

Our Parish Newsletter

8th December 2024—2nd Sunday in Advent

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Parish Website: www.crosserloughparish.ie
Mass Broadcast - 108FM

Mass Times :

St. Mary's - Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 10am. Thursday & 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:

St. Joseph's:

Saturday 7th 7.30 pm Paddy & Rosetta Smith, Drumloman & Deceased
Wednesday 11th 10.00 am Susan & Terence Brady, Drumbee & Deceased
Saturday 14th 7.30 pm Seamus Harten, Crenew 4AM

St. Patrick's:

Sunday 8th 11.15 am For the People of the Parish
Sunday 15th 11.15 am Lil Higgins, Church Rd 10 AM

St. Mary's:

Sunday 8th 10.00 am Tom Smith, Togher 1st AM
Thursday 12th 7.30 pm Willie & Rose Brennan & Decd.McCabe's & Brennan's
Friday 13th 7.30 pm Rita Flood, Drumrora 7AM
Sunday 15th 10.00 am Bridgie (7AM), Charlie Galligan Druminisclin & Decd

Volunteers December

St. Joseph's Readers: Catherine Harten, Rosaleen Smith

St. Patrick's Reader: John Higgins

St. Mary's Readers: Conor Maguire, Niall Ames

St. Joseph's Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Keaney, Rosemary Walsh

St. Patrick's Eucharistic Minister:

St. Mary's Eucharistic Ministers: Carmel Cusack Smith, Anita Smith

St. Joseph's Altar Society: Eileen O'Dowd, Annette Boylan, Sheila Brady

St. Mary's Altar Society: Brenda Smith

St. Joseph's Collectors: Matt Galligan, PJ Boyle

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.

Collection Boxes for 2025 will be
in the 3 Churches from early next
week.

St. Mary's Church - Winners in the Monthly Draw. Thank you all for your continued support .

Month	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
July	Brenda Smith Duffcastle	Martin & Fiona Casey Rockfield	Padraig & Helen Donohoe Graddum
Aug	Vincent & Mary Brady Killatogher	Anita & James Smith Drumahalla	Una O'Reilly Curraghabreedin
Sept	Thomas & Noreen Murphy, Togher	Ambrose & Olivia Callery Rassan	Micheál & Bernadette Nulty Drumbarry
Oct	Vincent & Mary Brady, Killatogher	John & Anna Reilly Keenagh	Michael & Savina Donohoe Druminisclin

St. Mary's N.S. Crosserlough Enrolment 2025/2026: Enrolment of new entrants is now taking place for the 2025/2026 school year. For more details please call Brid 049 4336128 10 am - 2 pm or email office@crosserloughns.com

Drumkilly National School:- Enrolment for 2025/2026 applications can be made through the school website www.drumkillyns.ie , by emailing the school at office@drumkillyns.ie or by phone 049 4336517 (10am-2pm)

A night of Drama: takes place in Drumkilly Hall this Saturday 7th December at 8.30 pm. Join us for a night of tears & laughter in a performance of 2 x 1 act plays. (Moogles & Kildalkey Drama Group). Adm €15 at the door.

Crosskeys Vintage Club: Annual Christmas light run taking place on Sunday 8th December, leaving Crosskeys at 5 pm via Kilnaleck, Mountnugent & BJD in aid of COPD. All vehicles welcome.

CMETB are offering a range of Free, part time courses for adults in Ballyjamesduff in January 2025. Classes include Computers, Horticulture, Cookery, etc. For information contact Regina Clarke on 087 2855907 reginaclarke@cmetb.ie

Advent Wreath

We light one candle, in order, each week of advent. The final white candle is to be lit on Christmas Day.

1st Candle— purple The Prophecy Candle or **Candle of Hope**—We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God

2nd Candle - purple The Bethlehem Candle or **The Candle of Preparation**—God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready” Help us to be ready to welcome you, O God!

3rd Candle - Pink The Shepherd Candle or **The Candle of Joy** - The Angels sang a message of JOY!

4th Candle - purple The Angel Candle or **The Candle of LOVE** - The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us!

5th Candle—white “CHRIST CANDLE”- The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death.

