

## Our Parish Newsletter

24th April 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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### Mass Times

St. Mary's - Sunday - 10 am; Mon, Tues - 10 am; Thurs & Friday - 7.30 pm  
St. Joseph's - 8.00 pm; Wednesday - 10 am;  
St. Patrick's - Sunday - 11.15 am;

### We Pray For The Deceased:

#### St. Joseph's:

Saturday 23rd	8.00 pm	Jamsie Smith, Drumhirk & Decd.
Wednesday 27th	10.00 am	Janey, Alice & Decd. Galligan's Drumcakinoo
Saturday 30th	8.00 pm	Maggie Callery, Aughawee, 6th AM

#### St. Mary's:

Sunday 24th	10.00 am	David Connolly Kilnacrott, 2nd AM
Sunday 1st	10.00 am	Betty, Mary and Terry Reilly, Corlateerin Upper

#### St. Patrick's:

Sunday 24th	11.15 am	Lily McGivney, Kill, Months Memory Mass
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**Trócaire:** Don't forget to feed your Trócaire Box so that Trócaire can feed the Starving. Thank's for all donations so far.

### Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!



Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

- ◆ The Season for First Communion and Confirmation is upon us once again. As this is the first religious experience that the children will have, please remember not to spoil the occasion by taking liberties with camera phones or video technology. I'm sure you will have a chance to do so after the ceremonies with the parents permission of course!!!
- ◆ Critics of the Church often point out that the mass going population of the country is shrinking all the time. It is true but what they often fail to notice is that the same can be said about Ireland as a whole, both rates are now well below replacement levels and falling and the population is ageing. In the decades to come only immigration will keep the population going. The generations gone past before the new millennium had about half the number of children as earlier generations. In Britain they have figures on record which indicate by 2025 there will be more deaths than births. As it stands we used a lot of migrants to do a lot of our work and and as our births are less than in the past we can expect to allow in more immigrants. The average age of Irish people is 38.
- ◆ **Trip to the Holy Land** - Monday 5th to Wednesday 14th September.
- ◆ Some people may remember when children made their First Communion in 1<sup>st</sup> class and then it was considered to be too early as some children would not be even eight years when they received. So from that time the age of most children receiving as part of second class would be eight or even nine. The great Swiss Developmental Psychologist Piaget called this age group the "concrete operational" stage of cognitive development. By this he meant that children of this age see and understand things in very concrete black and white terms. They still have some difficulty in the abstract or understanding symbolism. And so it can be a challenge to offer direct, concrete explanation of abstract concepts like the bread and wine becoming the body and blood of Christ. Perhaps the best way to enable their understanding of what happens at mass is for each child to see how important it is for their parents. As children of this age group "worship" their parents and they see that receiving at Mass is important in your life they follow suit.



Thank you to all those who helped out during the Easter Ceremonies, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Florist, Sacristan, Choir, Organist, Collectors, Ushers etc.