

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 28th November, 2021

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The Lord's Day **9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon & 7:00pm**
Monday ~ Friday **8:00am**; Saturday **10:00am**
Holydays **10:00am and 7:30pm**



Easing of Covid Restrictions

As per the government announcement the number attending Religious Ceremonies is no longer restricted. Mask wearing and the sanitising of hands is compulsory. Please keep socially distanced where possible and stay safe. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

First Sunday of Advent



We live in a time when we are told that disaster lies ahead for us and for our planet if we do not change our ways. But perhaps this new awareness can be a prelude to us changing our ways? The gospel was written to give hope to Christians in danger. What gives you hope amid the dangers facing our world today?

Our church community is also in crisis. The numbers of people attending church services have dropped. We have fewer clergy and religious. Scandals have rocked

the church community. What helps you to keep faith in such circumstances?

This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seemed that your world was collapsing around you: plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc.? When have such experiences been a prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language of the passage remind you of this experience, making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse and liberation.

Jesus himself is the model in this gospel story as he taught his disciples the spirituality of 'waiting in joyful hope'. What difference has watchfulness (in the sense of being watchful in prayer) and hope made to you in facing difficult situations?

Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, e.g. through love, beauty, nature, etc.?

The response to the 10:00am Mass Monday - Friday for November has been very positive. If you would like us to continue with this Mass please contact the parish office with your feedback. Thank you.



SVP Annual Christmas Appeal 2021

To make a donation By cheque: SVP Drogheda Area, Magdalene St., Drogheda. By Direct Debit/Bank Transfer: AIB A/C No. 36146687 NSC: 93-20-94

IBAN: IE46 AIBK9320 9436 1466 87 BIC: AIBKIE2D. In keeping with Covid regulations this year your donation will be distributed in voucher form which will be sourced from local shops and business.

If anyone is seeking help, please phone 1800 677 777. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection will be held on Sunday December 5th.

Knights of St Columbanus Drogheda Holy Hour for Christmas will take place in St Mary's Church James's Street on Friday 10th of December at 7pm all welcome. COVID protocols will be applied. This event will be live-streamed at www.stmarysdrogheda/live-stream.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 28th November, 2021

Sunday 28th Nov.	9:00am	Joe Reynolds, Frances Mc Neill; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
	10:30am	Gretta & Bill Thornton; Tom Garvey; John, Joan & Mary Mullen & deceased Members of the Mullen & Mackin families; Special Intention John O'Brien
	12 noon	Emily O' Reilly <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Gary Martin; Anna Garry; Liam Hickey; Maurice Neary; Helen Brogan; John Byrne & deceased members of the Byrne & Kilroy family; Joanna Neary
Monday	7:00pm	
	8:00am	Phyllis Byrne
Tuesday	10:00am	
	8:00am	
Wednesday	10:00am	Christopher & Lillian Boylan
	8:00am	
Thursday	10:00am	
	8:00am	Sara Fee & deceased relatives
Friday 3rd Dec.	10:00am	
	8:00am	First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
		Cepta Sheils; Aine Mellisa Geraghty; Patrick Mc Donnell; Joe Young; Joseph & Mary Harvey, Michael & Joan Harvey; Hughie & Pauline Reilly
Sunday 5th Dec.	9:00am	
	10:30am	Hughie & Pauline Reilly
	12 noon	Barry Fairtlough <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Claire Shannon <i>Month's Memory</i> , Leonora Bogue; Eugene Gallagher; Michael & Noreen Power; Pat Geraghty
	7:00pm	Phil Hegarty <i>First Anniversary</i>

A prayer for those who died...



Jim Mc Loughlin, Laurence Park & formerly Marian Park

Pat Moran, Marian Park

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.