

# Our Parish Newsletter 11th February 2024— 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Broadcast - 108FM

## Mass Times :

St. Mary's - Sunday 10 am; Mon, Tues - 10 am; **Ash Wednesday - 7 pm;**  
Thursday, Friday - 7.30 pm  
St. Joseph's—Saturday 7.30 pm; **Ash Wednesday 8 pm**  
St. Patrick's - Sunday - 11.15 am; **Ash Wednesday 10 am**

## We Pray For The Deceased:

### St. Joseph's

Saturday 10th	7.30 pm	Decd. of Hyland & Coyle Families, Drumnalora
Wednesday 14th	8.00 pm	Jamesie Smith Drumhirk & Bridie McEvoy Creamfield
Saturday 17th	7.30 pm	Rose Briody, Drumloman

### St. Patrick's:

Sunday 11th	11.15 am	Mary Colgan, Barrack Rd, MMM
Sunday 18th	11.15 am	Jack Higgins, The Green 10 AM

### St. Mary's:

Sunday 11th	10.00 am	Tom Michael McGovern Drumcassidy MMM & his wife Maureen 13th AM
Sunday 18th	10.00 am	Patricia Garland, 5AM & Decd Reilly Family Curraghabreedin

**St. Patrick's Church:** AGM church committee on Thursday 15th February at 8 pm. All committee members please attend.

## Volunteers in February -

### St. Joseph's

Readers: Tully Family; David Galligan  
Eucharistic Ministers: Peter Galligan; Tomás Harten  
Altar Society: Claire Comiskey; Mary Comiskey  
Collectors: Bryan Gaffney; Donal Smith

### St. Mary's

Readers: Michael Callery; Colleen Galligan  
Eucharistic Minister: Elaine Brady, Ruth McGuire  
Collectors: Niall Ames, Karl Kelly, Karl Maguire, Paul Whitney

### St. Patrick's

Eucharistic Minister: Patricia Rennix  
Reader: Patricia Rennix



- ◆ **CPR training:** will take place in Drumkilly Hall in the coming weeks. This training is open to everyone. Anyone interested, please book on **087 8520741** Sophia Preston. Places are limited so early booking is advised
- ◆ **Round Table Quiz:** - Team of 4 €40 in TM's Kilnaleck 9 pm Friday 23rd February. Proceeds in Aid of Kildrumferton Church. Crosserlough.
- ◆ **Yoga classes:** Monday evenings from 7-8pm in The Old School, Crosserlough & Saturday mornings from 9.30-10.30am in The Old Courthouse, BJD. Contact Diane - 086 8385222 for details
- ◆ **Kilnaleck Bowls Club:** Practice sessions for Beginners aged 18 and over Saturday Evenings 7— 8 pm in the Realtóg Centre, Starting 10th Feb. For Details **Contact 086 3357339/086 0484881.**

**What is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?** And why is it being renewed in this Parish soon? Find out at Masses on the weekend of 25th February.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is spreading to many parishes in the Diocese of Kilmore. Why? A Speaker will supply the answer on weekend of 25th GOD CALLING! Have you got one hour in the week to spare? Adoration Renewal in the parish on Sunday 25th February.

Question: What qualification do you need in order to be on the parish team for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?

Answer: One hour at your disposal in a week.....and a willing heart

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday:** Day of Fast and Abstinence, Three Meals and No Meat. The word Lent - The word Lent itself means "Lengthening spring days" and it became a spiritual journey of 40 days to help people focus on the upcoming feast of Easter. The 40 days was easily connected with the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert and of course the 40 years the Jews wandered in the wilderness after they emerged from Egypt. The biggest form of denial was no meat of any kind, not even the lard. This gave rise to the custom of using up all animal fats on the eve of Ash Wednesday and the tradition of pancake making. In Mediterranean countries they call the Tuesday "Mardi Gras" and they celebrated what we now know as a Carnival. The purpose of fasting in the context of Lent is to help us realise how dependent we are on food., alcohol, gossip and having identified this, we ought to free ourselves from this dependency.
- ◆ **Our Grateful Thanks:** The priests of the parish extend sincerest thanks to all who helped in our Churches throughout the year. Many people were involved.... secretary, sacristans, servers, readers, eucharistic ministers, choirs, collectors and money counters, ushers, altar societies and pastoral councils, volunteer cleaners, and seasonal decorators, CE workers. We welcome all our parishioners and visitors to partake in parish ministries and to join us at our Saturday night/ Sunday morning Masses where you will always know that you are warmly welcomed. We remember the sick and all our parishioners who have died in our parish over the past twelve months, and all our faithful departed.

*Ath Bhlian faoi mhaise dhaoibh go leir.*