

Our Parish Newsletter

22nd August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Website: www.crosserloughparish.ie

Mass Broadcast - 108FM

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:

St. Joseph's:

Saturday 21st 8.00 pm People of the Parish

St. Mary's:

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

Sunday 29th 10.00 am Anne, Seán, Celia and Mary Briody, Graddum

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)

Kilnaleck Church -

Offertory Collection Jan - June 2019 - €10540

Offertory Collection Jan - June 2020 - €6749 (down €3791 on 2019)

Offertory Collection Jan - June 2021 - €7876 (down €2664 on 2019)

Crosserlough Church Payments

2019 - €195,547

2020 - €56,074

2021 - €35,000

Total -€286,621

Confirmation August 2021

Drumkilly NS - Tuesday 24th

Crosserlough NS - Wednesday 25th



♦ **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.

World Day of Prayer For The Care of Creation - 1 September

This World Day of Prayer offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that he has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of the Day on the same date as the Orthodox Church will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our orthodox brothers. We live in a time where all Christians are faced with identical and important challenges and we must give common replies to these in order to appear more credible and effective (Pope Francis).

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,

