

Our Parish Newsletter

29th November 2020 - 1st Sunday in Advent

Rev. Peter McKiernan PP 4336798
Brid McEvoy, Parish Secretary,
Tuesday & Thursday 2.30 - 5.30 pm - 0861553930
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Mass Times

St. Mary's Sat (Vigil Mass) 7.00 pm, Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, 10.00 am;
Thursday, Friday - 7.30 pm;

We Pray For The Deceased: St. Mary's

Saturday 28th	7.00 pm	Maggie, Charles Callery, Aughawee and Decd
Sunday 29th	10.00 am	Peggy Boylan, Main St. Months Memory Mass
Monday 30th	10.00 am	Fr. Paddy Gillick
Thursday 3rd	7.30 pm	Maureen, Jimmy, Kathleen McKiernan
First Friday 4th	7.30 pm	Rose, William Brennan & Decd McCabe's
Saturday 5th	7.00 pm	Ann Marie Halton 1st Anniversary Mass
Sunday 6th	10.00 am	Matthew Lynch, Latnadrona

Altar Society December

St. Mary's: Teresa Callery, Olivia Callery, Brenda Smith, Mgt McKiernan
St. Joseph's Eileen O'Dowd, Sheila Brady, Annitte Boylan

Thanks to all those who support the fundraising draw, the offertory collection, all those who collect, count, record and lodge the collections. Thanks also to those who sign up and enable the parish to get a tax rebate from the Department of Finance. On my own behalf I wish to thank all those who pay to the Dues collection. All outstanding Charity Certs not returned are still accepted before the end of the year.



The Sick and Housebound will be attended on First Friday
4th December.



To add this year's Advent Calendar to your website or social media pages please use the following link: www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar. You can also follow updates on a special Advent Facebook page [Advent 2020] and on Twitter and Instagram using the hashtags #SharingHope and #LivingAdvent

The times never remain the same

The present parish of Crosserlough comprises the two pre reformation parishes of Kildrumferton and Crosserlough. After the 16th Century there were parish amalgamations which may have coincided with the appointment of John McBrady (5/11/1540) the parish priest of Kildrumferton who became Bishop of Kilmore. We have to remember that Henry the eight had suppressed the monasteries and confiscated their lands and declared himself head of the church in Ireland and the year after John McBrady's appointment 1541, Henry declared himself King of Ireland. There is mention of a priest residing in Drumkilly which would indicate there was now a church in Drumkilly (1744). This church was replaced by the present church just before the famine. This church was renovated in 1861 by John Boylan who was the serving curate in Drumkilly (1860—1866). Up till this there was no church in Kilnaleck and in 1882 a chapel was opened and the curate in Crosserlough who lived in Kilatogher provided a shared workload travelling between Crosserlough and Kilnaleck. In 1944 the parish priest resident in Cullow move to the house just built in Kilnaleck. This allowed Felix McCabe CC to move to the house in Cullow and the house in Kilatogher was eventually closed and sold

At the time of the amalgamation of the two parishes Europe was embroiled in an intense battle between Protestant States and Catholic States within Germany and France in particular. The conflict was eventually brought under control by an unusual solution, and the solution was whatever religion the ruler had those whom he ruled would have the same religion. One of the good outcomes from this settlement was that no-body should be no more than two miles from the nearest church on foot. Perhaps that is the reason you can see St. Josephs church Drumkilly from the grounds of St. Mary's church Crosserlough. There was also a church in the townland of Cashel and presumably one in Kilmainham as the townland means the church of "Maighneann" a saint who lived in the seventh century. There are many townlands throughout the country called after "St. Maighneann".