

## Our Parish Newsletter

*29th August - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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**Mass Broadcast - 108FM**

### Mass Times

**St. Joseph's:** Saturday 8.00 pm, Wednesday 10.00 am; 1st Friday 3rd - 8.30 pm

**St. Mary's:** Sunday - 10 am, Mon, Tues, 10 am; Thur & 1st Friday 7.30 pm;

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

### We Pray For The Deceased:

#### St. Joseph's:

Saturday 28th 8.00 pm People of the Parish  
Saturday 4th 8.00 pm Thomas Clarke, Frank, Annie & Willie Keogh

#### St. Mary's:

Sunday 29th 10.00 am Anne, Seán, Celia and Mary Briody, Graddum  
Friday 3rd 7.30 pm Tessie Moore, The Green  
Sunday 5th 10.00 am Michael and Eileen Donohoe, Graddum

#### St. Patrick's:

Sunday 29th 11.15 am Pat Callan, Mullycastle, Months Memory Mass  
Sunday 5th 11.15 am Mary Kate Flynn, Barrack Rd

### **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**

#### **First Holy Communion**

Crosserlough NS - Saturday 4th September

Drumkilly NS - Saturday 4th September

Kilnaleck NS - Saturday 11th September

#### **Visitation of the sick and homebound:**

First Friday 3rd September - morning time

**The significance of the Dove in our understanding of Confirmation** When we read about the creation of the world in the book of Genesis we see that at the end of each day of creation God looks at what he has created and he says "This is Good". Most of our lives we spend trying to remember this reality that because God has made us we are good. Religion is trying to help us deal with the forces of evil that rob us of this sense of security. As we are at the top of all creation we have access to the world of symbolism that nothing else in creation has. The word symbolism is a Greek word which means "that which draws together" (the opposite of diabolism" that which draws apart"). When we reach 12 or 13 our mind has access to a whole world of symbolism. And so in the symbolism of Confirmation preparation we are introduced to the Dove, Fire, Wind and Breath. The unlimited possibilities of happiness conferred on Adam and Eve came to a tragic end when Cain murdered his brother Abel, and things got worse. The flood that overcame Noah was perceived to be a punishment from God but there was still hope. As it rained for 40 days and 40 nights and all land disappeared the "end" was staring Noah in the face. However he got a brain wave and took a raven and allowed him to go free, but he returned because the Ark was the only solid thing he could land on. Then he decided he would release a dove, but the same happened she returned to the security of the Ark. After some time he released the dove and this time she returned with a leaf in her beak, indicating that some land had re-emerged from the flood. This return was of great significance but of greater significance, was what was in her beak - the branch was that of an olive tree and of course "olive branch" has become a universal symbol for peace making. For the writer of this part of the book of Genesis this was God telling the people that He had forgiven them for drifting away from him

- ◆ **The Season for First Communion is upon us once again. As this is the first religious experience that the children will have, please remember not to spoil the occasion by taking liberties with camera phones or video technology. I'm sure you will have a chance to do so after the ceremonies with the parents permission of course!!!**

### 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

### **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!

