

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 22nd November, 2020
Our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe

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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.



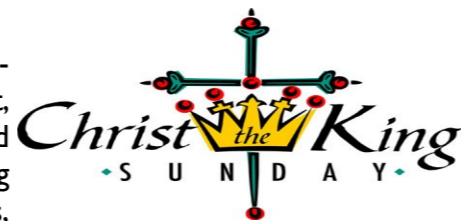
The Deep End – A different sort of king

Today's gospel leaves us in no doubt as to what Jesus expects of his followers. It is a gospel of contrasts. It begins with a scene of judgement, with Jesus in the role of king, sitting on the throne of glory. It would have been a familiar image to the people of the time, who were expecting a great Messianic king. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that kings like Herod were capable of brutal acts. It is an image that remains familiar to us today, thanks to popular fairytales, movies and TV shows - the all powerful ruler sitting on their throne, passing judgement on their subjects. But the king that Jesus talks about here turns these images upside down. He is not focused on riches or power, or inciting terror or fear. Instead, he is a fair judge, a shepherd who knows his flock. He invites all those who have acted with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is in solidarity with the 'least' of his people - a king whose main concern is those who are hungry, displaced, sick or imprisoned. He refers to them as 'brothers'.

Jesus' kingdom is centred around charity, compassion and forgiveness. He expects us to treat everyone we encounter with welcome. There are simple acts of kindness we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me'

'In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love.'

Jane Mellett



SVP Annual Christmas Appeal 2020

To make a donation By cheque: SVP Drogheda Area, Magdalene St., Drogheda. By Direct Debit/
Bank Transfer: AIB A/C No. 36146687 NSC: 93-20-94
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In keeping with Covid regulations this year **your donation will be distributed in voucher form which will be sourced from local shops and business's.**

Mass Intentions for the coming week will be included
in the Private Masses celebrated by the Priests at 10:00am each day

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 22nd November, 2020

Sunday 22nd Nov	10:00am	Noel Kimmins <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Ann Flynn <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Gerard Murtagh Junior; Anna Garry; Jim, Jenelle & Paul Byrne; Claire Monaghan; Thomas O'Connor; Patrick & Mary Moroney, Robbie Bromley; Patrick, Maureen & Michael Mc Donnell; Sinead Beakey; Aly Farrell; Marie Connor
Monday	10:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	10:00am	Mary McDonnell
Wednesday	10:00am	Monica Mc Carry; Maureen & Oliver Halpin
Thursday	10:00am	Special Intention
Friday	10:00am	Patrick Sherwin
Saturday	10:00am	John & Kathleen Mc Cullen, Paul & Catherine Tritschler
Sunday 29th Nov	10:00am	Tommy (Lal) Cunningham <i>Months's Memory</i> ; Phyllis Byrne <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Michael, Mary- Kate & Meana Rourke; Tom Garvey; Bill & Gretta Thornton; Annie & Artie Colier; Joe Fay, Rosaleen Finglas, Paddy Kierans; John Byrne; Lena Cummins, Christopher Cummins & William Barron

COVID 19 MASS ARRANGEMENTS

All public weekday and Sunday Masses are suspended, commencing Wednesday 7th October 2020 until further notice. Fortunately, we have a webcam facility in our church which can be accessed via our website www.stmarysdrogheda.ie Click on live stream to view.

Mass will be celebrated each morning at **10:00 am** (weekdays and Sundays).
The Church will be open each day from **10.30am to 4.00pm** so that people can call in to say a prayer or light a candle.

Adoration in the main Church Monday to Friday 10.30am to 4:00pm.

Copies of the parish bulletin will be available in the Church. The envelopes for the List of the Dead are also available at the back of the church.

Sacred Heart Messenger: If you would like to receive the Messenger for 2021 please contact Austin on 087 930 7541 or the Parish Office (€24 for years subscription will aid foreign missions).

Notice of Junior Infant Enrolment for September 2021

Applications for Junior Infant places for **September 2021** are now being accepted.
The allocation of places will begin on Friday 8th January 2021 at 12 noon. Forms and enrolment policy are available on our website www.smpps.ie or from the school office (041) 9845374

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.**

To request an envelope box, please use the application form on the Bulletin and return to the Parish Office or in the boxes at the back of the church.

Application for _____ parish Envelope
Box 2020-2021

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

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I understand and accept that St. Mary's Parish will retain the personal data provided here for the purposes outlined.

Signed.....

A prayer for those who died



Sr Sally (Sarah) Davis, MMM, Drogheda & Roscommon
Br. Joseph (Pius) Kirwan OSA, Ballyboden & Marian Park
Sr. Augustine Sheridan M.M.M., Drogheda & Navan
Helena (Lena) Durney (née Jones), Walkinstown

May they rest in peace