

**Our Parish Newsletter**  
**7th January 2024 - The Baptism of our Lord**

**Peter McKiernan PP 4336798**  
**Brid 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; Wednesday - 10 am  
 St. Patrick's - Sunday - 11.15 am;

**We Pray For The Deceased:**

- ◆ Nancy Brady, Duffcastle whose funeral was on Thursday 28th December
- ◆ Mary Colgan, Barrack Rd, whose funeral was on Monday 1st January

**St. Joseph's**

Saturday 6th 7.30 pm Patsy Lynch, Drumbrath, 4AM  
 Wednesday 10th 10.00 am Etta & Benny Gaffney, Corlislea  
 Saturday 13th 7.30 pm Brain Gaffney, Porton, 6th AM

**St. Patrick's:**

Saturday 6th 11.15 am Eamon Keogh, Toneylion Months Memory Mass  
 Sunday 7th 11.15 am Peggy McInerney, 3AM

**St. Mary's:**

Sunday 7th 10.00 am Tom Smith, Togher Months Memory Mass  
 Sunday 14th 10.00 am Mary Galligan, Kill, 2nd AM

**Adoration in St. Mary's Thursday 11th January**

**Volunteers in January - St. Joseph's**

Readers: Marie Smith; Breda O'Leary;  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Teresa Morgan; Anna Conaty;  
 Altar Society: Brid McEvoy; Marie Smith.  
 Collectors: Pat O'Dowd; Donal Cahill;  
 St. Mary's  
 Readers Una Finnegan; Una Byrd; Jimmy Smith  
 Eucharistic Minister Mary Kate Kelly  
 Altar Society  
**St. Patrick's**  
 Eucharistic Minister Paul Briody;

**We Thank all volunteers who helped out throughout 2023 especially during the festive season. We also thank the CE workers for all they do around our churches/ graveyards.**

**When the Conflict Began**

Abraham lived about 2000 B.C. His wife had no family with Abraham, her name was Sarah (Princess). So she suggested to Abraham that he have a relationship with Hagar who was Sarah's maid and one of the concubines. Then Hagar had a son to Abraham, Ishmail (God has heard). This new arrival became a source of envy and jealousy on the part of Sarah and she put pressure on Abraham to ban Hagar from Abrahams Harem which he did, but promised to protect her and Ishmail. Ishmail would become the leader of the land of Arabia. This group of believers would eventually worship all types of "God's", one of the most significant was called "Al Hah" literally "The God". Those tribes worshipped many "God's" until Mohammed united them after he was expelled from Mecca and he formed the Moslem religion. The conflict really took off between the Arabs and those who were the followers of Isaac. Isaac was the son that Sarah bore to Abraham in his old age (Isaac means God Laughs). The conflict continues up to this day.

Month	1st prize	2nd prize	3rd prize
Sept	Trevor & Gillian Smith	Tommy & Kathleen O'Rourke	Pete & Fiona Stead Graddum
Oct	Niall & Catherine Ames	Tommy & Bernie McKiernan	Phylis & Carmel Soroghan
Nov	Dessie & Mary Boylan	James McEvoy Porton	Barry Colwell Drumrora

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 And ransom captive Israel,  
 That mourns in lonely exile here,  
 Until the Son of God appear.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel,  
 To you shall come Emmanuel

**Be Still My Soul**

Be still my soul, the lord is always near thee. Been patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
 Leave to thy God, to comfort and to cheer thee in every change he faithful remains.

**O Holy Night**

O holy night the stars are brightly shining  
 It is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
 Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth  
 A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
 For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees  
 O hear the angel voices  
 O night divine,  
 O night when Christ was born  
 O night divine, O night, O night divine.



**We Wish all our  
 Parishioners every Blessing in 2024**