

Parish of Crosserlough - Newsletter

*8th March 2020 - Second Sunday in Lent*

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**Parish Website: [www.crosserloughparish.ie](http://www.crosserloughparish.ie)**

**Brid McEvoy, Parish Secretary, Tuesday and Thursday**

2.30 - 5.30 pm - **0861553930**

St. Mary's Church Crosserlough

**Masses on FM 108**

Sunday 10.00 am  
Monday, Tuesday 10.00 am  
Thursday, Friday 7.30 pm  
**Adoration Thursdays 6 - 8.30 pm**

St. Joseph's Church Drumkilly

Saturday 7.30 pm  
Wednesday 10.00 am  
**Adoration Tuesdays 6—8 pm**

St. Patrick's Church Kilnaleck

Sunday 11.15 am

**Saints of the Week**

**Sunday**  
**St. John of God,**  
**St. Senan, Bishop**

**Monday**  
**St. Frances of**  
**Rome**

- **Confirmation 2020** - Sunday 5th April at 3 pm in St. Mary's Crosserlough
- **First Holy Communion 2020**  
St. Mary's NS - Crosserlough Church Sunday 3rd May at 10 am  
St. Patrick's NS - Kilnaleck Church Sunday 10th May at 11.15 am  
St. Joseph's NS - Drumkilly Church Saturday 23rd May at 11.30 am

St. Mary's Church, Crosserlough

**Please pray for the Deceased:**

Sunday 8th 10.00 am **Mary O'Reilly (Lynch), Killanure**  
Sunday 8th 10.00 am **Andy and Elizabeth Brady, Derrylahan**  
Friday 13th 7.30 pm **Patrick and Elizabeth Colwell, Drumrora**  
Sunday 15th 10.00 am **Mary Short, Aughterera**  
**Eucharistic Ministers - March:** Peggy Lynch, Helen Donohoe, Margaret Smith  
**Readers - March:** Micheál Reilly, Anna McCabe  
**Altar Society March:** Ann Campbell, Pauline McEnerney, Mai Nulty, Pat Colwell

St. Joseph's Church, Drumkilly

**Please pray for the Deceased:** Pat Brady, Ballyhaise whose funeral was during the week. Rose Kelly and Hugh O'Reilly whose funerals were also celebrated during the week.

Saturday 7th 7.30 pm **Nancy Landers, Derrin Lower, 1st Anniversary Mass**  
Saturday 14th 7.30 pm **John and Eileen Galligan, Drumnalara and Deceased**  
Saturday 14th 7.30 pm **John Smith, Kill**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** 7th - Kathleen Galligan, Donal Cahill,  
14th - Teresa Morgan, Seán Cronin  
**Readers - March:** Tom Sullivan, Michael Cronin  
**Collectors - March:** John O'Reilly, Donal Smith  
**Altar Society - March:** Mary O'Reilly, Mary Callery

St. Patrick's Church, Kilnaleck

**Please pray for the Deceased:** Adriana Monteiro - Da Silva (Donohoe) whose funeral took place on Thursday

Sunday 8th 11.15 am **Patrick and Mary O'Reilly, Main St.**  
Sunday 8th 11.15 am **Peter McGivney, Kill and Deceased**  
Sunday 15th 11.15 am **Patrick and Agnes O'Reilly, Main St.**  
**Ministers of Holy Communion:** 8th Michael McGivney, 15th March Damien O'Reilly, St. Patrick's Day Connie Briody, 22nd Susanne Clinton, 29th Geraldine McGivney  
**Altar Society - March:** Anne O'Reilly, Rose Mary McCabe  
**Collectors - March:** Jason Reilly, Matthew Keaney  
**Reader - March:** Arlene Smith  
**Church Committee Meeting:** Tuesday 10th March in the Church at 8 pm.

**All masses this weekend (Saturday and Sunday) are for the People of the Parish**

## Church Notices

- **Tax Rebate:** Thanks to all those who made it possible to access a Rebate from the Department of Finance. If you would like to help to reduce our overall debt perhaps you could offer to join all those who are currently doing so by returning the CHY3 completed form— going out in the post next week (all church areas) along with acknowledgement of contributions for 2019. Please return completed CHY3 form by 1st April 2020.

**\*The Transfiguration of Jesus is the highest form of prayer which Peter, James and John were invited to experience**

### A Structure for Prayer

1. Choose a Time - make a definite time dedicated only to prayer
2. Choose a place - It should be free from distractions
3. Go over the basic facts in your mind - Do not focus on your problems but on the truths revealed in God's Word.
4. Praise God - He is worthy of all praise
5. Ask God Questions - Ask him about his kingdom and about the scripture you have selected
6. Listen for an answer—Expect to have God within yourself and the scripture you have chosen.
7. Respond to God - Do this by asking forgiveness praying for wisdom and praying for others.

One of the major problems that people have when they do set time aside to pray is they have to deal with distractions. When we try to get rid of these they get more entrenched in our mind and we can't get rid of distractions. There is a remedy for this. Anthony de Mello believes that you have to learn to love these distractions and when you do they distractions lose their power. He gives the example of a person who comes to a "Guru" to get help with his prayer time. De Mello lived in India and there are a lot of swamps in the countryside full of frogs. So the "Guru" advised him that as long as he considered the frog to be a distraction he would have no peace of mind while praying. The croaking of frogs occupied his mind and unless he could learn to love the distraction (the frogs) he was going nowhere. So the man learned to love the croaking of the frogs and soon afterwards they ceased to be a distraction for him.



- **Tim Fanning author of *The Salamanca Diaries*:** will give a lecture From Drumkilly to Salamanca: Father Alexander J. McCabe and the Spanish Civil War on Wednesday 11th March at 8pm in Drumkilly Hall Refreshments Afterwards. All Welcome
- **Crosserlough Drama Group present - A wake in the West - by MJ Ginnelly** on 17th and 18th April in Crosserlough Old School - Full Details will follow
- **Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020:** 29th May - 3rd June 2020 Led by Fr. Liam Kelly, Diocesan Administrator.
- **Allianz Insurance:** The regional representative for Allianz on her visit to the parish recommended a number of changes. One of these has to do with the traffic of monumental sculptors through the school grounds. She as part of her brief requires that these people should use the entrance at the old school side of the graveyard. Each year people try to enhance their burial spot by having skilled workers do their trade, so if these men could be asked to comply with the insurance companies recommendations the school children's safety would be guaranteed.
- For many years now Allianz have made it known that they do not provide "cover" during hours of darkness in any graveyard.

### **Here I Am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I, who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart*

### **Recessional Hymn**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God.  
And his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added  
unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah! x 2

Ask, and it shall be given unto you.  
Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it  
shall be opened unto you. Hallelu,  
Hallelujah! x2

