

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 29th December, 2019
Feast of the Holy Family

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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.



Our True Home: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Holy Family

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church. In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it.

The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called His "parents" and are referred to separately as His "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls "My Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose. The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling. But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church. In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us, and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be My son".

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 29th December 2019

Sunday 29th Dec	9:00am	Tom Begley, Jane, Joseph & Annie Gibney, Paul McKenna, Sally & Paddy McEvoy; Jacinta McEvoy & Connie McEvoy; Paddy & Dessie Martin; Assumpta Owens
	10:30am	Maurice Neary <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Phyllis Byrne <i>Month's Memory</i> & Frank Byrne; Gary Martin <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Annie & Artie Collier; May Flanagan; Margaret Tiernan & John Tiernan; Ollie Rice & Michael Byrne; Thanksgiving Mass, Phyllis Byrne
	12:00noon	Mary Alice & Thomas Cooney & deceased family members, Alyosius, Mona & Aly Farrell & deceased family members; Anne & Thomas Keane
	2:00pm	Polish Mass
Monday	10:00am	Joey Flynn
Tuesday	10:00am	Peter Murphy <i>First Anniversary</i> & Patrick Greene; Basil Kennedy
Wed. 1st Jan	12:00noon	World Day of Peace - Eileen Friel <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Tony Kierans & deceased members of the Kierans family; Deceased members of the White family
Thursday	8:00am	
Friday 3rd	8:00am	First Friday - Mass for All those on the Parish list of the Dead
Saturday	10:00am	Margaret & Bernard Keeley; Bridget Reid
Sunday 5th Jan	9:00am	
	10:30am	Mary Bowden <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Peter Kierans <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Helen Harbison <i>First Anniversary</i> , her grandparents James & Sarah Harbison & Cathal & Helen O'Ceallaigh & Fr. Jim Harbison, Margaret Gallagher;
	12:00noon	Liam Hickey <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Gary Loftus <i>Month's Memory</i> ; James (Jimmy) Kennedy; Yvonne & Evelyn Scanlon; Bridget Doswell, Rachel McElhatton; Maureen Kelly
	7:00pm	Joe Leonard <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Patrick Morrissey, Kathleen & Bernard Mc Avinia & deceased family members

Our Parish Community

Dec 2019

Parish Office: Will reopen on Thursday 2nd January

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



St Mary's Parish Primary School Notice of Junior Infant Enrolment for September 2020

Applications for junior infant places for September 2020 are now being accepted. The allocation of places will begin on Friday 17th January 2020 at 12 noon. Forms and enrolment policy are available on our website www.smpps.ie or from the school office (041-9845374).

St Mary's Schedule for Christmas

Sunday 29th December

Mass 9:00am; 10:30am; 12 noon & 7:00pm
Polish Mass 2:00pm

Monday 30th December & Tuesday 31st December
10:00am Mass

Wednesday 1st January – Mary, The Holy Mother of God & World Day of Peace
12:00 noon Mass

Thursday 2nd January Morning Mass resumes at 8:00am

Monday 6th of January – The Epiphany of The Lord.
Masses 8:00am & 7:30pm

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Adoration Chapel: We require Adorers for the following days Tuesday and Saturday at 4pm. and Thursday at 5pm. Please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or phone Liz on 086. 365 8358.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Rotas have been e-mailed. Some copies are also available from the sacristy.

Happy New Year

A prayer for those who died...



Christy Weldon, St. Mary's Villas

May he rest in peace

Supporting Our Parish:

22nd December 2019

Offertory: €1.00
Parish Dev. Fund: €1.00



Figures to be published next bulletin.

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