

Our Parish Newsletter

Church Notices

30 August 2020 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Peter McKiernan PP 4336798; Fr. Darragh Connolly 086 3224346
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Mass Times

St. Mary's Sun, Mon, Tue -10.00 am; Thursday, First Friday - 7.30 pm;
St. Joseph's Sat -8.00 pm; Wed - 10.00 am, First Friday - 8.30 pm
St. Patrick's Sun-11.15 am

We Pray For The Deceased:

St. Joseph's

Saturday 29th 8.00 pm Philip Comiskey, Kill Memorial Mass
Friday 4th 8.30 pm Bartley, Josephine, Michael Galligan, Corlislea
Saturday 5th 8.00 pm John & Bridget Gray, Drumbee

St. Mary's

Sunday 30th 10.00 am Tessie Moore, Kilnaleck
Thursday 3rd 7.30 pm Anna Mai and Patrick Smith, Keenagh
Sunday 6th 10.00 am Patsy Smith, Derrylahan, Memorial Mass
Decd Smith & O'Hara Families

St. Patrick's

St. Joseph Church - Readers September: Danielle Smith, Shauna Conaty
Altar Society: Bridie Keaney, Martina Gaffney

Offertory Collection - April, May, June, July

	2019	2020
Crosserlough	€17,555	€11,456
Drumkilly	€7,370	€5,069
Kilnaleck	€6,147	€4,151

- ◆ **School Re-Opening:** As our Primary School children go back to school we ask the blessing of Fr. John Boylan who died on the 1st September and who in 1886 undertook the building of eight schools in the parish.
- ◆ We hope that the confirmation classes may settle into their new environment as secondary school pupils. It is an unusual beginning for all to negotiate, but I'm sure you will take it in your stride.
- ◆ We wish Fr. Darragh Connolly the best of God's care as he departs from us. We thank him for his service to the parish for the last three years.

◆ **Who is in Control?**

Dominick an absent minded monk took his daily walk to read his breviary. Unfortunately it was Easter Sunday and he had extra psalms to read and Dominick walked too far—right off a cliff. Fortunately, he felt something was amiss and grabbed a tree root. As Dominick's feet dangled twenty feet from the ground he frantically shouted, "Help is there anyone up there?" Suddenly the clouds parted and a loud voice roared. "I will help you, are you willing to do whatever I ask" Of course what do you want me to do? "Let go" "Who are you?" "God" "Is there anyone else up there?"

- ◆ **First Holy Communion:** We have 48 children preparing to make their First Holy Communion and as part of that preparation they will be making their First Confessions. Parents role in this preparation will be of course to bring their children to mass each weekend. This will help the children to see that it is as part of the worshipping community that they receive these two sacraments.
- ◆ **Why are Catholics supposed to go to Mass every Sunday?** Keeping Holy the Lord's Day is a practice that goes back to Jewish obedience of the Sabbath. The first Christians were all Jews and for them the Sabbath was the day of the week they set aside to put God first. It was an opportunity to rest and spend time together as family and community with God at the centre without the distraction of work. And we believe that God has given us the best way of worshipping him and so the Church stresses weekly Mass to keep each and every Catholic in regular contact with God's word to us and to keep our lives joined with Jesus. Some people think that our spiritual life is simply an individual experience but God has made us social beings. At the last Supper Jesus didn't say go off on your own and use your imagination but he did say to the apostles 'do this in memory of me'.