

Our Parish Newsletter

2nd October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary time

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Thursday 2.30 - 5.30 pm - 0861553930
Parish Website: 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 1st Friday 8.30 pm

St. Patrick's - 11.15 am.

We Pray For The Deceased:

- ◆ Paul Conaty Killanure, whose funeral was on Monday last
- ◆ Siobhán Gray NT, Mullycastle whose funeral was on Thursday
- ◆ Sheila Concannon NT, Omard, who died on Thursday

St. Joseph's:

Saturday 1st 8.00 pm Ann Reilly, Derrin
Saturday 8th 8.00 pm Alice & Philip Callery Aughawee

St. Mary's:

Friday 30th 7.30 pm Noel Smith, Duffcastle
Sunday 2nd 10.00 am Rose Mary Smith, Clare
1st Friday 7th 7.30 pm Peter, Kitty Brady & Decd. Brady & Geraghty Families, Killatogher
Sunday 9th 10.00 am Tommy Smith, Killatogher, Months Memory Mass

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 2nd 11.15 am Maureen Leddy, Kill
Sunday 9th 11.15 am Frank & Maggie Nulty Drumbarry; Eileen Marc

Altar Society - St. Mary's - Una O'Reilly, Pat Colwell, Michelle Donohoe
St. Joseph's - Alice Cahill, Kathleen Galligan, Margaret Smith

Collectors - St. Joseph's - Patsy Galligan, Noel Lynch

Eucharistic Ministers - St. Joseph's - Rose Galligan, Michael Cronin

Readers - St. Joseph's - Mary Sullivan, Ann Marie Briody

October 2nd Feast day of the Guardian Angels: God has given us a special angel for our protection and assistance both in soul and body especially at the time of our death. 'O Angel of God my guardian dear. To whom God's love commits me here. Ever this Day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen'

4th October - Prayer of St. Francis Of Assisi: Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love: for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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/ 086 1553930 for details. We thank you all for your continued support of the church.

◆ Day for Life Message – Caring for the Older Person – Day for Life is celebrated on Sunday 2nd 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.

Make me a channel of your peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You
2. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is despair in life let me bring
hope. Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

