St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 30th December 2018 Feast of the Holy Family

Fr Phil Gaffney PP Fr Fergal Cummins CC St Mary's Presbytery Dublin Road 🖀 9834958

 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.

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www.stmarysdrogheda.ie stmarysdrogheda@gmail.com 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"

Christmas Ceremonies at St Mary's Parish · Drogheda

Sunday 30th December • Masses: 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon & 7:00pm • Polish Mass: 2:00pm

Tuesday 1st January [Solemnity of Mary: Mother of God] • 12:00 noon Mass

Wednesday 2nd January • Morning Mass resumes at 8:00am

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Parish Office:will reopen on Wednesday January 2ndTues.8th Jan. 8.30pmBaptism Preparation MeetingTues.15th Jan 8.30pmBaptism Preparation Meeting

<u>Hospital Visitation</u>: Please inform Fr Phil, Fr Fergal, or the Parish Centre if a relative is ill or in hospital.

Parish Outreach

St Mary's Roof Restoration Fundraiser 2019

January 2019

Would you like to walk the last stage of the Camino from Sarria to Santiago. It is 120 kilometres full of history and heritage. We are looking for volunteers who will raise \in 1500. Flight, food, hotel accommodation and transfers will cost approximately \in 900 leaving \in 600 for the Roof Fund.

Travel dates are 9th-16th September 2019.

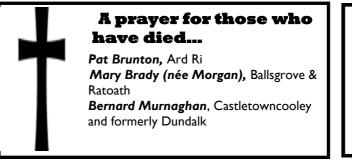
Please contact Joe Harlin 085-2566305 or Michael Murphy 087-7072955.

Adoration: Adorers are needed - if you are interested and available for an hour, please leave your name and phone number in the Parish Office and we will contact you

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 30th December, 2018

Sunday 30th	9:00am	Special Intention
	10.30am	Sheila Matthews Month's M
		Oscar Amuariddin; Joe Flyn
	l 2noon	Tom Branagan Month's Me
		Maurice O'Connor First Anr
	2.00pm	Polish Mass
Monday	10:00am	Basil Kennedy
Tuesday 1st Jan. 12.00noon		Tony Kierans & deceased m
Wednesday	8:00am	
Friday	8:00am	First Friday - Mass for A
Saturday	10:00am	Margaret & Bernard Ke
Sunday 6th	9:00am	-
	10.30am	Paul Byrne, Margaret Gallag
	l 2noon	Joe Fay Month's Memory; I
		Jimmy Kennedy; Yvonne &
		Thomas & Anne Keane; The
		members; Aloysius & Mona
		Fr. Jim Harbison and deceas
		and Special Intention

7.00pm





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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.

Memory; May Flanagan First Anniversary; Ollie Rice & Michael Byrne, nn; Betty Johnston & Doreen Penders emory; Dan Owens First Anniversary; nniversary

7.00pm

members of the Kierans family Thursday 8:00am All Those on the Parish List of the Dead eeley; Bridget Reid

Igher, Joan Mc Quillan; Special Intention Maureen Kelly First Anniversary; Evelyn Scanlon; Bridget Doswell; homas & Mary Alice Cooney and deceased family ha Farrell & their son Aly and deceased family members ased parents James & Sara Harbison, Cathal & Helen O'Cealllaigh



Supporting Our Parish:

23rd December 2018 Offertory: €1,496.00 Parish Dev.Fund: €1,275..00 25th December Offertory: €4,779.00 Many thanks for your support.