

Our Parish Newsletter

10th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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; **No Mass Thursday;** Fri - 7.30 pm

St. Patrick's: Sunday 11.15 am

We Pray For The Deceased:

St. Joseph's

Saturday 9th 8.00 pm Tom Conlon, Months Memory Mass

Saturday 16th 8.00 pm Pajo and Mary Briody, Drumcassidy

St. Mary's:

Friday 8th 7.30 pm Deceased of Smith Family, Derrylahan

Sunday 10th 10.00 am Owen Lynch Curraghabreedin and Decd

Friday 15th 7.30 pm Donnie McCabe, The Green, Kilnaleck

Sunday 17th 10.00 am Sean Reilly, Keenagh, Months Memory Mass

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 10th 11.15 am Johnny Brady Toneylion, Months Memory Mass

Sunday 17th 11.15 am Marion Reilly, The Green, 1st Anniversary Mass

Be still and know

1. Be still and know that I am God

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2. I am the Lord that healeth thee,

x 3

3. In thee, O Lord I put my trust

x3

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 m

my side.



BL - Centenary of John Boylan

Father John was born in Cullow, where he would eventually build the parish church. He was born before Catholic Emancipation in November 1821 into a culture that demanded tithes he paid towards the upkeep of the Established church. This levy meant that the churches were poor structures with no seating and clay floors. To end this situation the Government settled the issue by putting tithes on landlords instead of tenants. However the landlords added tithes to the rent. When Fr. John was ordained to the priesthood in 1853 he was appointed curate in Ballinamore, where he remained until 1863 when he was appointed to his own parish and was later appointed Parish Priest 1866 having served for a number of years as a curate here. While he was curate in Drumkilly he renovated the church there. For many years the Bishops of Kilmore could not get a site for a school convenient to Cavan town. Eventually an estate belonging to Colonel Edward King Tenison totalling 569 acres came on the market and the diocese brought the estate for £14000. The contract was given to William Hague at the figure of £11,176. All very fine buying land engaging a contractor is one thing, how is the money to be got. Enter John Boylan Parish Priest of Crosserlough. Fr. John had earned a reputation for delivering rousing speeches not just locally but across the country principally in connection with farmer's rights.

The Bishop sent Fr. John, Fr. Finnegan and Fr. McSharry to fundraise for the new school that became St. Patrick's College and he was absent from the parish from September 1868 to July 1870. Father John lectured to a packed audience in the town hall Norwalk. On January 7th 1870 he lectured in the Grand Hall of the Cooper Institute in New York and in the Music Hall Boston in February 1870. He arrived back to Ireland on 4th July 1870. He returned to America in 1872. The amount raised for the College was £8000 sterling which was a lot of money then.

He made a third trip to America but this time it was to fundraise for a new church in Crosserlough. He successfully collected £3470 four shillings and eleven pence. Subsequently when he returned he sent out his curate Fr. Brady to America and he collected a further £1029. Ironically in the year 1886 he built eight schools in the parish, Crosserlough NS, Dromroragh, Rassan, Aughakee, Drumkilly, Ardkill, Aughaconey and Kilderry, some of these had teachers residences attached. On the 15th of July 1887 he purchased a two acre site from his brother Charles for £30 the architect was William Hague and the contractor was James McAdorey. The cut stone used in the church was drawn by cart from Ross quarry Mountnugent. So overall the total cost was £5691 two shillings and nine and a half pence. Father John also collected £210 in Belfast and £200 in Glasgow. The new church was dedicated on 25 November 1888 leaving a credit of £313.

Father John died on 1st September 1899 at the age of 78 and was buried within the church he had built. So if you enter the church look up and you will see the simple inscription above the door. **"Erected in honour of BVM Rev John Boylan P.P. 1888"**