

Our Parish Newsletter

12th July 2020 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times

St. Mary's Sun, Mon, Tue - 10.00 am; Thur, Fri - 7.30 pm

St. Joseph's Saturday - 8.00 pm; Wednesday - 10.00 am

St. Patrick's Sunday - 11.15 am

We Pray For The Deceased:

St. Joseph's

Saturday 11th 8.00 pm

St. Mary's

Sunday 12th 10.00 am Adriana & Geraldo; Joe & Joan Donohoe, Kilnaleck

Sunday 19th 10.00 am Pat Smith, Drumeagle, Months Memory Mass

St. Patrick's

Sunday 12th 11.15 am

Weekend Masses: We are trying to give priority to those who have passed away during lockdown and didn't get to have a proper funeral gathering. Also to 1st Anniversary Masses.

Confirmation Rehearsal for Kilnaleck NS on Thursday 16th July at 6.30 pm and Confessions for the candidates.

Due to the Coronavirus Fr. Micheál's family will not be having his Anniversary Mass in Crosserlough this year, but will celebrate it in 2021.

We can start to celebrate Baptisms: To protect the infants we will baptize one baby only and this will be on a Sunday at 1pm. We have each Sunday filled until the end of September so we will be able to accommodate only those who live in the parish.

Congratulations: We congratulate Fr. Jimmy Early, Christ the King Church, Nottingham and Drumbee, Kilnaleck on the celebration of his Silver Jubilee. Ordained in Drumkilly Church on 15th July 1995.

Church Notices

The Significance of "Breath" in the Context of Confirmation

The word spirit comes from the Latin word 'Spiritus' which means Breath. Breath is an obvious sign of life. The account of creation shows God breathing a breath of life into the nostrils of Adam (genesis 2;7). Even though man/woman had been the high point of the seven day's of creation they still needed that source of energy or spirit to get going and to realise their potential. The apostles were hiding away in fear of being subjected to the same death as Jesus. So the Holy Spirit breathes on them and became energised, inspired and not afraid and they will leave their place of fear and become witnesses to Jesus

Anointing with Chrism

The Chrism oil is made from olive oil and balsam which gives it a sweet smelling perfume, the aroma of which is to spread out from the candidate in the goodness of her/his life. The oil of olives was used by athletes to limber up their muscles for competition and so the Chrism oil is applied to the forehead (brain) to limber up the conscience of the candidate. In the ancient system priests prophets and Kings were anointed to remind them of the responsibilities they were given.

The Sponsor

If possible the person who was sponsor at baptism for the candidate ought to fulfil this role. Otherwise any confirmed person can be the sponsor if they are living a fully, catholic lifestyle as the role of the sponsor is the role of giving good example to the child for confirmation. The sponsor is the person who "responds" for the candidate by tendering the name of the candidate and holding their right hand on the right shoulder of the candidate. So each candidate will have a sponsor each.

"Be sealed"

Now that the candidates are in position the Bishop while anointing each will say N...Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Letters in the old days were sealed by dripping soft wax on the envelope and making a mark on the wax with a ring. The letter was then entrusted to a messenger who in some cases would have galloped long distances and maybe replaced by several other messengers. Many of these kings were not able to write but they had custom made rings personal to themselves. The letter was the property of the King and the horse messenger had the protection of the King. So the candidate is now part of the retinue of God and now has the commission of the duty to be his witness in the world. To be confirmed means to be strengthened and in the Sacrament of Confirmation the candidate is strengthened with the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation - Dates Confirmed

Saturday 18th July 12 noon - Kilnaleck NS

Saturday 25th July 12 noon - Drumkilly NS

Saturday 1st August 12 noon - Crosserlough NS