

Our Parish Newsletter

20th June - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times

St. Joseph's: Saturday 8.00 pm, Wednesday - 10 am

St. Mary's: Sunday, Mon, Tues - 10 am; Thurs, Friday - 7.30 pm

St. Patrick's: Sunday 11.15 am

We Pray For The Deceased:

St. Joseph's:

Saturday 19th	8.00 pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
Wednesday 23rd	10.00 am	Hugh and Bridget Reilly, Drumnalara Terry and Mary Ann Reilly, Drumkilly
Saturday 26th	8.00 pm	Kathleen and Peter Smith, Aughaconey

St. Mary's:

Friday 18th	7.30 pm	Julia, Joseph, Eileen, Kathy and Decd McCabe family,
Sunday 20th	10.00 am	Pat Smith, Drumeagle, 1st Anniversary Mass
Thursday 24th	7.30 pm	Tom and Susan Campbell; Anna Hensey
Friday 25th	7.30 pm	Benny, James and Mary Smith, Togher
Sunday 27th	10.00 am	Michael & Madge Lynch, Coolkill, Marie McCabe, Dublin

St. Patrick's: Fr. Noel Boylan, Main St. whose funeral was on Thursday
Pat Callan, Mullycastle, whose funeral is today at 1 pm.

Sunday 20th	11.15 am	Jim McDermott & Decd, Church Rd.
Sunday 27th	11.15 am	Tony and Sean Brady, Drumbee

Lough Derg 2021: Registration is now open to “*Do Lough Derg from wherever you are*” from 3rd to 5th July. The Prior, Fr La Flynn, will do the Three Day Pilgrimage on the Island during these days. To offer a live link by webcam in support of those who will choose to do the pilgrimage wherever they are, some of the Lough Derg staff will do the pilgrimage in St. Mary's Church in Pettigo. To register or for further information please

◆ **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 been 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

◆ **“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.

◆ **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.

Entrance Hymn

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?

Chorus

*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
tings 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

