

Our Parish Newsletter

5th May 2024 - 6th Sunday of Easter

First Communion Week in Crosserlough Church

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Mass Times :

St. Mary's - Sunday, Mon, Tues - 10 am; Thursday, Friday - 7.30 pm

St. Joseph's— Saturday - 8 pm, Wednesday - 10 am;

St. Patrick's - Sunday - 11.15 am

We Pray For The Deceased:

St. Joseph's

Saturday 4th 8 pm Patricia Shalvey 1AM; Patrick Shalvey 11 AM
New York & Kilnaleck

St. Patrick's:

Kilnaleck

Sunday 5th 11.15 am Mass for the People of the Parish

Sunday 12th 11.15 am Sean Smith, Drumbee, 1st AM

St. Mary's:

Sunday 5th 10 am David Connolly, Kilnacrott, 4AM

Thursday 9th 7.30 Rose Lawless, Drumbarry 5AM

Friday 10th 7.30 Benny Rowley, Crosserlough

Sunday 12th 10 am Andy (1AM) and Kathleen Smith, Drumrora

Volunteers in May -

St. Joseph's

Readers: Rosemary Walsh, Claire Comiskey.

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Lynch, David Galligan.

Altar Society: Kathleen O'Reilly, Rosaleen Smith.

Collectors: Teresa Morgan, Mary & Tom Sullivan.

St. Mary's

Readers: Aisling O'Rourke, Charlie Galligan

Eucharistic Ministers: Peggy Lynch, Catherine Ames

St. Patrick's

Eucharistic Minister: Damien O'Reilly

Reader: Patricia Rennix

- ◆ **It is the Season for First Communion and First Confession.** As this is the first religious experience that the children will have, please remember not to spoil the occasion by taking liberties with camera phones or video technology. I'm sure you will have a chance to do so after the ceremonies with the parents permission of course!!!
- ◆ **Crosserlough ICA:** Meeting in the Old School on Tuesday 7th May at 7.30 pm. New members always welcome.
- ◆ **A missionary group from Bethlehem—The Holy Land** will be visiting our Parish on the 11th and 12th of May to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles (Crucifixes, Rosary Beads and Plaques) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the poor Christian families. All support much appreciated.
- ◆ **Confirmation 11th May:** - Special Collection going to the upkeep of the Youth Officer
- ◆ **The Significance of “Breath” in the Context of Confirmation**
The word spirit comes from the Latin word ‘Spiritus’ which means Breath. Breath is an obvious sign of life. The account of creation shows God breathing a breath of life into the nostrils of Adam (genesis 2;7). Even though man/woman had been the high point of the seven day's of creation they still needed that source of energy or spirit to get going and to realise their potential. The apostles were hiding away in fear of been subjected to the same death as Jesus. So the Holy Spirit breathes on them and became energised, inspired and not afraid and they will leave their place of fear and become witnesses to Jesus
- ◆ **“Be sealed”**
Now that the candidates are in position the Bishop while anointing each will say N....Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Letters in the old days were sealed by dripping soft wax on the envelope and making a mark on the wax with a ring . The letter was then entrusted to a messenger who in some cases would have galloped long distances and maybe replaced by several other messengers. Many of these kings were not able to write but they had custom made rings personal to themselves. The letter was the property of the King and the horse messenger had the protection of the King. So the candidate is now part of the retinue of God and now has the commission of the duty to be his witness in the world. To be confirmed means to be strengthened and in the Sacrament of Confirmation the candidate is strengthened with the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ **Anointing with Chrism**
The Chrism oil is made from olive oil and balsam which gives it a sweet smelling perfume, the aroma of which is to spread out from the candidate in the goodness of her/his life. The oil of olives was used by athletes to limber up their muscles for competition and so the Chrism oil is applied to the forehead (brain) to limber up the conscience of the candidate. In the ancient system priests prophets and Kings were anointed to remind them of the responsibilities they were given.