



Our Parish Newsletter
13 March 2022 –2nd Sunday in Lent
17th March La Féile Pádraig

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Mass Times

St. Mary's - Sunday - 10 am; Mon, Tues - 10 am; **St. Patrick's Day** - 10 am;
Friday- 7.30 pm
St. Joseph's - Saturday - 7.30 pm; **Vigil Mass** Wednesday 7.30 pm;
St. Patrick's - Sunday - 11.15 am; **St. Patrick's Day** - 11.15 am;

We Pray For The Deceased:

St. Joseph's

Saturday 12th 7.30 pm John, Mary, Jimmy & Alo McDermott, Drumnalara
Wednesday 16th 7.30 pm Peter, James & Margaret Galligan, Drumlara
Saturday 19th 7.30 pm Kathleen Cahill, Cashel, 1st AM

St. Mary's:

Friday 11th 7.30 pm Philip & Breege Maguire, Drumscriedian
Sunday 13th 10.00 am Terry Galligan, Carrickacroy
Sunday 20th 10.00 am Fr. Jimmy Early, England/ Drumbee 1st AM

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 13th 11.15 am John Smith, Kill
Sunday 20th 11.15 am Michael, Ursula Kelly also daughter Ursula

Eucharistic Adoration:

St. Mary's - Thursday's 5.30 - 7.30 pm.
St. Joseph's - Tuesday's —6 –8 pm.

Altar Society March

- ◆ St. Mary's - A. Campbell, P McEnerney, M Nulty, P Colwell
- ◆ St. Joseph's - Mary O'Reilly and Mary Callery

Readers - March

- ◆ St. Mary's - Michael Callery and Una O'Reilly
- ◆ St. Joseph's - Michael Cronin and Tom Sullivan
- ◆ St. Patrick's - Breda McIntyre

Eucharistic Ministers - March

- St. Joseph's - Anna Conaty and Teresa Morgan

Collectors - March

St. Joseph's - Donal Smith and John O'Reilly

**St. Patrick Day
Collection going
to African
Missions & Irish
Chapliny
Abroad**

Crosserlough ICA Outing - 13th - 16th June more details next week

◆ As the early church grew in numbers many of these converts were Jews. So as to enable them to integrate more easily, the church used ideas that they would be familiar with. The Jews had an initiation rite to mark the passing of young boys into adulthood. This rite of passage was called Bar Mizpah “**Son of the Law**”. Confirmation was built around this, but with a difference. The difference was that in the Christian Community girls were included.

◆ **The Significance of “Breath” in the Context of Confirmation**

The word spirit comes from the Latin word ‘Spiritus’ which means Breath. Breath is an obvious sign of life. The account of creation shows God breathing a breath of life into the nostrils of Adam (genesis 2;7). Even though man/woman had been the high point of the seven day’s of creation they still needed that source of energy or spirit to get going and to realise their potential. The apostles were hiding away in fear of been subjected to the same death as Jesus. So the Holy Spirit breathes on them and became energised, inspired and not afraid and they will leave their place of fear and become witnesses to Jesus

◆ **“Be sealed”**

Now that the candidates are in position the Bishop while anointing each will say N....Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Letters in the old days were sealed by dripping soft wax on the envelope and making a mark on the wax with a ring . The letter was then entrusted to a messenger who in some cases would have galloped long distances and maybe replaced by several other messengers. Many of these kings were not able to write but they had custom made rings personal to themselves. The letter was the property of the King and the horse messenger had the protection of the King. So the candidate is now part of the retinue of God and now has the commission of the duty to be his witness in the world. To be confirmed means to be strengthened and in the Sacrament of Confirmation the candidate is strengthened with the Holy Spirit.

◆ **Anointing with Chrism**

The Chrism oil is made from olive oil and balsam which gives it a sweet smelling perfume, the aroma of which is to spread out from the candidate in the goodness of her/his life. The oil of olives was used by athletes to limber up their muscles for competition and so the Chrism oil is applied to the forehead (brain) to limber up the conscience of the candidate. In the ancient system priests prophets and Kings were anointed to remind them of the responsibilities they were given.

◆ **Crosserlough Camogie Breakfast Morning is Back:** 17th March 9.30—1 pm. Please come along and support. Also ladies football bake sale on the day.

Give me Joy in my Heart

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Keep me praising till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!



1. **Morning has broken**, like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning. Praise for them springing fresh from the world.
2. Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven. Like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden. Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.