

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 29th September, 2019
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**

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.



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus tells us another parable today on the theme on how we use money. The wealthy man is totally unaware of the misery of the poor man who takes shelter at his gate. When they die they find that the scenario is very different. Now it is the rich man who is in need of some cold water and it is Lazarus the poor man who is happy in heaven.

The point of the story is to highlight the existence of greed and selfishness in a world of plenty that leaves the poor excluded. This story of Jesus highlights the inequality of rich and poor. Jesus appeals to our sense of justice, right and goodness. If this was a problem in biblical times, it remains one in our world today. The parable retains all its force; the difference is Jesus did come back from the dead and not just to tell us about heaven but about the poor people at our gate.

Our Christianity must give thought to the fact it depends on a relationship. In this way we will, like Amos, be impatient for an end to our own way of life that run contrary to the values of the kingdom of God. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

This message of justice and hope for an equal share of the world's goods for everyone is strong in the gospel of Jesus. His heart was on fire with the hope of a better life for the poor. He went to help them simply because they were poor.

The Christian Church, if it is to be faithful to the gospel, should be involved in many ways in the creation of a more just world. Our parish communities should show care for the refugee, the new poor, the unborn, the elderly, and in fact all whose voices may not be usually heard.

The parable is meant not to make us as aware of the huge inequalities that exist in our world, and in the exploitation of resources in the developing world. Maybe then more doors can be opened from the inside of wealth to the outside of poverty.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 29th September 2019

Sunday 29th Sept	9:00am	Special Intention
	10:30am	Special Intention
	12:00noon	Chris Boylan; Helen Rogers; Michael Leonard
	7:00pm	Tom & Bernadette Kenny
Monday	8:00am	
Tuesday 1st Oct	8:00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	
Thursday	8:00am	Christina Callan
Friday 4th Oct	8:00am	First Friday - Mass for All on the Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Pray for Children; Deceased members of the Kiernan family; Catherine Monaghan
Sunday 6th Oct	9:00am	Special Intention
	10:30am	Christopher Matthews; Denis Mc Carthy
	12:00noon	Aly Farrell; Katie Long; Robert Carter
	7:00pm	Robert Brady; David Mc Donagh, Francis & Veronica Somerville

Our Parish Community

Oct 2019

Tues 8th Oct 8:30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A Centre**

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



St Mary's Parish - Confirmation Programme 2019/20

Confirmation Meeting for parents in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 8th October @ 7:00pm

Confirmation Preparation Masses will be at the 10:30am & 12 noon Masses on the following Sundays:-
Sunday 10th November 2019, Sunday 1st December 2019
Sunday 19th January 2020 & Sunday 16th February 2020.

Le Chéile Confirmation will be organised by Fr Denis McNeilis, PP Laytown.

Gaelscoil An Bhradáin Feasa Confirmation will take place in St Mary's Church on Saturday 23rd May, 2020

Parishioners from St Mary's Parish attending schools outside the parish are welcome to join us here for the Preparation Masses

First Holy Communion Programme 2019/20

First Holy Communion Meeting for Parents in St. Mary Church on Wednesday 2nd October at 8:00pm

Sacred Heart Secondary School: invites 5th & 6th class students and their parents/guardians to an Open Evening on **Thursday 3rd October** 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Phone 041 98 37812 /www.sacredheart.ie

Sacramental Dates for 2020

Holy Family & St Mary's Parishes

Dates for your diary: **Confirmations 2020:**

St Paul's & Marymount Holy Family: **Sat March 7th 11:00am**
St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Sat March 7th 3:00pm**

First Holy Communion 2020

St Mary's Parish Primary School: **Sat 9th & 16th May 11:00am**
St John's Holy Family: **Sat 16th May 12:30pm**
Marymount Holy Family: **Sat 9th May 12:30pm**

First Confessions 2020

St Mary's Parish Primary School Tues & Wed 11th & 12th February @ 7:30pm
St John's Holy Family Tues 25th February @ 7:30pm
Marymount Holy Family Monday 24th February @ 7:30pm

Parish Pastoral Centre (Fatima)

All groups using the Pastoral Centre must complete a registration form in the Parish Centre before re-commencing activities in September. All **new** bookings will be taken in the Parish Centre.

The Pastoral Centre will be unavailable to groups from Friday 11th Oct - Monday 28th October 2019 to facilitate the Parish Mission.

Parish Mission Saturday 12th – Sunday 27th October 2019 Our Mission Prayer

God our Father, we ask you to bless our Parish Mission.
You invite us to come to you with all our hearts.
Pour out your Spirit upon us.
May we experience the healing power of Jesus.
May we be renewed in faith, hope and love.
May the peace of the Holy Spirit light up our lives.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Bakers Needed for Parish Mission 12th - 27th Oct:



If you would like to help us please contact 087 623 5182 and leave your name and contact details. Thank You.



A prayer for those who died...

Monica Cowley (née) McQuillan, Glenmore Drive
Aiden Seery, Ballsgrove.

May they rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

22nd September 2019

Offertory: €1,180.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €805.00

Many thanks for your support

