

## Our Parish Newsletter

19th February 2023 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Broadcast - 108FM

### Mass Times -

St. Mary's - Sunday - 10 am; Mon, Tues, 10 am; Ash Wednesday - 7 pm;  
Thurs & Friday - 7.30 pm  
St. Joseph's - Saturday - 7.30 pm; Ash Wednesday - 8 pm  
St. Patrick's - Sunday 11.15 am; Ash Wednesday - 10 am

### We Pray For The Deceased:

#### St. Joseph's

Saturday 18th 7.30 pm Rose Briody, Drumloman  
Saturday 25th 7.30 pm Charlie Keaney, Months Memory Mass

#### St. Mary's:

Sunday 19th 10.00 am Andy & Elizabeth Brady, Derrylahan  
Friday 24th 7.30 pm Fr. Joe Donohoe, Fr. Terry Smith and Decd of  
Kilnacrott Community.

#### St. Patrick's:

Sunday 19th 11.15 am Mons. Patrick J. McManus (3rd AM)  
Sunday 26th 11.15 am Des Rennix, Church Rd, 7th AM  
Also decd. Oates & Rennix families.

Adoration - Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8 pm

- ♦ **Ash Wednesday:** Day of Fast and Abstinence, Three Meals and No Meat. The word Lent - The word Lent itself means "Lengthening spring days" and it became a spiritual journey of 40 days to help people focus on the upcoming feast of Easter. The 40 days was easily connected with the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert and of course the 40 years the Jews wandered in the wilderness after they emerged from Egypt. The biggest form of denial was no meat of any kind, not even the lard. This gave rise to the custom of using up all animal fats on the eve of Ash Wednesday and the tradition of pancake making. In Mediterranean countries they call the Tuesday "Mardi Gras" and they celebrated what we now know as a Carnival. The purpose of fasting in the context of Lent is to help us realise how dependent we are on food, alcohol, gossip and having identified this, we ought to free ourselves from this dependency.

### Live Life - A inspirational Talk for Parents and Young People

A talk in Drumavaddy Hall on Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8 pm hosted by Elma Walsh, mother of the late Donal Walsh the Kerry teenager, who touched so many lives when he spoke of his battle with Cancer and his "Live Life" message on RTE. Following Donal's death, his Family established the "Live Life Foundation". All welcome

- ♦ **Confirmation 2023** St. Mary's Church Crosserlough Friday 10th March at 7 pm. We choose a confirmation saint like we chose a confirmation sponsor not just because of the regulations only, but because we realise how unfortunate it would be to travel through the teenage years alone. **Confirmation Names:** The most popular Boys names - Patrick, Francis, John, Anthony, Joseph, Michael, Peter, Christopher, Andrew and James. Suggestions - Xavier (St Xavier sailed to bring the gospel to 16th Century Japan), Dominic, Laurence, Jude (hopeless causes), Nicholas (for bakers), Sebastian (athletes), Hubert (hunters), Cyril, Damian (the leper saint), Longinus (the soldier who pierced the side of Jesus on the cross), Simeon (patron of 30 day fasts), Philip (lover of horses), Anthony (St Anthony 3rd lived to be 105 - for 23 years he observed a vow of absolute silence). The most popular Girls names - Therese, Elizabeth, Clare, Catherine, Teresa, Lucy, Mary, Cecelia, Bernadette. Suggestions - Vera, Veronica (True Image), Antonia, Anastasia (Stacey who will rise again), Sophia (Wisdom), Alexis, Sarah (Princess), Irene (Peace), Rafaela (God's Healer), Agnes (pure patron saint of engaged couples), Margaret (Pearl), Nora (Honoured), Monica (Counselor), Madeline, Eleanor (light), Judith (praised), Gemma (Jewel), Felicity (Happy), Evelyn (Life), Amelia (Excelling), Alice (Alicia), Adele (Noble), Berna (Most Beautiful)

### Who can be a Confirmation Sponsor?

- ♦ Confirmation Sponsors must be chosen carefully. The Church encourages candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation to invite one of their baptismal Godparents to act as their Confirmation Sponsor. This clearly expresses the link between Baptism and Confirmation. If this is not possible another Confirmation Sponsor may be chosen. A Sponsor must be chosen by the candidate, must be confirmed and practising Catholic, must be at least 16 years old and in good standing with the Church leading a life in harmony with the faith and role to be undertaken.
- ♦ A Confirmation Sponsor is someone who sees that the person being confirmed acts as a true witness to Christ and is ready and willing to fulfil the continuing obligations connected with this Sacrament.

### The Clouds Veil

1. Even though the rain hides  
the stars,  
Even though the mist swirls the  
hills,  
Even when the dark clouds veil  
the sky,  
You are by my side.  
side, You are by my side.

### How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome  
wonder consider all the works thy hands  
hath made  
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe  
displayed.  
**Chorus**  
Then sings my soul, my saviour God to  
thee. How great thou art. How great thou  
art! Then sing my soul my saviour God to  
thee: How great thou art!