

## Our Parish Newsletter

17 July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Peter McKiernan PP 4336798  
Fr. Darragh Connolly 086 3224346  
Brid McEvoy, Parish Secretary,  
Thursday 2.30 - 5.30 pm - 0861553930  
Parish Website: [www.crosserloughparish.ie](http://www.crosserloughparish.ie)  
Mass Broadcast - 108FM

### Mass Times

St. Mary's - Sunday - 10 am; Thursday & Friday 7.30 pm  
St. Joseph's - 8.00 pm;  
St. Patrick's - Sunday - 11.15 am;

### We Pray For The Deceased:

#### St. Joseph's:

Saturday 16th 8.00 pm Michaella Gaffney, Aughnahague

#### St. Mary's:

Friday 15th 7.30 pm Margaret Rose McGivney, Drumscriddian  
Thursday 21st 7.30 pm Patrick & Rosemary Smith, Kilatogher  
Friday 22nd 7.30 pm Killian Casey, Rockfield, 1st Anniversary Mass  
Sunday 24th 10.00 am Fr. Micheál J Quinn, 4th Anniversary Mass

#### St. Patrick's:

Sunday 17th 11.15 am Liam Rooney, Months Memory Mass  
Sunday 24th 11.15 am David Harten, 4th Anniversary Mass

### Helpers for July - St. Joseph's Church

Eucharistic Ministers - Kathleen Galligan; Peter Galligan  
Readers - Aoibhinn Tully; Mary Tully  
Collectors - Mattie Galligan; Peter Galligan  
Altar Society - Teresa Morgan; Margaret Callery

#### St. Mary's Church

Altar Society - Ann Beck, Eileen McEnerney, Emer Smith

### Blessing of the Graves - Cemetery Sunday

St. Joseph's Drumkilly - Saturday 6th August at 6.30 pm

St. Mary's Crosserlough - Sunday 7th August

Kill Cemetery - Sunday 14th August at 11 am



## The Great Fire of Rome July 19th 64 A. D.

The Emperor Nero wanted to expand the streets of Rome and so be remembered for ever as the one who renewed Rome as the greatest city in the Empire. Most of the streets were less than 25 feet in width and were timber tenements. So Nero decided to burn down these tenements, but the fire got out of control and burned for days. To shift the blame from himself, he proclaimed that it was the Christians who were to blame and they must be punished. Within a year St. Peter was crucified and St. Paul was executed as he was a Roman Citizen and no Roman, Citizen would be crucified as it was considered a terrible way to die.

Generally people had a great capacity to learn things by heart when they got the chance and so as long as the apostles were alive there was no need to commit to writing and nothing was recorded until the persecution by Nero. After this the gospels and the apostolic writings were now put down on paper or perhaps parchment.

As this information was communicated around the mediterranean towns and cities many of these ideas would have been challenged and the church decided to put together a creed (from the Latin word credo, meaning "I believe") which has become known as the Apostles Creed. They were convinced that a religion without a creed would not last as every person would have their own feelings about the Gospels and soon most things would be challenged. Arriving at Plymouth 1620 the Puritans.

on leaving England had great hopes to create a new livelihood, but without a creed this great movement has now become an amalgamation of 30, 000 different churches. Our creed protects us from relating only to God in spiritual terms. We need the balancing effect of a Creed. The Apostles Creed contains twelve articles of faith, and there is a tradition that each article is the work of each of the twelve apostles. What we do know is that Matthias had replaced Judas as the twelfth apostle.

Acts of the Apostles - chapter 1 verse 26.

**BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE:** We here in the Diocese of Kilmore are LOOKING for people with a passion for nature, an understanding of the consequences of climate change, and the need to take care of our common home. For more information, contact Patricia on 0044 772 4050 618 or email [kilmorecareofcreation21@gmail.com](mailto:kilmorecareofcreation21@gmail.com) or phone 049 4331496

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival.** The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **Thursday 11th August to Sunday 14th August 2022.** For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) Young people between aged 16 to 35

**Reek Sunday 2022** The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage takes place on Sunday July 31st at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit 7:30am - 2:00pm. Mass hourly from 8:00am - 2.00pm

Peer-support group meeting for Family members impacted by a loved one's addiction behaviour in Teach Oscail, Cavan. Contact [info.fasn@gmail.com](mailto:info.fasn@gmail.com) or call 042 9355251/087 9046405 for information or to join

**Don't forget to bring your own water for the Blessing of the Graves. Due to Covid we have not been able to have the Blessing of the Graves or a collection (2020 & 2021). Note - this will be the only collection along with the offertory collection on the day.**