

Our Parish Newsletter
9th March 2025 – 1st Sunday in Lent

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Mass Times :

St. Mary's - Sunday 10 am; Thursday 7.30 pm; **St. Patrick's Day - 10 am**
St. Joseph's – Wednesday 10 am; **St. Patrick's Day 6.30 pm**; Saturday 22nd March 6.30 pm
St. Patrick's - Saturday 15th March - 6.30 pm; **St. Patrick's Day - 11.15 am**;
Tuesday - 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
Wednesday 19th	10.00 am	Martina Gaffney, Corlislea
Saturday 22nd	6.30 pm	Kathleen Cahill, Cashal 4AM. Also Pat & Bernard Smith Aghaconey

St. Patrick's:

Tuesday 11th	10.00 am	Michael & Ursula Kelly also their Daughter Ursula
Saturday 15th	6.30 pm	John Smith, Kill
Saturday 15th	6.30 pm	Charlie Boylan, Toneylion & Decd
Monday 17th	11.15 am	Monsignor Patrick McManus, 5AM

St. Mary's:

Sunday 9th	10.00 am	Larry Tierney Keenagh & Deceased Gaffney Family
Thursday 13th	7.30 pm	Sr. Rita McCabe, Peter Kennedy, Decd of Coyle Family
Sunday 16th	10.00 am	Mass for the People of the Parish

Volunteers March 2025

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

St. Patrick's Reader: Patricia Rennix

St. Mary's Readers: Micheál Reilly, Mollie Anne Galligan

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

Kilnaleck Church Committee: Meeting on Thursday 13th March in Kilnaleck Church at 7.30 pm.

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 19th, Apr 2nd, Apr 16th, Apr 30th.

Bally Jamesduff 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: ladies night in the Old School Crosserlough 11th March at 7.30 pm. "Get Creative in the Garden" upcycling, plant swap, etc. with guest speaker Una Hole. Refreshments on the night. Hosted by the ICA to celebrate International Womens Day.

♦ **Rev. Patrick O'Reilly C.C.**

The pastoral council have requested a memorial mass this Saturday 8th March in memory of Rev. Patrick O'Reilly who served this community for over 9 years and met his death through violent hands, on 10th March 1825. As it is 200 years since his death, it is fitting that we honour this priest who the poor tenant farmers, who he represented, at the Landlord Rent meetings. No one was ever convicted for his death. An inquest was held into his death 4 times, but they failed to reach a verdict. His body was found along the Kilnaleck road at Aughawee. A stone marks the spot where he was found. A memorial plaque is on the entrance wall at St. Joseph's church Drumkilly. **May he rest in Peace.**

♦ **Satan drew Jesus into the desert,** to tempt him and so subject him to his will. Why he did the reason we will never know, but we can look at the situation from our own point of view. Nobody would go out into the desert on their own. The reason for this is the fact that the desert is full of shifting sand and what might be a mountain of sand on your right side, would shift to the left in a whirlwind blast. People would never go out into the desert on their own but always with a "Camel Caravan". Bringing Jesus out into the desert went badly wrong for the devil. However this temptation had its benefits for us, because it helps us to understand that Jesus defeated Satan and so with Jesus help we too can defeat the devil also.

Be Still my Soul

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave thee thy God to order and provide. In every change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best, thy heavenly friend



Nearer My God to Thee

Nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer to Thee
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me
still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer, my God, to Thee
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