

# NEWSLETTER

## Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Among the many Irish Organisations that promote worthy causes, perhaps none commands more respect and affection than the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. And perhaps no visitor is more welcoming than the SVP representatives at a door behind which may lay many a sad story. The SVP is everywhere. Its knowledge of conditions 'on the ground' is unsurpassed. Early in the present crisis, it noted with alarm the sharp increase in poverty. It also drew attention to what, for many of the young, was a new phenomenon - the middle class poverty. This weekend the SVP will hold their Annual Christmas Collection. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

### CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2016

The Church Envelopes for 2016 are available to be picked up from the Parochial House after Mass this weekend or during the week by those who kindly deliver them each year.

Our parish depends on your contributions for the day to day running and upkeep of the Church and Parish. Your generosity is much appreciated.



### Times of Masses & Services

#### Mass Times

##### Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening	6.30pm
Sunday Morning	9.30am & 11.30am

##### Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday	9.30am
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#### Confessions

After Saturday evening Mass or on request

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass until 9pm  
1st Saturday from 7.30pm to 9.30am Sunday

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The Mass with Kath & Qumen



#### MASS BEGINS

The opening parts of the Mass are called the Introductory Rites. When the priest arrives at the altar he kisses it. This is a sign of respect. He then goes to the special chair which is near the altar. We call this the Presider's Chair. The priest leads us in prayer from this chair. We all make the Sign of the Cross together. This is the way we begin almost all our prayers. The priest then says, 'The Lord be with you' and we answer by saying 'And with your spirit'. This is a special way of greeting us and reminds us that God is always with us. The priest then introduces the Penitential Act.

# This Week's Notices

## CURSILLO

The Cursillo Ultraya will be held on Sunday, 13th December in the Church of the Irish Martyrs at 8pm. Old & new members and non-members will be very welcome.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Easter Week 2016. March 27th for 7 days. Ex Dublin. Spiritual Director: Fr. Paul Gallagher. Price €649. Accommodation opposite St. James' Church. More information from Bernie at 0879353953.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH THE CONWAL SINGERS

Wednesday 16th December 2015, 8pm, Conwal Parish Church. Karen Patton will conduct Christmas Carols concert with special guests Ryan Quinn & St. Josephs Brass Ensemble, Soloist/Duet Aisling Ni Fhionnain & Cecelia McColgan, Libretto, Niall Hannigan. Voluntary retiring collection. All welcome to Conwal Parish Hall thereafter for Festive fare.

## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME -

You are invited to come and follow in the footsteps of two great missionaries of mercy, Pope Francis and St. Francis from 5th - 12th April. Cost: €899 per person sharing. Contact Amanda 01-8794600. Spiritual Director: Fr. Eamonn McLaughlin.

## CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

The 10th Annual Christmas Day Dinner for people living on their own will be held in the Conwal Parish Hall, behind the Church of Ireland on Christmas Day from 1pm until 4 pm. This event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Radisson Hotel. The purpose of the day is to help people who are living on their own to break through isolation and loneliness on the day, to provide company and celebration. Transport can be provided if required. If you wish to avail of a dinner or have any enquiries please contact Kathy on 0868676565.

## CEILI

A Ceili will be held in Bonagee Community Centre On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December Dancing 8pm----11pm Everyone Welcome.

## WOODLAND NS



By the children of Woodland National School will take place in the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Wednesday, 16th December at 7.30pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

## Christmas Service of Reconciliation

Monday, 21st December at 7pm

As part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas and as we begin the 'Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy' you are invited to our Sacramental Service of Reconciliation & Confession on Monday, 21st December at 7pm. This is part of our individual and communal journey seeking mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for Christmas 2015.



## WOODLAND NS CAROL SINGING

Pupils from Woodland National School will be singing in the Letterkenny Shopping Centre on Monday, 14th December at 12 noon. With the proceeds going to the Jack & Jill Foundation.



Preparation for Candidates for Confirmation continues in the Church this Tuesday, 15th December at 6.30 & 7.30pm

## Parish Contact Details

### Fr. Brian Quinn

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### Fr. James Gillespie

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### Parish Office This Week

Hours: Monday - Thursday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
Address: Parochial House, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal  
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Website: www.irishmartyrs.com

## Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm  
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 4pm  
(with the exception of the month of December  
Please contact the office for available dates)

Parents who wish to have their child baptised must give at least 2 weeks notice and will be visited by members of the Baptism Preparation Team to assist you in your preparation for the Sacrament.

## Irish Martyrs

074-9122366 / 087-1190040

## Cathedral

074-9129503

