

Our Parish Newsletter

22nd December 2024 - 4th Sunday in Advent

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Offertory Collection to Date—3 Churches
 St. Mary's - €53467
 St. Joseph's - €18724
 St. Patrick's - €20765
 Collection Boxes for 2025 now in the churches - Thank you

Mass Times :

St. Mary's - Sunday, Mon, 10am. Christmas Eve 8 pm, Stephens Day 10 am; Friday 27th 7.30 pm
 St. Joseph's - Christmas Day - 10 am; Saturday 28th 7.30 pm,
 St. Patrick's - Christmas Eve - 6.30 pm; Sunday 29th - 11.15 am

No Adoration in the Churches until 2nd Week in January

Christmas Masses

Church	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	St. Stephen's Day
St. Patrick's	6.30 pm		
St. Mary's	8.00 pm		10.00 am
St. Joseph's		10.00 am	

We Pray For The Deceased:

St. Joseph's:

Saturday 21st 7.30 pm Charlie & Maureen Comiskey, Drumackinoe
 Saturday 28th 7.30 pm Kevin Smith, Larigan, 2nd AM

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 22nd 11.15 am Anne Reilly, Drumbee Months Memory Mass
 Sunday 29th 11.15 am Mass for the People of the Parish

St. Mary's:

Sunday 22nd 10.00 am Nancy Brady Duffcastle, 1st AM
 Friday 27th 7.30 pm Nancy McCabe, Latnadrona 3AM
 Sunday 29th 10.00 am Eileen (4AM) and James McDonald Derrylea
 Monday 30th 10.00 am Fr. John Maguire, Finaway Months Memory Mass
 Friday 3rd 7.30 pm Kieran Walsh, Finaway 10 AM

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.

Merry Christmas to all our parishioners & every Blessing in 2025

For some time the fact that we have so few candidates for the priesthood we need to have a plan to deal with this deficit. The bishop has been encouraging the priests to fit in a structure, where there will be a mass in every church, and that no church will be closed. The Bishop had set a deadline for the First Sunday in Advent to put into effect the overall plan. At a meeting in Crosskeys Centre representatives from Castlerahan Denn and Crosserlough met to discuss the situation as they saw it, the meeting took place on 2/12/2024. So there were concerns about how the issue was to be sorted out. Part of the difficulty was the fact that there are three priests serving eight churches. So the discussion went on, and Castlerahan had dropped a Saturday evening mass. Crosserlough retains it's 10 am. Drunkilly & Kilnaleck will alternate every other weekend on Saturday evening at 6.30 pm. These changes will take place on the First weekend in January.

1. **There will be no funerals on Sunday's**
2. **All Baptism's will be in the parish church on the First Sunday in the Month at 1 pm.**
3. **Anniversary Masses will be shared - given preference to the recently deceased, Months Memory Masses, 1st Anniversary Mass and so on.**

Please see table below with new Mass Schedule from January 2025

Church	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday	Sunday
Crosserlough				7.30 pm			10.00 am
Drunkilly			10.00 am			6.30 pm Alternate Saturdays starting on Saturday 11th	
Kilnaleck		10.00 am				6.30 pm Alternate Saturdays starting on Saturday 4th	

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.

