



September 06, 2026

NEWSLETTER

ST. MARY'S PARISH, MAYNOOTH & LADYCHAPEL

MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS

St Mary's:

Family Mass: Sat 5.30 pm

Vigil Mass: Sat 7.00 pm

Sunday: 8.45 am, 11.30 am, & 1.00 pm

Ladychapel:

Sunday: 10.00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

St Mary's

Mon – Sat – 10.00 am

First Friday – 10.00 am

WORKING HOLY DAYS

St Mary's

Vigil Mass: Sat 7.00 pm

Morning Mass: 10.00 am

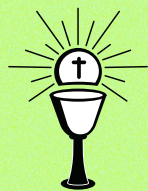
Ladychapel:

Vigil Mass: 8.00 pm

CONFESSION

St Mary's

Saturdays after the 10.00 am Mass



Dear Friends,

Welcome to our new Newsletter. The bigger font size will make it easier to read and there will be more space for news items. Many thanks to Bro Aswin SDB, Martina our parish secretary, and Sheila and Nina from the Parish Pastoral Council, for all their work on the parish newsletter.

This weekend we have our annual blessing of Schoolbags at 5 pm on Saturday and we ask God to bless the new academic year that is beginning. After consultation and following the recommendation of the Parish Pastoral Council, it has been decided to keep our Family Mass on Saturday evenings, rather than returning it to Sunday mornings. The Mass will be at 5 pm to avoid congestion for our 7 pm Mass goers. Also, we will have our Family Mass as such on the 1st Saturday of the month; a Mass for First Holy Communion families on the 2nd Saturday; Mass for Confirmation candidates and their families on the 3rd Saturday; and our Sensory Mass on the 4th Saturday of the month. Hopefully these new arrangements will facilitate better attendance and more parental involvement. Volunteers always welcome! Many thanks to all who expressed their views on our Family Mass, and special thanks to our Family Mass Team and to Emma, our Parish Youth Leader.

The 2027 dates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be available shortly, after meetings in the parish with the 5 schools, and they will take into account the fact that Easter will be very early, shortly after St Patrick's Day!

The Parish Pastoral Council has been concentrating on hospitality and our new Sensory Mass has been very successful. It is meeting a real need for families in the parish and diocese and it's great that families who would otherwise not be able to attend Mass have been feeling at home here. Thanks again to the Maynooth Access group for providing advice and sensory items. Our Sensory Mass will resume in October.

The Pastoral Council is currently receiving training in how to work synodally. We are all trying to walk together on our synodal pathway. That's what synodal means: together on the way, sheep and shepherds. You will remember our synodal journey starting back in 2021 when parishes throughout the world held meetings and sent feedback for the Synod in Rome. It concluded in late 2024 and the final reports are available on the Dublin Diocese website at dublindiocese.ie/synod. An Irish national synodal assembly will be taking place shortly, in October, and it will dovetail with various Synod implementation assemblies taking place worldwide which will lead to another assembly in Rome in late 2028. The whole Church, as God's people, is being led by the Holy Spirit along the Way, which is Jesus himself.

May God give us his blessing as we set out together after the summer break, knowing that he's always with us. As Jesus says in our Gospel this weekend: "where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them".

God bless.

Fr Tom

NOTICES

SENSORY MASSES FROM OCTOBER 2026 TO JUNE 2027 (4TH SATURDAY EACH MONTH AT 5.00 PM)

- October 24, 2026; November 28, 2026; January 23, 2027; February 27, 2027; April 24, 2027; May 22, 2027 & June 26, 2027

COMHALTAS MAYNOOTH RETURN TO LESSONS - SEPTEMBER 2026

- We are delighted to announce that classes for the new term will resume shortly. We've had a great couple of years and a lovely summer of music, so it's time to get into the winter groove again and make some space for music among the busy schedule of activities! <https://fb.watch/Jmgt35RPRD/>
- Please take note of the following important dates:**
- Information & Registration Evening: Wednesday, 9th September, 2026. Especially for new starters, but also if you are thinking of taking up a new instrument.
- Term Classes Start: **Wednesday, 16th September, 2026.** There will be 12 lessons up to Christmas. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Maynooth Post Primary School for another term of music and learning. Registration and payment can be managed through our website at <https://ccemhaighnuad.com/enrol-pay>

MAYNOOTH BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

- Have you suffered a loss? We would like to invite you to our Bethany Group Support Meeting on **Monday 28th September** in Parish Pastoral Centre at **7.30 pm**. For more information, please contact Bethany Maynooth 086-2700740.
- Our Bethany Team:** Jean Kennedy, Anne Gallagher & Antoinette O'Brien

FIRST CLASS RELIC OF ST THÉRÈSE

- HLI Ireland: Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Leinster event at the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, on **Monday 28th September at 6:45 pm**, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.

LITTLE WAY CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE CONCERT

- The Little Way Cancer Support Centre Fundraising Concert featuring the Queen of Musicals Rebecca Storm will be held on **Sunday 4th October 2026** in Westgrove Hotel, Clane. Tickets are €50 including a prosecco reception.
- In 2025, the service provided 1,400 hours of free support to people affected by cancer. All proceeds from the concert go directly towards the funding of cancer support services in Kildare. To purchase tickets, you can contact the centre on 045902996 or log onto Eventbrite and search for Rebecca Storm tickets.

PARISH COLLECTIONS WEEKEND OF 29TH / 30TH AUGUST, 2026

- First Collection:** € 1,342 (support of Diocesan Priests)
- SHARE:** € 1,008
- Family Envelope & Standing Orders:** € 2,475

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