

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 26th September, 2021
Twenty-sixth 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



New arrangements for the distribution of Holy Communion.

From now on at Holy Communion we would ask everybody to remain in their seat. Holy Communion will be brought by the Priest or the Minister and distributed from the vacant seat in front of you. We would ask those wishing to receive Holy Communion to remain standing in your seat. Those who do not wish to receive can be seated. Please adhere to the signs indicating which seats are in use at this time.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

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In the second reading from St James today we hear of a condemnation of the rich who exploit the weak. This theme carries on into the Gospel where Jesus has harsh words for anyone who would try to bring down 'the little ones'. It is a lesson in tolerance and a call to care for the weak and vulnerable.

During this Season of Creation we are reflecting on the call to Restore Our Common Home and care more deeply for God's creation, to live out our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork. This means being aware of the facts of the crisis so that we can discern where we are being called to act. Scientists tell us that we are now living through the 6th mass extinction of life on our planet because of the catastrophic destruction of biodiversity due to human activity. We have plundered the earth. We are also aware that our world faces a devastating climate crisis. This Autumn, two vital UN conferences are due to take place, the UN Conference on Biodiversity (known as COP15, in China) and the UN conference on Climate Change (COP26 in Glasgow). Catholics all over the world have been invited to sign a petition addressed to the Presidents of these conferences, to raise our voices for God's Creation and encourage world leaders to take the necessary action. The petition is called 'Healthy Planet, Healthy People' and has been endorsed by the Vatican as the main action for Catholics to take during this Season of Creation. It is something we can all easily do by going to www.thecatholicpetition.org and inviting our families and friends to do the same. Parishes, dioceses, universities, businesses, congregations can also sign. By taking part in this way, we are standing in solidarity with young people, with the poor who suffer the most from environmental destruction and with creation.

Let us always be conscious of our responsibility to be carers of creation, to connect more deeply with the wondrous world around us, to take action against all that threatens our common home.

Adoration

St. Mary's Church from 8.30am to 4:00pm every Friday. All Welcome

First Holy Communion in St Mary's

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Le Cheile Educate Together who made their First Holy Communion yesterday. Thanks to their parents, for their great work in preparing the children during these difficult times.



Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 26th September, 2021

Sunday 26th Sept	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	10:30am	Anna Murphy; John & Bridget Cooney; Jim, Jennelle & Paul Byrne; Fintan & Clare Keegan; Joe Browne & Marie O'Keefe; Denise & Karen O'Brien
	12 noon	Mark Weldon <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Chris Boylan & deceased members of the Boylan family; Vilma Cameron Richards, Chris Richards & Andy Richards
Monday	7:00pm	
Tuesday	8:00am	Frances Mc Neill; Bernard Rogan & Marsella Kirwan
Wednesday	8:00am	George & Josephine Devin
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday 1st Oct.	8:00am	First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Deceased members of the Kiernan family; Rita Murphy
Sunday 3rd Oct.	9:00am	Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke;
	10:30am	Paddy, Thomas & Patrick Junior, the Reilly family, Plunket & Kelly families & Special Intention; Christopher Matthews
	12 noon	Aly Farrell; Robert Carter; Helen Rogers
	7:00pm	David Mc Donagh, Francis & Veronica Somerville

A prayer for those who died...



David Dalton, St. Finian's Park
Ignatius O'Neill, Mullingar
Raymond Hoey, Beamore
Susann Murphy, Rathmullan Park
Eamonn Byrne, Flanagans Tce. & formerly Marian Park
Sean Faulkner, Hillview & formerly Church St.
Noeleen Tiernan (née Leahy), Rosevale
Gerry Murtagh, Clinton Lane.

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.