

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 24th November, 2019
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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.



Feast of Christ the King

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist.

He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing chaos among people and nations. It reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Pope Pius XI's encyclical gives Catholics hope and—while governments around us crumble—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever.

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 24th November 2019

Sunday 24th Nov	9:00am	Special Intention
	10:30am	Helen Brogan; Jim, Jennell & Paul Byrne; John Byrne & deceased members of the Byrne family; John, Joan & Mary Mullen, deceased members of Mullen & Mackin families. Bill and Gretta Thornton; Maureen & Oliver Halpin
	12:00noon	Alice Quinn <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Oliver Plunkett; Gerard Murtagh; Tosh McGovern; Patrick & Christina Doyle; Thomas & Alice Nulty; Patrick & Mary Moroney & deceased family members; Robbie Bromley; Edward Crinion & David Crinion
	7:00pm	Benny Collins
Monday	8:00am	Kathleen & Thomas Cahill & deceased members of the Cahill & Lane families
Tuesday	8:00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	Cepta Connor
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday	10:00am	Patrick Nally & deceased family; Bernard O'Connor & family; Patrick McDonnell; Christopher & Lilian Boylan; Jack & Tess Towell; Charlie Conefrey; Lizzie & Fintan Morris; Teresa & Edward Calvey; Maggie Berrill & Damien Berrill;
Sunday 1st Dec	9:00am	Rose Kierans; Leonora Bogue; Harold, Vera & Conor Tonge
	10:30am	Sheila Mathews <i>First Anniversary</i>
	12:00noon	Joan Bruton <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Joe Fay <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Tom Branigan; Claire Clare; Noreen & Michael Power; Bobby O'Malley; Joe Murphy
	7:00pm	Special Intention

Our Parish Community

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Tues 26th Nov. 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team C** Parish Centre

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



New Carpet for our beautiful Altar

A very generous donation from one of our parishioners has made it possible to replace the carpet and the chipboard beneath the carpet on the altar area of our church. This work commenced on Monday 18th November.

The church will remain open but please forgive any inconvenience caused.

A new carpet for the altar area and in the church aisle will be fitted and the boards underneath will be replaced.

We have had to replace a number of these boards over the past few years. Thanks again to our generous donor. This donation will cover half of the total cost.

If anyone would like to make a donation for this project it would be greatly appreciated

Vocations to the priesthood

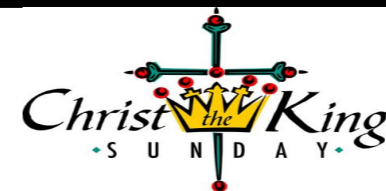
In November we pray for the faithful departed. We thank God for the witness of their lives and many blessings we have received through them.

Ministry to the dying and the bereaved is a hugely significant part in the life and work of the priest.

By the words of the Gospel and grace of the sacraments they are called to bring light into the darkest moments of life.

If you have considered your life in service of God and his people as a priest in the Diocese of Meath contact

Fr Shane Crombie in Navan frshane@gmail.com or Fr Joe Campbell in Mullingar frjoecampbell@gmail.com for confidential and non-committed information.



Feast of Christ the King:

To celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, there will be Sung Vespers, Exposition and Benediction in the Cathedral of Christ the King Mullingar today, November 24th 2019 at 5pm.

Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent; our time of preparation for Christmas. Therefore this Sunday marks the end of our current liturgical year.

Confirmation Preparation Mass:

Next Sunday **1st December** is the Second Preparation Mass for the children preparing for their Confirmation in March. We will welcome the parents along with their children to the 10:30am and 12:00 noon Masses.

SVP Annual Appeal: The Church Door collection in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place on Sunday December 1st. We would like to thank you most sincerely for your continued support throughout the year.

Drogheda Woman & Children's Refuge: Would you like to work with women and children? Drogheda Woman & Children's Refuge are now recruiting Support Worker Staff on a CE scheme for 20 hours per week. Please contact Carmel for further details at 041 9847316

The Sacred Heart Messenger: If you would like to receive the Sacred Heart Messenger for 2020 at a cost of €24 please contact Austin on 087 9307541 or the Parish Office on 041 9834587.

Drogheda Community Services: are holding a Coffee Morning & Cake Sale in aid of the Day Care Centre for Older People on Friday 6th December 2019 at the Centre, Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda, Co Louth from 10am - 12noon. Admission €2.00. Everybody welcome

A prayer for those who died...



Patrick (Paddy) Bellew Castlewood
Catherine (Kate) Brohoon nee O Hanlon
Grange Rath
Sr Veronica Keaney MMM Drogheda

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

17th November 2019

Offertory: €1,602.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €835.00



Many thanks for your support