

PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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The Triumph of the
Holy Cross

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MASS TIMES

Sundays

Faithlegg 6.30pm (Saturday Vigil)
Killea 9.30am
Crooke 11.30am

Weekdays unless otherwise announced

Wednesday
Faithlegg 11.30am
Killea 7.30pm
Thursday
Crooke 10.00am
Friday
Killea 9.30am

Holydays of Obligation

As announced

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays 6.45pm-7.25pm
in Holy Cross Church, Killea.

CONFESSIONS

9.30-10.00am on the First Saturday of the month in Killea. And on request.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS & CERTIFICATES

Please contact the Parish Office to request certificates or to make arrangements for baptisms and weddings. Baptisms are celebrated as follows:

Killea: First Sunday of the month at 1.00pm.
Faithlegg: Second Saturday of the month at 5.30pm.
Crooke: Third Sunday of the month at 12.30pm.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

For those seeking assistance or who wish to donate:

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Today's feast celebrates three things: the first is the finding of the relics of the True Cross in 326 in an expedition led by St Helena (Helena, who was, for a time, wife of Emperor Constantius and mother of Emperor Constantine I – the first emperor to become a Christian); the second is the dedication of the churches at the site of the Holy Sepulchre in 335, which encompassed the Mount of Calvary and the tomb where the Lord was placed; and, finally, the displaying of the relic True Cross in 629 by Emperor Heraclius II after the Jerusalem had been liberated from the Persians.

More importantly still and outside of the Easter Season, this annual feast is a chance for us to reflect on the significance of the Cross in our lives and of the redemption which Christ won for us by his death and resurrection. It is only through his death on the Cross and his resurrection from the dead that we are saved and only this gives meaning to the other celebrations throughout the liturgical year.

In the gospel, Jesus says that he had to be raised high so that all peoples might be saved and be brought to eternal life. He tells Nicodemus in the passage that he was sent into the world to redeem it and not to condemn it. In the Cross is our salvation and the salvation of all peoples, and it is this redemption which we celebrate today.

Last Sunday's basket collection:
Killea €441; Crooke €218; Faithlegg €457.

Crooke Cemetery

Work began over a year ago to try to secure an extension to the current cemetery in Crooke or to find a new location for a cemetery, but unsuccessfully. The County Council were also contacted but they are not willing to become involved or to operate a cemetery in the parish at this time as they already operate a public cemetery in Kilbarry. In the absence of an extension or new ground, once the current cemetery is full those wishing to be buried in the parish will need to look to Killea or to Faithlegg. Alternatively, a landowner might decide to develop a cemetery themselves, as is the case in other parts of the country.

If new ground is available, it must first undergo geological surveys to ensure its suitability for such use before a planning application can be made and, hopefully, secured. Given the length of time needed between securing new ground and being able to use it, and if the parish is to operate it, it is essential that new suitable ground be found before the end of this calendar year.

Meeting for Parents

Meetings will take place on September 15 and 16 for parents of those children in our schools who will be receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. Information has been sent out through the schools.

Baptisms & Weddings

We remind all those who are getting married or who wish to arrange a baptism in the parish to contact the parish office as soon as possible. Certificates of Baptism and Confirmation and Letters of Freedom for Marriage can also be obtained from the parish office.

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries and remembrances occur about this time:

Died recently: Rosalind (Rose) Desmond.
Month's Mind: Maureen Ferguson.
Ned Lewis (1st Anniv); Statia O'Toole; Joe Kenny; Maisie Roche; Liam Fitzgerald; Anne Bohan.