

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 24th February 2019
7th 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.

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our first reading today, David chooses to spare his enemy from destruction. There is no hint of vengeance or hatred in the description of David's treatment of Saul. We only hear that David relies on God to reward those who are righteous and faithful. David's respect for the king is founded on the fact that, even with all of his faults, Saul is still the Lord's anointed. David's personal qualities are admirable. He does not take advantage of Saul's vulnerability. Instead, David offers forgiveness when his enemy is defenceless.

In our gospel Jesus presents a remarkable vision of love, a vision that moves beyond loving only those who love us in return. Jesus challenges his followers to love their enemies and do good expecting little in return. Jesus tells us that God sets the standard of how we treat our enemies, and that standard includes acting with kindness mercy and forgiveness even to those we deem undeserving. This teaching was unconventional for its time and it continues to challenge followers of Jesus today.

Jesus taught love of enemies with his actions as well as his words. Jesus' entire life and ultimately his death modelled a self-giving love offered to all. Jesus offered forgiveness to the very ones who were persecuting him. The love and forgiveness that Jesus extended was given freely for the salvation of all humanity. That is our challenge today, to put on the mind of Jesus, and trust in Him and love like Him!

Dates for your diary

Confirmation Preparation Masses 10.30 & 12.00 noon Sunday 3rd March. All candidates asked to attend along with their sponsors.

Confirmation
St Mary's Parish Primary School: Saturday 30th March 2019 at 11:00am
Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa: Saturday 6th April, 2019 at 11:00am

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First Confessions
St Mary's Parish Primary School: Tuesday 26th February at 7:00pm, Ms Walsh, Ms Kerr & Mr Kelly
St Mary's Parish Primary School: Wednesday 27th February at 7:00pm, Mr Dunphy & Ms Califf
Gaelscoil an Bhradain Feasa: Thursday 28th February at 7:00pm

First Holy Communion
St Mary's Parish Primary School: Saturday 11th May at 11:00am, Ms Walsh, Ms Kerr & Mr Kelly

Church Fundraisers 2019
Golf Classic: Laytown-Bettystown Golf Club Friday May 3rd
Contact: Joe Harlin: 085-2566305.
Team of 4 €300. T-Box sponsorship €100.

Our Parish Community

February 2019

Tues 26th Feb 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.

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.

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: T: 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!

Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Church:

Anyone interested in giving one hour each week in prayer are invited to contact the Parish Office.

New rotas were emailed this week for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Copies in the sacristy for those without email.

Divine Mercy Conference 2019 RDS Dublin

"Let us not be put to the test" (Mt 6:13) **Friday 22nd-24th Feb.** Tickets **€35.00 weekend. Sat €30.00 Sun €20.00**

Further information www.divinemercuryconference.com
Email Divinemercuryconference@gmail.com.

PARISH WEBCAM SERVICE

Many parishioners, nursing home residents and relations living throughout the country and abroad appreciate the online broadcasts of daily and weekend Masses from **St Mary's Parish** via www.stmarysdrogheda.ie. Younger parishioners are encouraged to help set up the website details on "smartphones" and iPads of their household/ elderly relatives and neighbours.

The Youth Group: will be having a bake sale in the Pastoral Centre on **Sunday 3rd March** after all morning Masses to raise funds for those attending Camp Veritas this summer. Anyone interested in learning more about Camp Veritas are invited to an information session that will take place on 3rd March at 1:30 in the Pastoral Centre.



Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 24th February 2019

Sunday 24th Feb	9:00am	Rose Hoey <i>Month's Memory</i>
	10:30pm	Martha Lowth; John & Marina McQuillan
	12:00noon	Eamonn Moore <i>Month's Memory</i> ; John (Desmond) Tiernan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Dolores Farrell <i>Month's Memory</i> and Scott Curran; Declan O'Halloran; Andy Boylan; Michael McNally; Larry Farrell; Sheila Murphy Special Intention
	7:00pm	
Monday	8:00am	
Tuesday	8:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday 1st March	8:00am	First Friday - Mass for All Those on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Kathleen Byrd <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Pray for Children
Sunday 3rd	9:00am	John Woods; Eddie Veale
	10:30pm	Ken Donagh <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Thomas Curran; Betty Johnston
	12:00noon	Betty & Martin Branigan
	7:00pm	Mary Durnin <i>Month's Memory</i>

A prayer for those who have died...



Fr. Phelim McKeown, Armagh
Liam Holt, Tredagh Close & Magdalene Street
Tom Dennis, Pearse Park & formerly of Ship St.,
Peggy O'Gorman (née Murphy), Beamore Rd.,
Sr. Mary Amata Foley OP, Drogheda
Willie Sadleir, Ballsgrove.

May they all rest in peace.

Supporting Our Parish:



17th February 2019
Offertory: €1,152.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €975.00

Many thanks for your support.