

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 30th August, 2020  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Hospital Visitation:** is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.



## Send Leigh & Paddy to Holy Family Missions

Holy Family Missions is an organisation based in Glencomeragh, Tipperary. Catholic students spend a year here studying their faith and performing missionary work with the youth of Ireland. Leigh and Paddy are two Catholic students from St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda and will be attending Holy Family Missions this coming year and so are seeking to raise funds for our venture. We start in September and would greatly appreciate your support. Thank you very much.

Regards,

Patrick McCamley

[www.gofundme.com/f/send-leigh-and-paddy-to-holy-family-missions](http://www.gofundme.com/f/send-leigh-and-paddy-to-holy-family-missions)



**30th Anniversary of Adoration in St Mary's Church.**  
A Mass to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Adoration will take place in St Mary's Church on **Friday 4th September** at 7:30pm. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Tom Deenihan. Unfortunately due to Covid 19 restrictions we are limited in our celebration of this special anniversary this year. On **Friday 4th** we will have the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the main altar from 8:30am until 6:30pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm. We will have some holy hours with music and meditations during the day as well as reciting the Rosary. Our webcam will be on during the entire day so that people can tune in at their convenience. There will be sheets available at the back of the church which you can bring home and put your name down for an hour during the day. You can return the sheets by placing them in the box at the entrance to the church or by dropping them into the Parish Office. Alternatively you can call the Parish Office to give your details and the hour you request. Please come along and invite your friends to join you.

**Very Rev Gerry Rice, PE RIP**  
Fr Rice was born in St. Mary's Villas, Drogheda on 23 May 1937 and was educated in St Finian's College, Mullingar and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. He was ordained on 18 June 1961 in St Patrick's College. The first seven years of his priesthood were spent in the Diocese of Ossory, as Chaplain to the De La Salle Monastery in Castletown (Portlaoise) and then as a curate in St Patrick's parish (Kilkenny). He was appointed to the staff of St Patrick's Classical School in Navan where he taught English and History until 1986. Fr Rice was appointed Principal of St Mary's Diocesan School, Drogheda in 1986 until 1994. In September 1995, he was appointed Parish Priest of Kilcloon. Fr Rice celebrated his Golden Jubilee in June 2011 and retired from active ministry in September 2011. He resided at Moyglare Nursing Home since September 2013 and died peacefully there on 22 August 2020. **May he rest in peace.**

**Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 30th August, 2020**

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| <b>Sunday Aug 30th</b>  | <b>9:00am</b>    | Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke; Catherine & Seamus Farrelly (Wedding Anniversary)  |
|                         | <b>10:30am</b>   | Michael Byrne & Ollie Rice; Michael Tuite & Margaret Tuite; Phill Gradwell; Desmond & Catherine Kelly; Carmel Mc Entee   |
|                         | <b>12:00noon</b> | Seamus Hallinan <i>Month's Memory</i> & David Hallinan; Mary Byrne <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Sean Whearty <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Mary Alice & Thomas Cooney & deceased family members, Aloysius, Mona & Aly Farrell & deceased family members; Johnny Sheeran <b>7:00pm</b> Special Intention |
| <b>Monday</b>           | <b>8:00am</b>    | Fr. Gerard Rice  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>          | <b>8:00am</b>    | James & Rita Kierans; Holy Souls; Patrick & Rose Sherwin, George & Rose Kennedy <b>Wednesday 8:00am</b>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>         | <b>8:00am</b>    | John Hume <i>Month's Memory</i>  |
| <b>Friday Sept. 4th</b> | <b>8:00am</b>    | <b>First Friday</b> - Mass for all on the Parish List of the Dead  |
|                         | <b>7:30pm</b>    | <b>30th Anniversary of Adoration - Mass &amp; Devotions</b>  |
| <b>Saturday</b>         | <b>10:00am</b>   | Celine Kelly <i>Month's Memory</i> ; Paula Judge & David Treacy; Kenny Doyle & dec. members of Doyle family; Thomas & Ita O'Reilly; Oliver O'Sullivan; Shaun & Hilda Rooney, Tony & Una Rooney; James Beakey; Kevin Devine & John Lynch  |
| <b>Sunday 6th Sept.</b> | <b>9:00am</b>    | Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke <b>10:30am</b>  |
|                         | <b>12:00noon</b> | John Mc Cormack  |
|                         | <b>7:00pm</b>    | Special Intention  |

**The return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments commenced on June 29th.** This is a source of joy and hope to our parish community. Morning Mass has resumed at 8:00am. **The weekend Masses will be as normal.** We have installed a loudspeaker in the car park.

- » A COVID-19 **SUPPORT TEAM** is established in the parish
- » The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being. Many parishioners may wish to attend Mass on a week-day rather than at weekends.
- » Hand sanitizers are in place **permanently** at each entrance to the church. **Please follow Health Guidelines and wear face masks.**
- » Signs are in place to designate **every second seat** for use and for maintaining physical (social) distancing.
- » **Ushers** have been recruited to direct people to available seats including exit from the church, using the one-way system.
- » Thorough **cleaning** of church seats and other surfaces continues. Church seats will be cleaned with approved **sanitizing spray**.
- » Collection **baskets** will **not** be passed along during Masses; supervised collection baskets **will be available at the church doors.**
- » Ministers of the **Word** will be seated in their own seats, rather than the sacristy before Masses.
- » Ministers of **Holy Communion** will not be required to sign-in before Masses.
- » Communion should be received only on the hand.
- » Priests and Ministers of **Holy Communion** should visibly sanitize their hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion. Priests and Ministers should wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- » In the absence of choirs, **music ministry** will continue with a rota of instrumentalists and cantors as heretofore since Easter.
- » **People attending Sunday Mass are encouraged to take the weekly bulletin home with them.**
- » **Altar servers** will be able to maintain physical distancing in the sacristy and sanctuary. **Offertory procession** and **Sign of Peace** will be omitted..
- >>In light of the above directives, we would ask parishioners **not to gather** at the entrances to the church before or after Mass.
- Baptisms** have resumed. Anyone wishing to book a baptism can do so by calling the Parish Office. Dates have been set aside in September for the children receiving their **First Holy Communion.**

**A prayer for those who died...**

Roy Devine, Newfield  
Breda Nugent (née Marren),  
Stameen & Sligo  
Fr. Gerry Rice PE, Kilcloon  
Grace Callaghan (née Murray),  
Stamullen & Julianstown.

*May they rest in peace*

**Supporting Our Parish:**  
25th August, 2020

**Offertory:** € 950.00  
**Development Fund:** € 1,050.00

**Many thanks. Keep safe and well.**