

Our Parish Newsletter
4th February 2024— 5th 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, Friday - 7.30 pm
St. Joseph's—Saturday 7.30 pm; **No Mass on Wednesday 7th**
St. Patrick's - Sunday - 11.15 am

We Pray For The Deceased:

St. Joseph's

Saturday 3rd	7.30 pm	Paddy Tully, Aughnahague 4th AM
Saturday 10th	7.30 pm	Decd. of Hyland & Coyle Families, Drumnalara

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 4th	11.15 am	Jimmy Joyce, Church Rd, 6th AM
Sunday 11th	11.15 am	Mary Colgan, Barrack Rd, MMM

St. Mary's:

Sunday 4th	10.00 am	Noel Lynch Aughterera (6AM); Also Decd Lynch, Daly & Caffery Families.
Monday 5th	10.00 am	Larry Boylan, Latnadrona, 3 AM
Friday 9th	7.30 pm	Andy & Elizabeth Brady, Derrylahan
Sunday 11th	10.00 am	Tom Michael McGovern, Drumcassidy MMM

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

Kilnaleck Bowls Club: Will hold practice sessions for Beginners aged 18 and over Saturday Evenings from 7— 8 pm in the Realtóg Centre, Kilnaleck. Starting on 10th February for 6 wks. For Details **Contact 086 3357339/086 0484881.**

I will follow you, but....Someone once observed that disciples come in three varieties: tugboats, sailboats and rafts.

Tugboats - follow Jesus not only in sunny weather, but also in stormy weather. They follow him, not only when the wind and the waves serve them, but also when they oppose them. They are people who love, not when they feel like it, but always, day in, day out.

Sailboat disciples - Follow Jesus only in sunny weather. They go in his direction only when the wind and waves serve them. When stormy weather comes, they tend to go in the direction that they are blown. They follow the crowd more than they follow Jesus.

Finally there are Raft disciples - they are not really followers of Jesus at all. They won't even follow him when the wind and the waves serve them. They go in his direction only when they are pulled or pushed. They act like Christians because they have to, or because it is to their personal advantage to do so. Where can I honestly locate myself?

- ◆ **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.

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.**