

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 26th January 2020  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 St. Brigid Saturday 1st February

'May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in the world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made'



## Candlemas Day Sunday 2nd February

There is a long tradition associated with this day when candles are blessed for use at home or you are invited to donate candles for use in the Church.



## Feast of St. Blaise Monday 3rd February

People will have the opportunity to have their throats blessed

On Sunday 2nd February after all Masses.  
9.00am; 10.30am; 12noon & 7.00pm

## Sacramental Preparation Programme

Next Sunday 2nd February we again welcome the boys and girls who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** and their families to the 10.30am and 12.00 noon Masses.

As always we look forward to meeting you every Sunday here in St. Mary's.

**A word of thanks to all who attended the Holy Hour of Prayer for Peace in Holy Family Church Balls Grove last Sunday. Please continue to pray for peace in our town.**

There will be a celebration of blessing of Candles and sung Vespers in the Cathedral in Mullingar on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm with the Bishop and Religious of the Diocese. All are welcome to this celebration which marks the **Day for Consecrated Life** and the contribution of religious to our Diocese. The reflection will be given by Mother Marie OCSO, the Abbess of Glencairn Abbey.

## Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 26th January 2020

<b>Sunday 26th Jan</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Peter Kierans: Patrick & Bridie Maguire, Mary Flynn & deceased members of the McCann family; Michael & Mary Ann Murphy
	<b>10:30am</b>	Christy Caffrey <i>Month's Memory</i> ; May Kelly <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Maureen Downey; Carmel Clinton; Martina Bagnall; John & Mary Byrne
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Margaret Morgan <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Christy Weldon <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Eamonn Moore <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Angela Cummins nee Byrne. Mary Pentony & Michael Pentony; John Hayes; Gerard Murtagh, Thomas & Catherine Ward, Christy & Lily Murtagh, Freddy & Pauline Prestonbird
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Patrick Joseph Conroy, Michael Brendan Conroy
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Special Intention, Thanksgiving Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Mary Patricia Conroy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Esther Jordan; Bernard & Margaret Keeley
<b>Sunday 2nd Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Deceased members of Moran, Churchill, Collins, Vaughey, McCarty, Hutchens & McEnteggart families;
	<b>10:30am</b>	Mary Clarke <i>Month's Memory</i> , Thomas Lowth; John & Mary Murray, John Murray Jnr. & deceased members of the Murray & Stafford families; Kitty & Peter Campbell, Paddy, Kay & Mary Murray
	<b>12:00noon</b>	Lillah Mathews <i>First Anniversary</i> , Sean Mathews & John Fennell; Ken Donagh
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Special Intention

## Our Parish Community

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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Meeting resumes on First Monday in February.  
Holy Hour of Adoration will resume on 11th March.

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



## Catholic Schools Week Living in Harmony with God's Creation 26th January – 2nd February

The theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week is 'Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation'.

The theme encourages us to see that we all have a responsibility to care for the earth, not just for our own future, but for the future of every one of God's creatures.

Between 2015 and 2017, Trócaire's Lenten campaigns focused on 'Climate Change, Climate Justice'. In 2015, Pope Francis' wrote his encyclical **Laudato Si'**, which was the basis of Catholic Schools Week in 2017.

This year, we re-echo the messages of that encyclical, but also present the apostolic exhortation **Christus Vivit**. It highlights key issues in society and gives us a clear direction on what to do.

Pope Francis has very clearly delivered the message to Catholic people all over the world: 'The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change' (LS, 13).

Part of this change is to recognise that we live in this world in harmony with the world and those around us. If we are conscious of our relationships with God, our neighbours, all generations, the earth and our Catholic school, we can identify the steps it takes to live in harmony.

Pope Francis challenges us to look at our lifestyles. We must become aware of the impact our lives have on the lives of others. He asks for justice and equality, as it is clear that the vulnerable all around the world are further impacted by our actions here in the first world.

The hope of **Catholic Schools Week 2020** is that we realise how powerful each and everyone of us is and that even the smallest changes can have the biggest impact.



## St. Mary's Annual Golf Classic:

Will take place on Friday 1st May in Laytown / Bettystown Golf Club. Team of 4 €300. T Box sponsorship €100. To secure your Tee-Time for our Golf classic, please contact Joe Harlin: 085-2566305. **Prize giving at 9:00pm in the Black Bull. Join us for raffle, music and refreshments.**

## 2020 Parish Envelopes:

Most of the Boxes have been delivered to the distributors. If you have not received your box of envelopes please check in the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

**Drogheda Floral Art Group:** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th February at 8:00pm in Holy Family Community Centre, Balls Grove. Demonstration by Chelsea Flower Show award winner Christopher White. All welcome.

## Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo & Assisi 24th - 30th June, 2020:

Seven days from Dublin €945 per person sharing. For further details please see poster at back of church or contact Marian Pilgrimages 01.8788159. Spiritual Director is Fr. Phil Gaffney

**Legion of Mary:** Alfie Lambe who was born in Tullamore in on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1932. He died as a Legion of Mary Envoy in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 21st Jan. 1959 after less than 6 years of very active and fruitful work in many of the countries of South America. There is a special Mass to commemorate the death of the Servant of God Alfie Lambe in Trim on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 11.00am

## A prayer for those who died...



Mary McDermott nee Geoghegan, Wheaton Hall  
Philip Tiernan, Dublin Road  
Ian Clarke, Rathmullen Park  
Oliver Carroll, Balls Grove  
Lua Mac Raghnaill, New Zealand & late of Rathmullen Road  
Ann-Marie O'Neill, Dundalk and formerly Balls Grove  
Denis (Dinny) McLoughlin, Anneville Crescent  
**May they rest in peace**



## Supporting Our Parish:

19th January, 2020

Offertory: €1,597.00  
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,550.00

Many thanks for your support