

Our Parish Newsletter

28th January 2024 – 4th 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 with

Blessing of the Throats on Friday during mass.

St. Joseph's—Saturday 7.30 pm; Wednesday - 10 am

St. Patrick's - Sunday - 11.15 am

We Pray For The Deceased:

- ◆ Paraic Farrelly, Rasan whose funeral was on Wednesday in St. Mary's
- ◆ Michael McCormack, Lackenmore BJD, whose funeral was on Friday in St. Mary's

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St. Joseph's

Saturday 27th	7.30 pm	Charlie Keaney, Derrin 1st Am
Wednesday 31st	10.00 am	Decd of the Brady Family, Drumhirk
Saturday 3rd	7.30 pm	Paddy Tully, Aughnahague 4th AM

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 28th	11.15 am	Des Rennix & Decd of Rennix & Oates families,
Sunday 4th	11.15 am	Jimmy Joyce, Church Rd, 6th AM

St. Mary's:

Friday 26th	7.30 pm	Charlie & Louise Smith, Graddum
Sunday 28th	10.00 am	Nancy Brady, Duffcastle, Months Memory Mass
Thursday 1st	7.30 pm	Eileen, Cyril Briody, Rockfield & Decd Briody & Brady Families.
Friday 2nd	7.30 pm	Shane (3AM), Joe (1AM), Also Patrick, Molly Smith Clare; Anna Rock, Brian Gilmartin, Johnny & Bridget Reilly, Keenagh
Sunday 4th	10.00 am	Noel Lynch Aughtera (6AM); Also Decd Lynch, Daly & Caffery Families.

Volunteers in February - St. Joseph's

Readers: Marie Smith;

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Society:

Collectors:

St. Mary's

Readers:

Eucharistic Minister:

Collectors: Niall Ames, Karl Kelly, Karl Maguire, Paul Whitney

St. Patrick's

Eucharistic Minister:

Reader:

Visitation of
the Sick -
First Friday
2nd February
Morning
Time

February 3rd Feast of St Blaise: St .Blaise was born in 280 AD in what is known as Armenia. During one of the final phases of the Roman persecution he was captured and while he was being brought off to prison a woman approached him with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone. When Blaise was brought before AGRICOLAUS he refused to offer a pagan sacrifice so he was suspended to a tree and his flesh was torn from him with iron combs and was then beheaded.

St. Brigid is believed to have been born in Faughart on the Louth Down Border.

She became a Christian through the preaching of St. Patrick. As a young woman she got into a bit of bother as she was always giving food to the poor and her father wished to pass her on to another wealthy landowner, but said to her father that she was too good a person for him. But the plans of the father stopped there and Brigid was to become a great administrator. She founded the convent at Kildare which has become known as "Kildare the Church of the Oak". These Oak trees were sacred to the druids. They became known as "Bile", sacred trees where all community vows were instituted. These sacred trees were such as they were enormous and due to the average life span nobody would have seen the tree being planted. So Brigid's location of her Monastery would soon displace the power of the druids. In ancient time the first of February was the day that cattle were let loose from their housing and the blessing of St. Brigid was involved on them so that they milk well, and have ease in calving. In relation to Brigid it is believed that she died on February 1st. 524 A.D. A light had been kept burning for over 1000 years to commemorate Brigid but this light was extinguished by the Cromwellian forces never to be lit again.

- ◆ Saint Martina Feast day—January 30th, She was a Roman teenager who suffered various tortures for her steadfast faith and was finally beheaded in 226. She is one of the patrons of the city of Rome.

Anniversary Masses: Over the last number of years there have been a **big** number of funerals and this reality leaves us with a lot of month memory masses, first, second and subsequent anniversaries . If we are to accommodate the most recently bereaved with a Sunday Mass if that is their wish. Could we agree that after seven to ten years we could vacate our annual anniversary date to another. Obviously in the case of a tragic death then seven to ten years may not be sufficient grieving time. That vacated spot could be replaced with a week evening mass. The month's memory and 1st Anniversary Mass are significant steps in the grieving process. **This notice was included in the the bulletin on 16th June 2019 and since then, there has been 81 funerals in the 3 church areas to date.**

