

## Our Parish Newsletter

25 September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary time

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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; Mon, Tues 10 am; Thurs & 1st Friday 7.30 pm

St. Joseph's - 8.00 pm; Wednesday - 10 am

St. Patrick's - 11.15 am.

### We Pray For The Deceased:

#### St. Joseph's:

Saturday 24th	8.00 pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
Wednesday 28th	10.00 am	Josephine, Philip McCabe, Corlislea and Deceased
Saturday 1st	8.00 pm	Ann Reilly, Derrin

#### St. Mary's:

Sunday 25th	10.00 am	Patrick & Kathleen Conaty, Killanure
Thursday 29th	7.30 pm	Deceased Smith Family, Derrylahan
Friday 30th	7.30 pm	Noel Smith, Duffcastle
Sunday 2nd	10.00 am	Rose Mary Smith, Clare

#### St. Patrick's:

Sunday 25th	11.15 am	Bernadette Reilly (3rd AM) & Dan Reilly, Tullyboy
Sunday 2nd	11.15 am	Maureen Leddy, Kill

- ◆ **September 29th - Feast of the Archangels** - Angels are part of nearly every religion's belief system. Most of our understanding of the Angels comes to us as revealed by the Jewish religion. Gabriel is considered to be the number one followed by Michael and Raphael. The next level of Angels is the type known as the ministering Angels which we know as the cherubim and the seraphim and their function is to help God administer the universe. The seraphim have three sets of wings who guard God's throne. They are so called the word mean burning and their devotion to God is so great as it is a burning love. The cherubim are Angels with human or animal characteristics and their function is to guard sacred places and continually to praise God.
- ◆ **Annual Safeguarding Sunday:** Our 6th annual safeguarding Sunday will be held throughout the diocese this weekend 24th & 25th September. The purpose of Safeguarding Sunday is to create a greater awareness of safeguarding in our parishes and to recognise the significant contribution of the faithful in ensuring that our diocesan safeguarding children policy and our diocesan adult safeguarding policy are being adhered to. Special prayers of the faithful and homily notes have been prepared and distributed to all the clergy for inclusion in the weekend liturgies.

Kilnaleck Church  
Volunteers needed for the Altar  
Society. Please put names in box  
provide

- ◆ **Pastoral Council Meeting:** A meeting of the new pastoral council will be held in St. Mary's Church Crosserlough on Friday 30th September at 8.30 pm.
- ◆ **Change of Bank:** Our new Bank Account is now up and running - Bank of Ireland, Cavan. All new parishioners who wish to pay into our monthly fund by Direct Debit/ Standing Order may contact the parish office—049 4336798/ 0861553930 for details. We thank you all for your continued support of the church.
- ◆ **Crosskeys Vintage Club:** Annual Treshing & Fair Day - Sunday 25th September. Tractor/ Car run (vintage only) registration at 11 am. Fun day for all with - bouncy castle, sheaf throwing, Bric - a - Brac etc. Music by Ollie Tynan. All proceeds going to the Holy Family School in Cootehill.
- ◆ **Zumba Gold Classes:** Commencing in Crosserlough Old school Tuesday 27th September 7 - 8 pm. For the link to register - go to [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)  
**Day for Life Message – Caring for the Older Person –**  
**Day for Life is celebrated on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

The focus of the Day for Life this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing. There are many challenges which we face; the way in which we provide care for older persons, its cost and the means of payment, the shortage of staff in care homes, the time and energy needed to help older people feel valued and wanted. Many feel they have become a burden or can feel treated as a burden, a 'bed-blocker', or a nuisance because they move more slowly, struggle with more physical challenges and live a different rhythm of life. They often feel vulnerable and worry, when they hear talk about and even concrete proposals for the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia. We share their concerns. In better valuing older persons, we need to find new ways of building bridges by our actions. Pope Francis has recently offered a very different and more positive perspective. In his Catechesis on Old Age, he writes, 'The alliance between generations, which restores all ages of life to the human, is our lost gift and we have to get it back. It must be found, in this throwaway culture and in the culture of productivity.' [1] He invites us to listen to the dreams of older women and men and to learn from their wisdom (Joel 2:28). Older persons have a different rhythm to life from which we can learn. He continues, 'The arrogance of the time on the clock must be converted into the beauty of the rhythms of life.' [2]

- ◆ We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities. We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of older persons so that no-one feels like a burden in our society. We challenge our politicians and healthcare system to provide accessible palliative care for all the dying.
- ◆ We encourage people to learn from a closer accompaniment of the elderly that there is a real richness in the journey through old age, which offers a deeper meaning and a new rhythm to the whole of life; something which can be celebrated and lived with hope in eternal life. Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, pray for us.