

Our Parish Newsletter

19th July 2020 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation In Kilnaleck



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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 18th 8.00 pm Daisy Reilly, Tedehan

Saturday 25th 8.00 pm Kathleen, Johnny Conaty & Decd. Tedehan

St. Mary's

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

Thursday 23rd 7.30 pm Sophie Boylan, Kill (Baby)

Friday 24th 7.30 pm James and Anna Gaffney, Drumbarry

Sunday 26th 10.00 am David Harten, Kilnaleck

St. Patrick's

Sunday 26th 11.15 am Vincent O'Brian, Barrack Rd

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 Drumkilly NS Wednesday 22nd July at 6.30 pm with Confessions for the candidates immediately afterwards

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.



Blessing of the Graves: Due to the Covid 19 there will be no Blessing of the Graves in the Parish in 2020.

Church Notices

The significance of the Dove in our understanding of Confirmation

When we read about the creation of the world in the book of Genesis we see that at the end of each day of creation God looks at what he has created and he says "This is Good". Most of our lives we spend trying to remember this reality that because God has made us we are good. Religion is trying to help us deal with the forces of evil that rob us of this sense of security. As we are at the top of all creation we have access to the world of symbolism that nothing else in creation has. The word symbolism is a Greek word which means "that which draws together" (the opposite of diabolism "that which draws apart"). When we reach 12 or 13 our mind has access to a whole world of symbolism. And so in the symbolism of Confirmation preparation we are introduced to the Dove, Fire, Wind and Breath. The unlimited possibilities of happiness conferred on Adam and Eve came to a tragic end when Cain murdered his brother Abel, and things got worse. The flood that overcame Noah was perceived to be a punishment from God but there was still hope. As it rained for 40 days and 40 nights and all land disappeared the "end" was staring Noah in the face. However he got a brain wave and took a raven and allowed him to go free, but he returned because the Ark was the only solid thing he could land on. Then he decided he would release a dove, but the same happened she returned to the security of the Ark. After some time he released the dove and this time she returned with a leaf in her beak, indicating that some land had re-emerged from the flood. This return was of great significance but of greater significance, was what was in her beak - the branch was that of an olive tree and of course "olive branch" has become a universal symbol for peace making. For the writer of this part of the book of Genesis this was God telling the people that He had forgiven them for drifting away from him.

Confirmation - Dates Confirmed

Saturday 18th July 12 noon - Kilnaleck NS

Saturday 25th July 12 noon - Drumkilly NS

Saturday 1st August 12 noon - Crosserlough NS