

Our Parish Newsletter

12 September - 24th 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; Thursday & Friday - 7.30 pm;

St. Patrick's: Sunday 11.15 am

We Pray For The Deceased: Johnny Brady, Toneylion whose funeral was on Wednesday; Frank Reilly, Clare, whose funeral was on Tuesday last.

St. Joseph's:

Saturday 11th 8.00 pm Sean Brady, Drumhirk 2nd Anniversary Mass

Saturday 18th 8.00 pm Gerry Duffy, Months Memory Mass

St. Mary's:

Friday 10th 7.30 pm Deceased of Harten family, The Green

Sunday 12th 10.00 am Patsy and Kathleen Conaty, Killanure

Friday 17th 7.30 pm Michael and Rose Callaghan, Togher

Sunday 19th 10.00 am Noel Smith, Duffcastle

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 12th 11.15 am Bernadette (2nd AM), and Dan Reilly, Tullyboy

- ◆ **Covid 19 Restrictions:** We hope to be returning to full capacity after the 6th September

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)

Your Offertory Contribution to the Renovation of the Hall - **€65,941**

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

- ◆ **Safeguarding Sunday 2021:** Our 5th annual Safeguarding Sunday will take place throughout the diocese on the weekend of the 25th & 26th of September 2021. We hope to create a greater awareness of safeguarding in our parishes and diocese and to acknowledge the great contribution of the faithful in ensuring that our diocesan safeguarding policies are implemented. The annual safeguarding newsletter will be available that weekend and you are encouraged to take a copy and inform yourself of developments in safeguarding.

- ◆ Today there is a widespread tendency to relegate faith to the private sphere usually passed off by the phrase "I am not religious, but I am spiritual". What the self proclaimed spiritual person means is that they reject organised religion to pick and choose from what they feel like. Their style is not to engage in prescribed rituals—they dismiss creedal formulations, refuse to carry out obligatory religious duties. A spirituality that ties us to nothing and permits us to do as we please is unable to satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart for love and transcendence. And so I cannot build my personal faith in a private dialogue with Jesus, because faith is given to me by God through a community of believers that is the church. And which projects me into the multitude of believers who are rooted in the eternal love of God. The Eucharist is the Catholic way of saying that the way of God is not primarily through private meditation but through sharing food with one another. Our worship is not so much verbal and intellectual but physical and relational. **Dr. Howard Kainz**

St. Helena Feast Day 14th September

- ◆ Helena was the mother of the Emperor Constantine who legalised Christianity. He decided to send Helena to Palestine to see if it was possible to locate the Cross on which Jesus had been crucified; Helena of course was already a Christian herself. And now at the age of 78 she leaves the city of Naples and sails for Jerusalem. She organised an army of labourers to dig and excavate and after weeks of labour the mound of Calvary began to emerge. What excitement there must have been when on hearing not one cross was unearthed but three. But which of the crosses was the true cross, to decide this a seriously ill woman was brought to the site and was requested to touch each of the crosses in turn and having touched the first two nothing happened, but coming in contact with the third she was immediately cured. The Emperor ordered the construction of a Basilica to mark the site of the crucifixion and would be known as the Holy Sepulchre Basilica. Helena as a result of her discovery was eventually declared a saint. The life experience of Helena had given her a deep reverence for the significance of the cross as her husband had left her when she returned to Rome. She persuaded the Emperor to put an end to the use of crucifixion as a form of capital punishment.

Be still and know

1. Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God
Be Still and know that I am God
2. I am the Lord that healeth thee,
x 3

The Clouds Veil

1. Even though the rain hides the stars,
Even though the mist swirls the hills,
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,
You are by my side.
2. Even when the sun shall fall in sleep,
Even when at dawn the sky shall weep.
Even in the night when storms shall rise,
You are by my side, You are by my side.