizabeth Clarke
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Michael Brendan Conroy
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Saturday 25th</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Brenda McCullagh; Marie Fagan; Mary & Michael Pentony
<b>Sunday 26th May</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	John & Anna Davis
	<b>10:30am</b>	Gerard (Gerry) Gilroy <i>Month's Memory</i> & Esther Gilroy <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Robert Tiernan; Michael Brendan Conroy;
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Michael Mc Cormack; Marie Boyle; Frank Smith, Mary Smith & deceased members of the Smith & Hand families
	<b>7:00pm</b>	

## Forthcoming Parish Mission Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Rejoice Return Renew

**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.

**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 a bed and a light breakfast. They will leave their accommodation after breakfast and return each night at approximately 10:00pm.

**Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word:** Our Parish is the focal point for our worshipping community. We want to celebrate God's love for everyone through our words and actions. We would like to have more parishioners involved in our parish. We are currently looking for more Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word (Readers). If you would like to become a Minister of the Eucharist/Word, we are taking names at the back of the church this Sunday. Training will be provided in September.

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



Vincent (Vinney) McCartney, Rathmullan Park  
Robert (Robbie) Geraghty, Bettystown, Dublin & Drogheda; Serjij Klimasins, The Highlands  
Ollie (Oliver) Winters, Whitethorn  
Brian Duff; Wheaton Hall  
Bridget Smith, Stamullen, sister of Fr. Phil Smith  
Tony Tunney, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

May they rest in peace

### Supporting Our Parish:

12th May, 2019

Offertory: €1,105.00

Parish Dev. Fund: €1,275.00

Vocations Collection €1,440.00

Many thanks for your support

