

## Our Parish Newsletter

21st November - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Feast of Christ the King*

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### Mass Times

**St. Joseph's:** Saturday 7.30pm; Wednesday 10.00 am;  
**St. Mary's:** Sunday - 10 am; Monday, Tuesday -10 am;  
Thursday & Friday 7.30pm;  
**St. Patrick's:** Sunday 11.15 am

### We Pray For The Deceased:

**St. Joseph's**  
Saturday 20th 7.30 pm Deceased of the McGivney family, Crenew Lane  
Saturday 27th 7.30 pm Susan and Terence Brady and Decd. Drumbee

**St. Mary's:**  
Friday 19th 7.30 pm Anne Cooney, Lisduff  
Sunday 21st 10.00 am Michael McCabe, Latnadrona MMM  
Thursday 25th 7.30 pm Maureen, James & Kathleen McKiernan Carrickacroy  
Friday 26th 7.30 pm Mary Comiskey and Decd, Kill  
Sunday 28th 10.00 am Reany McDonald (MMM) & James Crosserlough

**St. Patrick's:**  
Sunday 21st 11.15 am Martina, Ettie and Michael Cusack Kilnaleck  
Sunday 28th 11.15 am Peggy Boylan Main St. 1st AM & Decd.

### **Comfort**

*When your heart is sad and lonely and your friends seem so far away,  
Turn to him who is all holy, And He'll drive your cares away  
When a dear one seems to fail you, When for friendship true you long.  
Confide in Him, Who is all true. And He'll right your every wrong  
Jesus' heart is your true refuge. To him you can always flee,  
Even when your hopes are sinking. He will then a True Friend be.  
He will soothe your lonely spirit, He will love and bless and say  
"Come to Me and I will comfort You, today and every day.*

## A Ritual moves at its own pace.

- ♦ Rituals are marked by repetition and the Mass is an example of a ritual because it is basically the same services of actions performed in the same order during each Mass. These elements are combined with certain gestures, congregation sits, stands and kneels, they stand to pray, kneel to worship, sit to listen to the preaching. As Scott Hahn says "Order makes life more peaceful, more efficient, and more effective. Routine frees us from the need to ponder small details over and over again, routines are good. Most of our routines or rituals in the Mass go back to the first century when the Catholic Church was illegal and Mass was celebrated underground. This ritual routine enables us to attend Mass on any of the 5 continents and feel that we are at home as the common ritual guides us. Rituals form a common culture that connects Catholics from all parts of the world. When we look at our church the altar is facing the "East" this is to facilitate our recollection of the "horizon, "symbol of the Resurrection. The wedding ceremony could benefit as a ritual as a result of the lockdowns as the bride can be less distracted by the number of guests. The core of the marriage ceremony is the exchange of vows and this means that the two individuals are the ministers of the sacrament of marriage to one another. The priest is acting on behalf of the state and there does not have to be a mass even though most parents would like a full wedding. But the full wedding creates a ritual of its own in contrast to 7 minutes and seven minute ceremony cannot create a ritual not to mention an atmosphere.
- ♦ **Special Collection:** We have prayed over the last few weekends in the prayers of the faithful for the starving people in East Africa. Trócaire has recommended that a special collection to help ease their plight will be taken up this weekend in all Churches . Collection Box will be provided at the front of the altar.
- ♦ **The Feast day of St Cecilia** falls on November 22nd. She was given in marriage to Valerian a pagan and she converted him and his brother to the catholic faith but all three were martyred in the third century. She is the patron saint of musicians. Fr. John was obviously a fan of St. Cecilia as he included a beautiful stained glass image of her on the Gallery Window here in St Mary's Church.

### There is a Place

There's a Time for Remembering, a time to Recall the trials and the Triumphs, The Fears and the Falls. There's a time to be grateful for moments so blest , The Jewels in our memory where love is our guest.

### Going Home, Going Home

Going home, going home, I am going home.  
Quiet like, some still day, I am going home  
It's not far, just close by. Through an open door.  
Work all done, care laid by, Never fear no more

