

Our Parish Newsletter
9th April 2023 - Easter Sunday

We Wish all our Parishioners a very Happy Easter

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Mass Times :

St. Mary's - Sunday - 10 am; Mon, Tues, 10 am; Thur & Friday - 7.30 pm
St. Joseph's - Saturday - **8.00 pm** ; Wednesday - 10 am;
St. Patrick's - Sunday 11.15 am;

We Pray For The Deceased: Mary Briody, who died recently. Wife of Patsy Briody Drumcassidy.

St. Joseph's

Easter Sunday 10.00 am Peter, James & Margaret Galligan, Drumlara
Wednesday 12th 10.00 am Tom, Kathleen & Gerard O'Dowd, Drumkilly
Saturday 15th 8.00 pm Ann (6AM) Martin (10 AM), Crowe Carrickabawn

St. Mary's:

Saturday 8th 8.00 pm Betty, Mary & Terry Reilly, Corlateerin Upper
Sunday 16th 10.00 am Lorraine O'Reilly, Lisduff Cross (2nd AM)

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 16th 11.15 am Charlie & Bridget Kiernan, Upper Main St.

Volunteers for April

St. Joseph's

Readers: Tom Sullivan and Michael Cronin.

E. Ministers: Michael Cronin and Thomas Harten.

Altar Society: Eileen Galligan and Rosaleen Cronin.

Collectors: Maggie McDermott and Gerald O'Reilly.

St. Patrick's

Reader: Sheila Lynch

E. Minister: Damien O'Reilly

St. Mary's

Readers: Niall & Catherine Ames & Teresa Callery

E. Minister: Helen Donohoe

**Please Note -
No Adoration next
week in St. Mary's
or St. Joseph's
Church**

- ◆ **Epilepsy Ireland:** Annual Church Gate Collection on Saturday 15th April & Sunday 16th April - 3 Churches. Please Support
- ◆ **The Season for First Communion** is upon us once again. As this is the first religious experience that the children will have, please remember not to spoil the occasion by taking liberties with camera phones or video technology. I'm sure you will have a chance to do so after the ceremonies with the parents permission of course!!!
- ◆ **Trócaire:** Don't forget to feed your Trócaire Box so that Trócaire can feed the Starving. Please hand in Trócaire donations in an envelope at masses.
- ◆ **The Secretariat of CPSMA** provides advice, training, support and representation for school Boards. Last year our team of Education Advisors handled over 13,000 calls, as well as delivering face to face training, online webinars, and podcasts, producing a newsletter, lobbying the Department for more resources for schools, as well as providing feedback on circulars, and to consultations. Our advisors are there to answer questions on the myriad of issues that face chairs and principals from complex HR issues, and parental complaints, to does Santa Claus need to be vetted for school visits? (The Answer is YES). To put these figures into context just ten years ago in 2012 we handled just over 6,900 calls, so we have experienced almost a 100 percent increase in calls. The rapid increase in calls has been driven by an ever increasing administrative burden placed on schools and an ever more complex social environment. Just one example of the social change we are seeing, ten years ago family law was not a major issue for schools, now family law issues around guardianship are a regular feature of calls. The work of the CPSMA Secretariat offers a unique listening post on the changes in Irish Society. If there is a social issue it tends to hit primary schools first. Trans issues are in the news a lot now, but we have been helping schools with this issue for four or five years now. If there is a problem or a challenge in the system we tend to hear about it first. That does not mean that we focus on the negative. On the contrary our team is constantly amazed at the hard work, and dedication of the people who govern, lead, teach and work in Catholic Education. On a regular basis we encounter people who go above and beyond the call of duty for the pupils in their care. One example in particular has always stuck in my mind. The school principal of a special school was dealing with a very tragic situation and frankly the state had let her down badly. She and her colleagues went to quite extraordinary lengths to help one of their pupils.

Blessing of the Graves 2023



St. Joseph's Church - Saturday 5th August at 6 pm

St. Mary's Church - Sunday 6th August at 11 am

St. Patrick's Church - Sunday 13th - Time to be Decided.