

# St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 30th September 2018  
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Lord's Day **9:00am, 10:30am, 12 noon & 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.



## Our Parish Community

### October 2018:

Tues 2nd Oct. 8.00pm Liturgy Meeting  
Tues 9th Oct. 8.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team A** Centre  
Wed 10th Oct. 8.00pm Holy Hour of Adoration Church  
Tues 16th Oct. 8.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting **Team B** Church

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



### Parish Outreach

#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul (New Members):

St. John's Hospital Visitation Conference visits Boyne View House and St. Mary's Hospital every Thursday at 7pm. If you would like to join us please leave your name and contact details at the parish office.

#### Wolfe Tones Family Day:

Today Sunday 30th September from 2-5pm in the pitch on Platin Rd. Fun events for all ages. All families welcome. Special guest on the day will be the Sam Maguire Cup!

#### St. Mary's Youth Choir:

We are looking for new members for our Youth Choir, singers and musicians. We are also looking for a new choir director. Anyone who would like to join or help out with the choir please contact Fr. Phil.

#### Mission Month:

October is Mission month. World Mission Sunday takes place on **Sunday 21st October**. This is the one Sunday in the year that Pope Francis asks us to pray a little stronger and dig a little deeper so that faith, hope and love can flourish. **World Mission Sunday** is coordinated by "World Missions Ireland", the church's official charity for overseas mission.

### Prayer and Pilgrimage

#### The Upper Room Youth Group:

Led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (041.9830441). Weekly meeting will be held on Thursdays from 7.15pm - 8.45pm in St. Mary's Pastoral Centre. Join us for faith, friendship and fun.

#### Our Lady of the Rosary:

Sunday 7th October is the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. To mark the celebration the Legion of Mary invite everyone to take part in a candle lit procession and recitation of the Rosary after the 7pm Mass. Refreshments afterwards.

#### Adoration in St Mary's Church

On Sunday 28th October at 7.00pm we will celebrate the Anniversary of Adoration in our church.

#### Secular Franciscan Order:

The secular Franciscans will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at their Monthly Mass on Wednesday 3rd October at 8.30pm in the Augustinian Church, Shop St. Drogheda. Blessing of the sick and veneration of the relic of St. Francis will be included. Everyone welcome.

### Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

As we approach the end of this annual celebration of the Season of Creation, let today's Gospel be a call to care for the weak and vulnerable.

Through our exploitation of the earth's goods it is the poorest of the world who suffer.

Let us always be conscious of our responsibility to be stewards of creation, to connect more deeply with the wondrous world around us, to take action against all that threatens our natural environment

In a few days we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis patron saint of ecology.

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. *Jane Mellett*

**The poor and the earth are crying out! Laudate Si.**

#### Sunday 7th October Day for Life

**Day for Life** is celebrated each year, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year we pray for the victims of human trafficking that they may be helped to rebuild their lives after the traumatic experiences they have gone through.

"The trade in human beings violates the God given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters, and constitutes a true crime against humanity"  
**Pope Francis**



### Ordination for the Diocese of Meath

Today Sunday 30th September Deacon Fergal Cummins will be ordained a priest by Bishop Tom Deenihan, Bishop of Meath at 3pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ashbourne. All are welcome to attend this ceremony.

Fergal will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in his home parish, St. Brigid's Church, Rolestown, Co. Dublin on Monday 1st October at 7pm. Immediately after this Mass Fergal will bless his parents JJ and Frances Cummins and sister Marie.

All are welcome to attend this Mass of Thanksgiving - there will be a parish reception in Rolestown Hall next door after the Mass while the First Blessings are taking place.

Fergal has been assisting us here in St. Mary's Parish over the summer months. We congratulate him on his ordination and wish him every blessing in his future ministry in our Diocese.

Please keep Fergal and his family in your prayers at this time. We also pray for our three Seminarians in Rome and for an increase in vocations for the Diocese of Meath.

**Appointment of Vicar General:** Bishop Tom has re-appointed Fr. Declan Hurley as Vicar General with immediate effect. We wish to congratulate Fr. Declan on his re-appointment.

**An Appreciation night for Fr. Joe** will be held in the City North Hotel on Thursday 8th November.

Tickets costing €25.00 are now available from the Parish Office and McCabe's Shop. Music by Phil & Mill. Complimentary bus available. Anyone unable to attend but wishing to make a contribution may do so at the Parish Office.

**Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses today.**

### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 30th September, 2018

<b>Sunday 30th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Pat Durkin
	<b>10.30am</b>	Sheila Hughes and deceased family members; Special Intention
	<b>12.00noon</b>	Chris Boylan; Peg McNally
	<b>7.00pm</b>	Helen Rogers
<b>Monday 1st Oct</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Christina Callan
<b>Friday 5th Oct.</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>First Friday - Mass for all on the Parish List of the Dead</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Catherine Monaghan; Deceased members of the Kiernan family; Bernadette Kenny Deceased members of the Rooney family; Pray for Children
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Special Intention
	<b>10.30am</b>	Denis McCarthy; Rev. Alphonsus McKenna; Christopher Matthews; Sean Freeman
	<b>12.00noon</b>	Maureen Kerrigan <i>Month's Memory</i> & her husband Gerry Kerrigan; Aly Farrell, <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Michael Leonard <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Margaret O'Brien
	<b>7.00pm</b>	David McDonagh, Francis & Veronica Sommerville; Robert Carter

### A prayer for those who have entered Eternal Rest ...



**John Burns**, Ballsgrrove & formerly of Liverpool;  
**Maeve Mc Allister nee Walker**, Duke Street.

May they rest in peace.

### Supporting Our Parish:

23rd September 2018

**Offertory: €1,102.00**

**Parish Dev. Fund: €1,290.00**

*Many thanks for your support.*



### Dates for your Diary:

**Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place in St Mary's Church for the five sixth classes from St Mary's Parish Primary School on Saturday March 30th 2019 at 11.00am.

**First Confessions:** St Mary's Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 26th February, Wednesday 27th February, Thursday 28th February,

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion** for the five second classes from St Mary's Parish Primary School will take place on Saturdays 11th & 18th of May 2019. More details to follow.