

## Our Parish Newsletter

**17th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Rev. Peter McKiernan PP 4336798**  
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**Parish Website: [www.crosserloughparish.ie](http://www.crosserloughparish.ie)**  
**Mass Broadcast - 108FM**

### Mass Times

**St. Joseph's:** Satur day 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:

#### **St. Joseph's**

Saturday 16th	8.00 pm	Pajo and Mary Briody, Drumcassidy
Wednesday 20th	10.00 am	Josephine, Philip, Fr. Alex McCabe, Corlislea Ben Connolly

Saturday 23rd	8.00 pm	Baby (Mary) and Jamsie Galligan Corlislea
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#### **St. Mary's:**

Friday 15th	7.30 pm	Donnie McCabe, The Green, Kilnaleck
Sunday 17th	10.00 am	Sean Reilly, Keenagh, Months Memory Mass

Thursday 21st	7.30 pm	James Callan, Clare
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Friday 22nd	7.30 pm	Anna Mai and Joseph Smith, Drumrora
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Sunday 24th	10.00 am	Jimmy Harte, Kilnacrott, 3rd AM
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#### **St. Patrick's:**

Sunday 17th	11.15 am	Marion Reilly, The Green, 1st Anniversary Mass
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Sunday 24th	11.15 am	Pat Fay, Coolkill 2nd AM
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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** On Sunday November 7th we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 10 am Mass until 5 pm. This will facilitate all those who will be visiting the graves of their bereaved, so having prayed for them in the graveyard they can pray for them in the church and of equal significance they can expose their broken hearts to the healing power of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Mission Sunday—Next Sunday the 24th October, Envelopes in your collection Boxes. Please Support!!**

**BI - 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Dromrora, Rasan, Aughakee, Drumkilly, Ardkill, Aughaconey and Kilderry, some of these had teachers residences attached. On the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 McAdurey. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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"**

Over the coming weeks, the Diocese of Kilmore will host a series of conversations about what God wants of his people at this time. These conversations on our future in faith, will involve all the parish pastoral councils in the diocese as well as the wider community and will help to determine pastoral priorities in the time ahead. Bishop Martin will mark the beginning of this conversation process at the 11:30a.m. Mass in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick & St. Felim in Cavan on Sunday next, 17 October 2021. The Mass may be viewed at [www.churchservices.tv/](http://www.churchservices.tv/). A special video featuring Bishop Martin's invitation to people to engage with the conversation process and the reasons behind it may be viewed on [www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie) or [www.kilmoredpc.ie](http://www.kilmoredpc.ie) as well as on Bishop Martin Hayes' Facebook page.