

Our Parish Newsletter
15 th August - The Feast of the Assumption

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Mass Times

St. Joseph's: Saturday 8.00 pm, Wednesday 10.00 am

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

St. Patrick's: Sunday 11.15 am

We Pray For The Deceased: Gerry Duffy, Drumbrath whose funeral was during the week.

St. Joseph's:

Saturday 14th	8.00 pm	Shane O'Rourke, Polleragh, 1st AM
Wednesday 18th	10.00 am	Katie Mulligan and Decd. of Tully family Aughnahague

St. Mary's:

Friday 13th	7.30 pm	Decd of the Brady family, Drumscriddian
Sunday 15th	10.00 am	Eileen McDonald, Derrylea 1st AM
Tuesday 17th	10.00 am	Peter Greene, Derrylea
Thursday 19th	7.30 pm	Norrie O' Reilly, Curraghbreedin, Also - Colm and Maura O'Reilly
Friday 20th	7.30 pm	Decd. Boylan family, Drumeagle
Saturday 21st	11.00 am	Killian Casey, Rockfield, Months Memory Mass
Sunday 22nd	10.00 am	Benny Maguire, Finaway 2nd Anniversary Mass

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 15th	11.15 am	Kieran, Sean & Lorraine O'Reilly, Lisduff
Sunday 22nd	11.15 am	Mary Briody, Barrack Rd, 2nd Anniversary Mass

Drumkilly Church - Conserving our Assets for the future

Offertory Collection Jan - June 2019 - €11,201.00

Offertory Collection Jan - June 2020 - €6,766 (down €4435 on 2019)

Offertory Collection Jan - June 2021 - €8,503.00 (down €2698 on 2019)

Crosserlough Church Payments

2019 - €195,547

2020 - €56,074

2021 - €35,000

Total -€286,621

♦ **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.

Accord: Accord are looking for volunteers to prepare couples for marriage, Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer please contact - 01 5053112 or email - info@accord.ie by August 27th 2021.

Give me Joy in my Heart

1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Keep me praising till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass



Confirmation August 2021
Kilnaleck NS - Wednesday 18th
Drumkilly NS - Tuesday 24th
Crosserlough NS - Wednesday 25th