

St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 28th October 2018
30th 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



Our Parish Community

November 2018:

Tues 13th Nov. 8.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A**
Wed 14th Nov. 8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration
Thurs 15th Nov. 7.30pm St. Pio Mass & Devotions

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

Parish Outreach

100th Anniversary of Polish Independence:

The Polish community would like to invite everyone to their celebration of the 100th anniversary of Polish independence which will take place on Sunday 28th



October after 12noon Mass. There will be an audio-visual presentation, and a short lecture on Polish history, followed by tea, coffee and cake in the Pastoral Centre. They would love to see you all there.

Adoration in St Mary's Church

Today Sunday 28th October at 7.00pm we will celebrate the 28th Anniversary of Adoration in our church. Before this Mass, the Blessed Sacrament from our Adoration Chapel will be reposed, and after Mass exposition will resume. We thank our adorers and encourage more people to commit to spending an hour per week or month in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Calvary Devotions:

Devotions next Sunday 4th November at 3.00pm in Calvary Cemetery. Daily Rosary will be recited each day during November at 3.00pm in the Cemetery. All welcome to attend

Prayer and Pilgrimage

Knights of Columbanus, Drogheda:

At the annual general meeting of the Knights of St. Columbanus held in Armagh on Saturday the 13th October, the council in Drogheda was selected as council of the year. This award is made to the council who in the opinion of the Supreme Executive have made a huge contribution in their area. This is the third occasion, the council in Drogheda has been recognised. Our council in Drogheda are involved in several projects that help to develop lay apostolate. They bring the relics of St. Oliver Plunkett to over 20,000 people, by visiting local parishes, hospitals, nursing homes etc. They are also involved in St. Oliver's Procession, St. Oliver's Camino Walk, the Way of the Cross and the May Day Procession. They raise money through church gate collection which is then distributed to local charities. They also supply Medi Alarms to the elderly. Many of their members are also involved with their parishes.

Legion of Mary:

Quality Social Evening with music in St. Mary's Pastoral Centre, Dublin Road on Saturday 3rd November from 7pm - 9pm. Come along and have a good time.

List of the dead envelopes are available in your box of Parish Envelopes and also at the back of the Church.

Solemnity of All Saints

On Thursday 1st November we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Masses will be offered at 8am and at 8pm. We are called to become saints. All saints glorify God in heaven. We are fully alive when we glorify God. Our relationships with the saints should intensify our relationship with God. Saints are Christian men and women who distinguished themselves by dedicating their lives to loving and serving Almighty God and those whom they meet.

When we venerate a saint, we acknowledge and proclaim the victorious grace of Christ at work in a holy person's life. Saints are celebrated according to their distinction in life. Thus, the Litany of Saints distinguishes angels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, evangelists, martyrs, bishops, confessors, priests, monks, hermits, virgins and widows.

Many lay people are becoming saints, with Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, whom Pope Francis canonized, reminding us that married people are called, commissioned and consecrated to become saints, and are duty bound to bring one another and their children to heaven.

All Souls' Day

On Friday 2nd November we will commemorate all of our Faithful Departed. St Ambrose reminds us that: "death is the end of earthly life, but not of our existence, since our souls are immortal." Therefore on this day, we pray especially for all the souls in purgatory.

The preface of the Roman Missal reads: "For your faithful, O Lord, life has changed not ended; while our earthly dwelling is destroyed, a new and eternal dwelling is prepared for us in heaven." 2 Maccabees 12:46 informs us that: "It is... a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

Death is the passage into the fullness of true life. Our belief in the resurrection of Christ and in our future sharing in the glory of God is a key pillar of our faith. In baptism, we die to Christ, and from our baptism we are all called to deepen our intimacy with God, as we strive to be faithful followers of God, of his Word and of his way - by being doers of his will.

We pray for all the faithful departed of our parish, for all the souls buried in Calvary cemetery, for our families, friends, neighbours and all who died recently, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Bereavement Masses

The Masses on 4th November are offered to remember all your loved ones. If you were bereaved during the past year, you are invited to take a candle at the beginning of Mass to place before the altar.

November liturgy of prayer and blessing in Calvary Cemetery will take place at 3:00pm on Remembrance Sunday.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." - John 14:3

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

The opportunity to give blood will arise at:

St. Mary's Primary School, Crossroute, Bryanstown, Drogheda on **Tues. 30th, Wed. 31st Oct. & Thurs. 1st Nov. from 5.00pm - 8.30pm** and also on **Sunday 4th Nov. from 11.30am - 3.00pm.**

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St. Oliver's National School, Ballymakenny Rd., Drogheda on **Mon. 5th & Tues. 6th Nov. from 5.00pm - 8.30pm.**

It is important that we all remember that many patients in hospitals need our blood and this need never ceases.

Fr Joe's Evening of Appreciation- 8th November:

Tickets to Fr Joe's Evening of Appreciation will be on sale after all Masses on Sunday 4th November cost €25.

On Thursday 8th November, complimentary buses will leave at 7pm from the hill of Mary's Street. The meal starts at 7:30pm followed by brief presentations and lively entertainment. Tickets cost €25.00 and are available from the Parish Office and McCabe's Shop. Music by Phil & Mill. Anyone unable to attend but wishing to make a contribution may do so at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary:

28th October 12:00 noon Mass—Polish Community Celebration of 100th anniversary of Polish independence
28th October 7:00pm Mass—Anniversary of Adoration in St Mary's Parish
4th November Remembrance Sunday
8th November Fr Joe's Congratulations & Farewell Function
11th November First Holy Communion Preparation Mass
25th November Confirmation Preparation Mass

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 28th October, 2018

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| Sunday 28th | 9.00am | Special Intention; Churchill family |
| | 10.30am | Nano Keegan <i>1st Anniversary</i> ; Helen Brady <i>1st Anniversary</i> & Robert Brady; Richard Darcy, Emma Mhic Mathúna & Family; Mary Tunstead, Alocoque & Eddie Mulroy; Robert Tiernan; Ann O'Neill Metcalfe; Mary Nolan & Matt Nolan |
| | 12.00noon | Pauline Carolan <i>1st Anniversary</i> ; Paddy Monaghan; Peg McNally; Ronnie Milne & Sheila Milne Joseph & Elizabeth Gibney, Frank Mooney & Holy Souls Special Intention; Benny Fitzpatrick & deceased members of the Fitzpatrick & Rourke family |
| | 7.00pm | |
| Monday | 10.00am | |
| Tuesday | 8.00am | Special Intention |
| Wednesday | 8.00am | Robert Tiernan |
| Thursday | 8.00am | All Saints Day |
| Friday 2nd Nov | 8.00am | All Souls Day |
| | 7.30pm | 7.30pm Mass for All Those on the New Parish List of the Dead Mass for All Those on the New Parish List of the Dead |
| Saturday | 10.00am | Pray for Children; May & P.J. Costello & Dave Floyd; Rose Morgan |
| Sunday 4th Nov | 9.00am | Liam Keegan |
| | 10.30am | Hughie Reilly <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Peggy Murphy; Catherine Matthews; John & Mary Murray, John Murray Junior & deceased members of the Murry & Stafford families |
| | 12.00noon | Eileen Moore; John Gray |
| | 7.00pm | |



A prayer for those who have died...

Fr. Stan Connolly, Kiltegan & Summerhill
Fr. Sean Doherty, Dalgan Park, Navan
Cormac Brodigan, Crufty.

May they rest in peace



Supporting Our Parish:

21st October 2018

Offertory: €1,599.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1,175.00

Many thanks for your support.