

**Our Parish Newsletter**  
*26th February 2023 - 1st Sunday in Lent*

**Rev. Peter McKiernan PP 4336798**  
**Bríd 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; Mon, Tues, 10 am; Thurs & Friday - 7.30 pm**  
**St. Joseph's - Saturday - 7.30 pm;**  
**St. Patrick's - Sunday 11.15 am;**

**We Pray For The Deceased:**

- ◆ **Kathleen Galligan, Cashel whose funeral was during the week**
- ◆ **Carmel Sorohan, Garrynogher whose funeral is today in St. Mary's**
- ◆ **Also Joseph Smith formerly Clare who died recently**

**St. Joseph's**

Saturday 25th	7.30 pm	Charlie Keaney, Months Memory Mass
Wednesday 1st	10.00 am	Molly Cahill & Deceased, Drumnalaragh
Saturday 4th	7.30 pm	Bridie, Andrew Galligan Drumackinoe & Decd

**St. Mary's:**

Friday 24th	7.30 pm	Fr. Joe Donohoe, Fr. Terry Smith and Decd of Kilnacrott Community.
Sunday 26th	10.00 am	Carmel Sorohan, Funeral Mass
Thursday 2nd	7.30 pm	Maureen McGovern, Drumcassidy
Friday 3rd	7.30 pm	Charlie & Louise Smith Graddum & Deceased

**St. Patrick's:**

Sunday 26th	11.15 am	Des Rennix, Church Rd, 7th AM Also decd. Oates & Rennix families.
Sunday 5th	11.15 am	Adriana Donohoe 3rd AM, Cul Lana Also Joe & Joan Donohoe, Upper Main St.

**Confirmation 2023:** St. Mary's Church Crosserlough Friday 10th March at 6 pm.

**Lourdes Collection 5th Feb:** Envelopes are included in your collection boxes.

**Visitation Sick and Homebound - First Friday 3rd March**

◆ **The Significance of "Breath" in the Context of Confirmation**

The word spirit comes from the Latin word 'Spiritus' which means Breath. Breath is an obvious sign of life. The account of creation shows God breathing a breath of life into the nostrils of Adam (genesis 2;7). Even though man/woman had been the high point of the seven day's of creation they still needed that source of energy or spirit to get going and to realise their potential. The apostles were hiding away in fear of been subjected to the same death as Jesus. So the Holy Spirit breathes on them and became energised, inspired and not afraid and they will leave their place of fear and become witnesses to Jesus

◆ **"Be sealed"**

Now that the candidates are in position the Bishop while anointing each will say N....Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Letters in the old days were sealed by dripping soft wax on the envelope and making a mark on the wax with a ring . The letter was then entrusted to a messenger who in some cases would have galloped long distances and maybe replaced by several other messengers. Many of these kings were not able to write but they had custom made rings personal to themselves. The letter was the property of the King and the horse messenger had the protection of the King. So the candidate is now part of the retinue of God and now has the commission of the duty to be his witness in the world. To be confirmed means to be strengthened and in the Sacrament of Confirmation the candidate is strengthened with the Holy Spirit.

◆ **Anointing with Chrism**

The Chrism oil is made from olive oil and balsam which gives it a sweet smelling perfume, the aroma of which is to spread out from the candidate in the goodness of her/his life. The oil of olives was used by athletes to limber up their muscles for competition and so the Chrism oil is applied to the forehead (brain) to limber up the conscience of the candidate. In the ancient system priests prophets and Kings were anointed to remind them of the responsibilities they were given.

**St. Mary's Church: Please Note—Change of Offertory Collection** - From Next Sunday 5th March the weekly offertory collection will be taken up during Mass and not at the door as you enter the church.

**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 m 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!**