

## Our Parish Newsletter

*25th July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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### Mass Times

**St. Joseph's:** Saturday 8.00 pm, **No Mass Wednesday**

**St. Mary's:** Sunday - 10 am; **No Weekday Masses next week**

**St. Patrick's:** Sunday 11.15 am

### We Pray For The Deceased:

#### St. Joseph's:

Saturday 24th 8.00 pm Joe McGarry, Barrack Rd, Months Memory

Saturday 31st 8.00 pm Daisy Reilly, Tedehan

#### St. Mary's:

Sunday 25th 10.00 am Anna and James Gaffney, Drumbarry and Decd.

Sunday 1st 10.00 am Noel and Raymond Lynch, Aughaterera

#### St. Patrick's:

Sunday 25th 11.15 am David Harten, 3rd Anniversary Mass

Sunday 1st 11.15 am John Lovett, Main St.

**Feast of St. James: Thursday 25th July:** The feast day of St. James, who was the brother of St. John the Evangelist. He accompanied Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration and the experience of the agony in the Garden, and in this James formed the "Inner" three with Peter and John. After the persecution of St. Paul of the newly formed Christian grouping in Jerusalem, St. James travelled to Spain where he preached the "Gospel". When the persecution eased off somewhat James returned to Jerusalem where eventually he was put to death by Herod, he was beheaded with a sword. Some of those Christians he had preached to in Spain brought back his body and buried the dismembered body in a place made very popular recently, the place 'Compostella' (the field of stars) Santiago {St. James}. This place of veneration of St. James attracts people from all over the world, who walk great distances as part of a voluntary penance.

**This note appeared in the newsletter around this time last year**

**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.

We wish to acknowledge our appreciation of those who cooperated and moved their Anniversary Masses to a week evening.

## **Monthly Draw Results - December 2020 - May 2021 (inclusive)**

1st	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Jimmy & Bridie Reilly	Andy McCabe	Jim & Michelle McEvoy	
Thomas & Karen Maguire	Joe & Una Reilly	Jim & Michelle McEvoy	
Kevin & Caitriona Smith	Matt & Kitty Lynch	Josephine Brady	
Joe Rowley	John Maguire	Eugene & Peggy Lynch	
Nuala McCabe	Karl & Caroline Kelly	Peggie Farrelly	
Majella Kelly (Smith)	Josephine Brady	Vincent & Mary Brady	

**\*Thanks to all those who continue to support our Monthly Draw and the finance committee who organise it.**

### **The Nicene Creed**

The Apostles Creed was put together while the church was considered an illegal organisation and its members in the eyes of Roman Government were subversives. This would change after 300 years when the Emperor Constantine legalised the Christian religion in 312. However this was not to end the difficulties of the church because a new problem would present itself in the form of heresy (error), within the membership of the church. The first of these errors was the claim that Jesus was not a man. Another heresy claimed that the spiritual value of the sacraments depended on the personal holiness of the priest. The most widespread in the early centuries of Christianity was the heresy taught by the Egyptian called Arius and he believed that Jesus was not divine but was the greatest of Gods creatures. It is hard for us to imagine that across North Africa there were riots over these issues and this led to public disorder. So the Emperor could see that if these riots were to spread across the Empire things could get out of control. So he called a church council to get things cleared up and the errors identified and removed. This Council became known as the council of Nicaea which was a town in what is now modern Turkey. This is why we call this creed the "Nicene Creed" and so we can see that it is longer than the "Apostles Creed" because new issues had to be sorted out and clarified. All we need to know as Christians is contained in the "Nicene Creed".

### **World Grandparents Day**

Joachim and Ann the parents of Jesus mother Mary Joachim and Ann represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith and maintain a good atmosphere in their homes their parish and their work place but still remain obscure. This is the feast of grandparents. It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come. It reminds the younger generation that older people have a greater perspective, a depth of experience and appreciation of life's profound rhythms that ought not be ignored.