

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 19th July, 2020
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Hospital Visitation: is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



sometimes, all you need
is faith as big as
a mustard seed and
God will do the rest.

The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see that not everything is right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?

Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning through mistakes, stupid questions, or foolish risks?

The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, or a word of encouragement?

John Byrne OSA

The Chrism Mass will take place in the Cathedral on Tuesday week, July 28th, at 7pm. The restricted seating in the Cathedral, means that this year you will have to have a ticket to attend. If you would like to attend please leave your name in the Parish Office before Tuesday evening next or either ring or email the Diocesan Office (tel: 044 9348841 / email: secretary@dioceseofmeath.ie) and the tickets will be posted to you directly.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 19th July, 2020

Sunday 19th July	9:00am	Holy Souls
	10:30am	Kelly-Ann Ward; Val Clarke & deceased family members Eddie Mc Govern & deceased members of the Mc Govern family Christopher & Bridget Hughes & family, Jim, Jennell & Paul Byrne, Joe & May Kelly
	12:00noon	Ray Drum; Michael Callaghan, May Callaghan & Michael Callaghan Junior Dominic Thornton
Monday	7:00pm	Special Intention
	8:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Verna Kelledy
Thursday	8:00am	William & Monica Murphy; Con & Alice Creagh
Friday	8:00am	Lilian & Christopher Boylan; Willie Murtagh
Saturday	10:00am	John Hughes, Alice Hughes, Johnny Hughes, David Hughes & Pat Hughes Kitty Gibney, Fr. Jim Dunleavy
Sunday 26th July	9:00am	James (Jem) Matthews; Holy Souls
	10:30am	Bill Connell
	12:00noon	Basil Kennedy
	7:00pm	Special Intention



The return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments commenced on June 29th. This is a source of joy and hope to our parish community. Morning Mass has resumed at 8:00am. **The weekend Masses will be as normal.** We have installed a loudspeaker in the car park.

- » A COVID-19 **SUPPORT TEAM** is established in the parish
- » The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being. Many parishioners may wish to attend Mass on a week-day rather than at weekends.
- » Hand sanitizers are in place **permanently** at each entrance to the church. Please follow Health Guidelines and **wear** face masks.
- » Signs are in place to designate **every second seat** for use and for maintaining physical (social) distancing.
- » **Ushers** have been recruited to direct people to available seats including exit from the church, using the one-way system.
- » Thorough **cleaning** of church seats and other surfaces continues. Church seats will be cleaned with approved **sanitizing spray**.
- » Collection **baskets** will **not** be passed along during Masses; supervised collection baskets **will be available at the church doors**.
- » Ministers of the **Word** will be seated in their own seats, rather than the sacristy before Masses.
- » Ministers of **Holy Communion** will not be required to sign-in before Masses.
- » Communion should be received only on the hand.
- » Priests and Ministers of **Holy Communion** should visibly sanitize their hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion. Priests and Ministers should wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- » In the absence of choirs, **music ministry** will continue with a rota of instrumentalists and cantors as heretofore since Easter.
- » **People attending Sunday Mass are encouraged to take the weekly bulletin home with them.**
- » **Altar servers** will be able to maintain physical distancing in the sacristy and sanctuary. **Offertory procession** and **Sign of Peace** will be omitted..
- Baptisms** have resumed. Anyone wishing to book a baptism can do so by calling the Parish Office. Dates have been set aside in September for the children receiving their **First Holy Communion**.

A prayer for those who died...



Helen (Ella) Flynn (née Breen),
Beamore Road
Christina (Dina) Mohan (née Durnin),
Ballsgrove

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.