

Our Parish Newsletter
2nd March 2025 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th March 2025 Ash Wednesday

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Mass Broadcast - 108FM

Mass Times :

St. Mary's - Sunday 10 am; Ash Wednesday - 7.30 pm; Thursday 7.30 pm
St. Joseph's - Ash Wednesday - 6.30 pm ; **Saturday 8th March 6.30 pm**
St. Patrick's - **Saturday 15th March - 6.30 pm**; Tuesday - 10 am; Ash Wednesday - 10 am

We Pray For The Deceased:

Hugh Galligan (Brother of Tessie Lynch Aughawee) formerly Ardleny, who died in England recently. Funeral Mass with burial of ashes Saturday **15th March** in St. Mary's Church Ballynarry at **12 noon**

St. Joseph's:

Saturday 8th	6.30 pm	Paddy Tully, Aughnahagne 5 AM Brian Gaffney, Porton, 7 AM Fr. Patrick O'Reilly, Drumkilly
Wednesday 12th	10.00 am	Mary Tully & Decd Aughnahague

St. Patrick's:

Saturday 1st	6.30 pm	Peter, James & Margaret Galligan, Drumlara
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Tuesday 4th	10.00 am	Rose & John Doyle Maghera 4th AM
Tuesday 11th	10.00 am	Michael & Ursula Kelly also their Daughter Ursula

St. Mary's:

Sunday 2nd	10.00 am	Carmel Sorohan Garrynoger 2 AM
Thursday 6th	7.30 pm	Terry Galligan, Carrickacroy
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Sunday 9th	10.00 am	For the People of the Parish
Thursday 13th	7.30 pm	Sr. Rita McCabe, Peter Kennedy, Decd of Coyle Family

Volunteers March 2025

St. Joseph's Readers: Tully Family, David Galligan

St. Patrick's Reader: Breda McIntyre

St. Mary's Readers:

St. Joseph's Eucharistic Minister: Peter Galligan

St. Patrick's Eucharistic Minister: Breda McIntyre

St. Mary's Eucharistic Ministers: Anita Smith, Sinead Reilly

St. Joseph's Altar Society: Mary Callery, Mary O'Reilly

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St. Joseph's Collectors: Donal Smith, John O'Reilly

Drumkilly Hall is available for meetings, family functions etc. To book please call Noel: 087 6215601 or Sophia on 087 8520741

Kilnaleck Social Services: Fortnightly functions have now resumed— Further dates— Mar 5th, Mar 19th, Apr 2nd, Apr 16th, Apr 30th.

Ballyjamesduff Cancer Support: Offer a free taxi service for cancer patients to attend their chemo or radio appointments. Contact—089 2197045 for details. Also application forms in local churches, chemists & doctor surgery.

Crosserlough ICA: Trip to Wexford **23rd—26th June 2025. €400** per person sharing. **€50** deposit by **11th April**. Full Details Contact - **Ann 087 9608760**

Safe guarding Sunday: Our 8th annual Safeguarding Sunday will take place throughout the diocese this weekend 1st & 2nd March 2025. We hope to create a greater awareness of safeguarding in our parishes and diocese and to acknowledge the great contribution of the faithful in ensuring that our diocesan safeguarding policies are implemented. The annual safeguarding newsletter will be available to download from www.kilmorediocese.ie/safeguarding-children section. Please download a copy and inform yourself of developments in safeguarding.

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 realize how dependent we are on food., alcohol, gossip and having identified this, we ought to free ourselves from this dependency.

The Clouds Veil

1. Even though the rain hides the stars,
Even though the mist swirls the hills,
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,
You are by my side.

2. Even when the sun shall fall in sleep,
Even when at dawn the sky shall weep.
Even in the night when storms shall rise,
You are by my side,
You are by my side.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made.
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee.
How great thou art. How great thou art!
Then sing my soul my saviour God to thee:
How great thou art!