

Our Parish Newsletter

3rd October - 27 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; Thursday & Friday 7.30 pm;

St. Patrick's: Sunday 11.15 am

We Pray For The Deceased:

St. Joseph's

Saturday 2nd	8.00 pm	Ann Reilly, Derrin
Wednesday 6th	10.00 am	Gerry Donohoe, Tedehan
Saturday 9th	8.00 am	Tom Conlon, Months Memory Mass

St. Mary's:

Friday 1st	7.30 pm	Andy and Mary Cooney, Derrylea
Sunday 3rd	10.00 am	Frank O'Reilly, Clare Months Memory Mass
Thursday 7th	7.30 pm	Patsy Delaney and Decd, Finaway
Friday 8th	7.30 pm	Deceased of Smith Family, Derrylahan

St. Patrick's:

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

- ♦ **Foster Carers:** Tusla are hosting a drop-in clinic in this area. If you are interested in receiving more information please call 1800226771 or 086 0228151 (Alison).
- ♦ **4th October - Prayer of St. Francis Of Assisi:** Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love:
♦ for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
- ♦ **October 7th Feast day Our Lady of the Rosary**
- ♦ **The Rosary:** Early Christians wanted to recite the 150 psalms for the Hebrew Bible on a daily and weekly basis. Finding this task impossible they came up with this solution. They created the Rosary a string of 150 beads to help them remember and they included the Our Father. In the middle ages, Christians added the Hail Mary. As time went by the Apostles Creed was added as well as the Glory Be and Hail Holy Queen. These became known as the trimmings.
- ♦ **Day of Life is celebrated annually.** It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning of human life at every stage and in every condition. In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide both in Ireland and in England this year's message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. Ireland North and South recorded 8000 deaths. While all this was going on the government was being asked to discuss legislation to promote for assisted suicide. However they ducked these issues and proposed to have the issue discussed further by a special committee which would report within a specified time frame. One feature of the Regulation of assisted Suicide in other jurisdictions is that once it becomes lawful it is then presented and perceived as something good to do.

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. 4s.11p. 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 , Rassin, 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 £5691.2s. 9 & half p . 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”**