

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 29th August, 2021
22nd 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



First Friday Calls

If you, a family member or a neighbour are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home (on the First Friday), please contact the Parish Office on 041.9834587 in order to arrange a visit from one of the priests.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 29th August, 2021

Sunday 29th August	9:00am	Pauline Mc Donald <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Jim & Lilly Moore; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Nancy Search; Carmel Mc Entee
	10:30am	Kelly & Plunkett family, Tommy Cunningham & family; Phil Gradwell; Micheal Tuite; Michael Byrne, Ollie & Maureen Rice
	12 noon	Margaret Nugent <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Phyllis Lowth; Cepta Behan; Mary Alice & Thomas Cooney, Aloysius, Mona & Aly Farrell & deceased members of the Cooney & Farrell families; David Hallinan & John Quinn; Johnny Sheeran
	7:00pm	
Monday	8:00am	Anna Byrne
Tuesday	8:00am	Peter, Kathleen & Bernard Murnaghan
Wed. 1st Sept	8:00am	Patrick & Rose Sheerin, George & Hannah Kennedy; James & Rita Kierans
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday 3rd Sept	8:00am	First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Joe Maher; Paula Judge & David Tracey, deceased members of the Judge family & deceased members of the Smith family; James Beakey; Kathleen & Pat O'Brien
Sunday 5th Sept	9:00am	Barbara & Thomas Campbell; Michael, Mary-Kae & Mena Rourke; Christopher & Bridget Hoey, Jack & Alice Mooney, Mary, Donal & Helen Thornton
	10:30am	John & Michael Mc Cormack; Desmond & Catherine Kelly; Maura & Patrick Nulty; Doreen Penders; Mona Kiernan & the Reilly family, Noline & Phil Gradwell & Special Intention; Desmond & Catherine Kelly; Maura & Patrick Nulty; Doreen Penders
	12 noon	Bernie Gregory
	7:00pm	Kathleen & Bernard Mc Avinia

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's on the inside

'It's what's on the inside that counts.' How often do we hear this? Yet we get contradictory messages and we are also bombarded with messages about how we should dress or act, or what is appropriate behaviour. Rules about outward behaviour govern many aspects of life, from our school and work environments to our churches. Today, Jesus has something to say about the tension between outward appearances and what's on the inside. To the religious authorities who challenge Jesus, outer appearances and traditions are important, and they rebuke Jesus for allowing his disciples to eat with 'unclean hands'. However, Jesus explains that it is not external actions that make a person unclean. It is what's on the inside that indicates the true nature of our hearts. 'Lip-service' is not worth much if our hearts are not in tune with God. As Jesus puts it, 'You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

It is an invitation to examine how we put our faith into practice, individually and as a church community. Which human traditions do we 'cling' to? Do we become so focused on outward rituals that we risk losing sight of the teaching of Jesus and its radical implications? Do we treat our religious life as checklist of observances, or as a real encounter with Jesus?

'The words of the Sacred Scripture were not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart.' (Pope Francis)

Confirmation

We would like to congratulate the Boys and Girls from our parish schools who made their Confirmation on Monday last week. Also to thank their parents/guardians for bringing them to faith and the Sacraments.

We express a debt of gratitude to all the teachers during very difficult times preparing the children in such a careful way.

We would like to thank all who made the ceremony safe and enjoyable, particularly the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal and Joanne for the music. Peter and Joe for their stewarding, Frankie for his work preparing the sacristy. To Frances for her most beautiful floral arrangements and to Anne for her work with the altar linens. It's not our intention to omit anyone but we would like to express our thanks to everyone who helped.

First Holy Communion

St. Mary's Parish Primary School - Saturday 11th September - 10:00am, 12noon and 2:00pm
Saturday 18th September - 12noon and 2:00pm



A prayer for those who died...

Katie Callaghan (née Prendergast),
Tipperary, Drogheda
Ryan Levins, Platin Road
Terence (Terry) Casey, Dillonstown, Dunleer
Bernadette Conlon (née Mc Cabe), Marleys 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.