



September 20, 2026

NEWSLETTER

ST. MARY'S PARISH, MAYNOOTH & LADYCHAPEL

MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS

St Mary's:

Family Mass: Sat 5.00 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

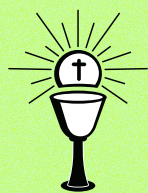
Ladychapel:

Vigil Mass: 8.00 pm

CONFESSION

St Mary's

Saturdays after the 10.00 am Mass



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generosity this weekend to the annual collection in support of Crosscare, the Catholic social care agency of the Diocese of Dublin, in its work on our behalf with those in need, including the homeless, youth, refugees, migrants and emigrants. We hope you like our new missalette and newsletter. Please take a copy home with you every week. It contains parish phone numbers as well as news items with dates and times. We hope to revamp the parish website soon as well. The dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2027 have been agreed with the schools and classes have been organised for children attending schools not under the patronage of the Archbishop. Our adult faith formation will resume shortly with talks on Scripture by Dr Jessie Rogers from St Patrick's and Emma, our parish youth leader, is organising a special Mass for our young people in honour of St. Carlo Acutis, as well as a blessing of pets, great and small, on the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. And please pray for the success of our parish pilgrimage of Rome which starts on Tuesday. If we manage to get close enough to Pope Leo, we will invite him to visit our parish if he's coming to Ireland.

God bless.

Fr Tom

PARISH COLLECTIONS WEEKEND OF 12TH / 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

First Collection: € 1,163 (support of Diocesan Priests)

SHARE: € 907

Family Envelope & Standing Orders: € 2,349

LADYCHAPEL CHOIR ARE LOOKING FOR MORE SINGERS!

We would welcome new members, both male and female. No previous choir experience necessary, just a love of singing! If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Rachel (086 8236433) or come along to the practise which is held every Wednesday night in Ladychapel Church at 8:30pm. All are welcome.

NOTICES

COMMUNITY MEETING – PRIMARY SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS FOR ST MARY'S BNS AND PRESENTATION GIRLS' SCHOOL MAYNOOTH

- There will be a meeting for members of the local community in St Mary's Parish Pastoral Centre on **Tuesday 29th September** at 6.00 pm to discuss the results of the Department of Education and Youth's Primary School Survey for St Mary's BNS and Presentation Girls' School Maynooth.
- **The survey examined the preferences of parents, school staff and Boards of Management in relation to three areas:**
 - School patronage and ethos
 - Single-sex or co-educational primary education
 - Language of instruction
- **The results for St Mary's BNS indicate that:**
 - 76% of parents of pupils currently attending the school expressed a preference for co-education;
 - 54% expressed a preference for retaining denominational education; and
 - 13% expressed a preference for Irish-medium instruction
- **The results for Presentation Girls' School indicate that:**
 - 70% of parents of pupils currently attending the school expressed a preference for co-education;
 - 56% expressed a preference for retaining denominational education; and
 - 13% expressed a preference for Irish-medium instruction.
- The Boards of Management of both schools wish to consult with members of the wider community and gather feedback and views in relation to the survey results. This feedback will help to inform each Board's consideration and decision-making regarding how the schools should proceed. All members of the local community are welcome to attend.
- **Parking on the night is available on the grounds of St Mary's Boys' National school.**

CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION

- The Annual Collection for Crosscare will take place **this weekend**. It will replace the SHARE Collection. Crosscare delivers a wide range of homeless, youth, and food poverty support to people at various stages of poverty or marginalisation. Regrettably, the demand for these vital services continues to increase, and Crosscare relies on your generosity to reach as many people as possible who need help. Please support the Crosscare collection this weekend or you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie

FIRST COMMUNIONS FOR THOSE ATTENDING SCHOOLS WHICH DO NOT OFFER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Parents of children attending schools which do not offer Religious Education are invited to register their children for classes in preparation for First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2027. Please see the parish website and church porches for further information.

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

RCIA - INVITATION TO ADULTS SEEKING BAPTISM IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Our Parish RCIA team welcomes, supports and accompanies adults seeking to become members of the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which people enter into the fullness of the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The RCIA team will meet and guide candidates through the different stages of the process. If you know someone who is interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a Catholic, then please invite them to contact Martina in the Parish office. They will then be put in touch with a member of the RCIA team.

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