

Our Parish Newsletter

8th May 2022 – 4th Sunday of Easter
1st Communion Week - St. Mary's

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Mass Broadcast - 108FM

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 7th 8.00 pm Rose Lawless, Drumbarry 3rd AM

Saturday 14th 8.00 pm Patrick Shalvey, New York

St. Mary's:

Sunday 8th 10.00 am Carmel Cassidy, Drumrora, 1st AM

Thursday 12th 7.30 pm Philip Comiskey, Kill 2nd AM

Friday 13th 7.30 pm Benny Rowley, Cullow

Sunday 15th 10.00 am Bridgie Boylan, Drumeagle

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 8th 11.15 am Mass for the People of the Parish

Volunteers - May

St. Joseph's: Readers - Peter Galligan ; Antoinette O'Reilly

St. Mary's: Readers - Conor McGuire; Cáilín Galligan

St. Patrick's - Reader- Sheila Lynch

St. Joseph's: Altar Society - Kathleen Reilly Rosaleen Smith

St. Joseph's: Collectors - Teresa Morgan; Tom Sullivan

St. Joseph's : Eucharistic Ministers - Rose Galligan; Rosaleen Smith

Recent Onward Collections:

Total Africian Mission Collection 3 churches - €1333

Ukraine Collection - Drumkilly Church Area - €300

Crosserlough Church Area - €1250

Kilnaleck Church Area - €485

Trócaire Collection - Drumkilly Church Area - €1400

Kilnaleck Church Area - €1125

Crosserlough Church Area - €2212

Thank you all for your contributions

◆ **First Holy Communion:** We have 48 children preparing to make their First Holy Communion and as part of that preparation they will be making their First Confessions. Parents role in this preparation will be of course to bring their children to mass each weekend. This will help the children to see that it is as part of the worshipping community that they receive these two sacraments.

◆ **Why are Catholics supposed to go to Mass every Sunday?** Keeping Holy the Lord's Day is a practice that goes back to Jewish obedience of the Sabbath. The first Christians were all Jews and for them the Sabbath was the day of the week they set aside to put God first. It was an opportunity to rest and spend time together as family and community with God at the centre without the distraction of work. And we believe that God has given us the best way of worshipping him and so the Church stresses weekly Mass to keep each and every Catholic in regular contact with God's word to us and to keep our lives joined with Jesus. Some people think that our spiritual life is simply an individual experience but God has made us social beings. At the last Supper Jesus didn't say go off on your own and use your imagination but he did say to the apostles 'do this in memory of me'.

◆ Following instructions from the Diocesan Accountant the members of the Pastoral Council and the Parish Financial Committee were contacted about the possible sale of the Parochial House in Drumkilly, as it has been vacant since August 2017. It was felt in general that the sale should go ahead as the house is costing the parish money with the cost of having it heated and the electricity on daily. It is not sustainable.

◆ When the Jews eventually made it to the promised land they fulfilled the instruction which Moses gave them about making a tabernacle which was a portable "temple" which they carried through the wilderness. The tabernacle was about 75 feet wide and 150 feet long. According to the book of Exodus it consisted of their part. First there was the so called outer Court which contained the Bronze Altar of sacrifice. Second moving inward there was the Holy Place which contained there sacred objects the golden Lampstand, the golden Altar of Incense and the golden table of twelve cakes of bread, known as the Bread of the Presence. And finally there was the Holy of Holies the innermost sanctum that housed the golden ark Of the covenant which contained the tablets of the Ten Commandments. Apart from being the place of worship the reason that the Tabernacle was so important to the Israelites was that they saw it as the dwelling place of God on earth. That is why they called it the Tent of meeting, there God would "meet" with them in the form of a cloud of "Glory" descending from heaven. *Brant Pitre*



Total Offertory Collections 2021

Drumkilly Church - 19,012

Crosserlough Church - 43,834

Kilnaleck Church - 16,580