

# St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 31st January 2021  
Fourth 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.



Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

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In this first chapter Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the Reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that 'he taught as one having authority'. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way.

Jesus' combined teaching with healing, and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit?

The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom?

It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit – jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power, etc. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives out that evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion?



### St. Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell  
Bless every fireside every wall and door  
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof  
Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy  
Bless every foot that walks its portals through  
May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.

### Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 31st January, 2021

<b>Sunday 31st Jan.</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Paddy Mc Hale <i>Month's Memory</i> & Joseph Tiernan; Veronica Faulkner <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Joe Maguire <i>First Anniversary</i> & Special Intention; Lilah Mathews, Sean Mathews & John Fennell; Thomas Lowth; Tommy Nolan; Martina Bagnall; Tommy Finglas; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke
<b>Monday 1st Feb.</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Feast of St. Bridget</b> - Tadhg Clarke
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Candlemas Day</b> - Margaret Hampson (née Kelly)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Feast of St. Blaise</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Friday 5th Feb.</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>First Friday – Mass for All those on the Parish List of the Dead</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Special Intention
<b>Sunday 7th Feb..</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Phyllis Monk <i>First Anniversary</i> ; Theresa & Ann Gibbons; John & Mary Murray, John Murray Junior & deceased members of the Murray & Stafford families, Kevin Rogers & Willie Ryan; Leo Mc Donnell; Thao & Quan Tang; Tony Wade; Patrick & Elsie Collier; Martina Fitzpatrick & Frank Wolfe; Michael, Mary-Kate & Mena Rourke



### St Mary's Schedule (On webcam only.)

We earnestly hope that in 2021 we will find ourselves vaccinated, going back to work or finding new jobs, heading back to school, and breathing a sigh of relief.

We all look forward to a resumption of our visits to our elderly in our nursing homes and those who have been confined to their homes. Our prayers are with those families who lost loved ones during the course of the pandemic. Yet, like we do in the seasons of Advent and Lent, we must stay alert and prepare for whatever may lie ahead.

We want to say a very special thank you to so many of our parishioners who volunteered to help out in so many ways in the past few months. We have a wonderful team of parishioners who have helped to keep our church safe for everyone.

Mass will be celebrated privately each day at 10:00am and will be available via webcam. You can join us by going online to our website live stream. The Church will be open each day from 11.00am to 4.00pm so that people can call in to say a prayer or light a candle. Copies of the parish bulletin will be available in the Church.

**Adoration in the main Church Monday to Friday 11:00am to 4:00pm.**



### Feast of St. Brigid - Monday 1st February

*'May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in the world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made'.*



### Candlemas Day - Tuesday 2nd February

There is a long tradition associated with this day when candles are blessed for use at home or you are invited to donate candles for use in the Church.



### Feast of St. Blaise - Wednesday 3rd February

Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil.

† In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. †



**2021 Parish Envelopes:** Envelopes have been delivered during the past two weeks. If you have not received your box of envelopes or would like to receive one please e-mail us or phone the Parish Office.

### A prayer for those who died...



**Jackey Smith**, St. Finian's Park & formerly Pearse Park; **Michael (Mick) Griffin**, Bothar Bruagha; **Vera Black (née McEntee)**, Julianstown; **John, Richard Prendergast**, Boston & Galway; **Patrick (Paddy) Devine**, Grove Road; **Tommy Sheils**, Ballsgrove & Old Hill; **Dora (Dorrie) O'Callaghan (née Blackburn)** Dublin; **Patrick (Pat) O'Brien**, Marian Park; **Maureen Rice**, Legavoureen Park.

May they rest in peace

### Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can now use the **donate button** facility on our website. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

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