

Our Parish Newsletter 29th October— 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times :

St. Mary's - Sunday—10 am, Mon 10 am; Wednesday - All Saints Day 10 am;
Thursday All Souls Day - 7.30 pm; 1st Fri - 7.30 pm
St. Joseph's—Tuesday— Vigil Mass All Saints - 7.30 pm; Saturday 7.30 pm
St. Patrick's - Sunday - 11.15 am; Wednesday - All Saints Day - 11.15 am

We Pray For The Deceased:

Teresa Farmer Ardley, whose funeral was on Monday last

St. Joseph's

Saturday 28th	8.00 pm	Nora Cusack, Druminisclin/Togher, Months Mind
Saturday 4th	7.30 pm	Altar List of the Dead

St. Mary's:

Friday 27th	7.30 pm	Decd. Of the Harte Family, Drumrora
Sunday 29th	10.00 am	Kathleen McLarney (2nd Am) & Decd Brady & Geraghty families.

Friday 3rd	7.30 pm	Fr. Paddy Gillick and Decd
Sunday 5th	10.00 am	Michael Sorohan, Derrylea, 2nd AM

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 29th	11.15 am	Maeve O'Reilly (6th AM); Patrick O'Reilly, Coolkill
Sunday 5th	11.15 am	Peggy (3 AM) & Mattie Boylan, Main St. & Decd.

Volunteers November:

St. Patrick's: Reader - Mairead Lynch

St. Mary's: Altar Society: Peggy Lynch, Anita Smith, Dymphna McElroy

- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** On Sunday November 5th the annual day of prayer for the dead will take place from after 10 am Mass concluding with Benediction at 5 pm. There will also be prayers with adoration in Drumkilly Church. This will facilitate all those who will be visiting the graves of their bereaved, so having prayed for them in the graveyard they can pray for them in the church and of equal significance they can expose their broken hearts to the healing power of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

The Times they are a changing.....Winter Time' The clocks go back one hour this Saturday night 28th; From Sunday 29th October, Sunday morning mass will be at 10 & 11.15 am winter time. Drumkilly from 4th Nov - 7.30 pm

Visitation of Sick and Homebound: 1st Friday 3rd November morning time.

Drumkilly NS: Ms. Catherine Givney retired this week from teaching in Drumkilly N.S. We wish Catherine a happy and healthy retirement after 40 years of dedicated service. The Family of the late David Murphy have left some memorial cards in the church porch for anyone who wishes to take one.

Crosserlough ICA; Monthly meeting Tuesday 7th November in the Old School at 7.30 pm. Rushwork Demo on the night. New members welcome.

Norms for indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls

1. From twelve o'clock noon on 1st November until midnight on 2nd November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the pope's intention (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1 November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1st November to 8th November.

2. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1st to 8th November. The conditions mentioned above apply also to this

Extract From Bishop's Letter—Our Mass Schedules

We need to review the number and frequency of Masses in our parishes as they are currently constituted. Arising from discussions with our priests the following key points are relevant to a consultation to take place in parishes in the coming months on the number and times of weekend Masses.

The Mass is best celebrated with maximum participation and a full congregation.

The reflection on weekend Masses in our parishes must involve,

- ◆ Further discussion with our Parish Pastoral Councils,
- ◆ Open meetings of parishioners,
- ◆ Surveys need to be conducted to ascertain actual Mass attendance at each Church
- ◆ Considerations of Masses with Pastoral Areas and/or neighbouring parishes
- ◆ Due account of the following statistics regarding our priests as currently.
 - over one third are over 75 yrs old
 - more than half of our priests are over 70
 - almost two thirds of priests are over 65 and almost three quarters are over 60

The issues for this ongoing consultation in parishes must include discussion on the following points:

- We cannot continue with the existing number of weekend Masses in our parishes
- Looking to the future, Mass will not be celebrated in each Church on each weekend
- The consideration of rescheduling Masses to accommodate vacations for priests in consultation with their parishes.