

## Our Parish Newsletter

28th November - First Sunday in Advent

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### Mass Times

**St. Joseph's:** Saturday 7.30pm; Wednesday 10.00 am; First Friday - 6.30 pm

**St. Mary's:** Sunday - 10 am; Monday, Tuesday - 10 am;

Thursday & First Friday 7.30pm;

**St. Patrick's:** Sunday 11.15 am

### We Pray For The Deceased:

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

Saturday 27th	7.30 pm	Susan & Terence Brady and Decd. Drumbee
Wednesday 1st	10.00 am	Margaret Bradley and Rose Power
Friday 3rd	6.30 pm	Benny and Etta Gaffney, Corlislea
Saturday 4th	7.30 pm	Anne, Paddy, Peggy & Joe Halton, Cashal

#### **St. Mary's:**

Friday 26th	7.30 pm	Mary Comiskey and Decd, Kill
Sunday 28th	10.00 am	Reany McDonald (MMM) & James Crosserlough
Monday 29th	10.00 am	Luke and Rose Reilly, Coolkill
Thursday 2nd	7.30 pm	Thomas and Mary Smith, Killatogher
Friday 3rd	7.30 pm	Paddy & Jimmy Smith, Toneylion/Tullyboy
Sunday 5th	10.00 am	Matthew Lynch, Latnadrona, 3rd AM

#### **St. Patrick's:**

Sunday 28th	11.15 am	Peggy Boylan Main St. 1st AM & Decd.
Sunday 5th	11.15 am	Peter & Sean McGivney & Decd, Kill

### **Be Still My Soul**

Be still my soul, the lord is always near thee. Been patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Leave to thy God, to comfort and to cheer thee in every change he faithful remains.

### **O Come Emmanuel**

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, to free your captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here. Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel.

To you shall come Emmanuel



## 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.

- ♦ One of the effects of Covid 19 is the atmosphere in the Church before during and after mass. Everybody is so recollected and calm, it is very impressive. During the penal laws the congregation had to be quiet and stay quiet less the Red Coats here movements in the shrubbery. At that time the priest offering mass, wore a face covering so as to reduce his risk of being betrayed by somebody in the congregation. Because of the necessity of keeping quiet, there were no opportunities for singing and so the theory goes, that is why we as congregations are not as good at singing as the choirs of the Protestant congregations. Hopefully the lovely atmosphere at the masses in our parish will continue and extend to the weddings we will have. For many years now there has developed a habit of cheering and what is called wolf whistling at weddings. Perhaps we need to remember the presence of the Blessed Eucharist in the Tabernacle and give it proper reverence.

### **Visitation of the sick and homebound:**

First Friday 3rd December - morning time