

NEWSLETTER

Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



THE DEEP END

WAITING

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and we begin the season of 'waiting'. The Gospel today has powerful (and perhaps distressing) images of great signs that will appear. For many of us this year we saw lots of signs that Christmas was coming, even as far back as September, which is more distressing than any of the images in the Gospel today and, unfortunately, we are seeing distressing images almost every day.

Some people love that feeling of expectancy, of waiting for someone or something to arrive. It can be quite an exciting time or even one of anxiety. Very often we are on high alert during such a time, and often quite creative. We are asked to enter into a season of preparation, to celebrate God in our lives and in our world. It is a season of great joy and of hope and while waiting is not always seen as a good thing, it can be an interesting time of growth. So, what will our preparations be like? In the middle of the crazy, busy days in the run up to Christmas, can we stop and invite God into our hearts and lives once more?

Many will identify with the story of the coming weeks. A young couple homeless in a strange city. A young couple fleeing to a foreign country for safety. A young couple not able to return to their home. And behind it all God coming to 'pitch tent' among us.

During Advent, may we be generous and not judgemental.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The Mass with Kath & Qumen



How does Mass begin?

Mass usually begins with a song or hymn and if we know the song we should join in the singing. The words of the song might be on a hymn sheet or book on your seat. When this song begins we know that it is time to stand up. We stand to greet the priest who will lead us in prayer; in this way we are also greeting Jesus who is present among us.

The Opening Procession

Mass always begins with a procession. There are different kinds of processions. Sometimes there are lots of people; sometimes it is the priest on his own. The procession might come from the front door or from the sacristy. Usually the procession includes the priest and the servers. In some places the people who are going to read and help to give out Communion will also be in the procession. You might see one of the readers carry the book from which the Gospel will be read. This book is called the Book of the Gospels.

This Week's Notices

JOHN PAUL II AWARDS

Transition Year students who are doing the John Paul 11 award will be offering free tea/coffee/homemade buns/scones to parishioners after 9.30am Saturday morning Mass on Dec 5th, 12th and 19th. An ideal opportunity to meet our parish youth and share stories and catch up with friends. All are welcome

AN TAISCE CRAFT FAIR

An Taisce 's Annual Craft Fair will be held in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Sunday 29th of November. The Fair will begin at 12 mid day and end at 6pm. The Diocese of Raphoe Justice and Peace group are having a stand at the Fair. They will be selling some Fair Trade products as well as providing the public with the latest information from Trocaire on Climate Change and also some information on the Refugee Crisis.

ENROLMENT/INFORMATION EVENING ST. EUNAN'S COLLEGE

For the school year 2016-2017 Study Hall, St Eunan's College at 7pm Monday 30th November 2015.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

7th September 2016 with Spiritual Director. €699 per person. Early Booking Offer: €100 OFF if paid in full by 11th December 2015. For further information and to book contact Kathleen at 074-9121641 or 086-3721962.

JOHN PAUL II

Congratulations to the 14 students who have signed up for the John Paul 11 award in our parish for 2015-16. Over the next few months, these students will be helping out in the parish doing various activities including helping out with the parish confirmation programme, church cleaning, providing tea/coffee for parishioners during Dec 5th, 12 & 19th after

Saturday morning Mass, assisting with Lent Trocaire collection and much more.

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE IN BONAGEE HALL

Sunday 29th November from 3.30 to 6.30pm. Music by Eddie Gallagher Tirconaille Country. Admission 7 Euro including refreshments. Everyone welcome.

LETTERKENNY MUSIC & DRAMA GROUP

Will perform Sister Act the Musical in An Grianán Theatre from Tuesday 1st-Saturday 5th December nightly at 8pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2pm also. Opening night in aid of Loreto Convent Secondary School. Book now at 0749120777 or www.angrianan.com.

CAKE SALE IN AID OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Will take place on the 5th and 6th December in the Church of the Irish Martyrs after all Masses.

Seeds of Faith Newsletter

For December is available on our website



www.irishmartyrs.com/parishnews/newsletter



Fr. Brian will visit the sick & housebound on Wednesday 2nd December.

Fr. James will do his First Friday calls on Friday, 4th December at the usual times.

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Parish Office This Week

Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
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Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 4pm
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. Contact the office to arrange.
No times outside of the above are available for Baptisms.

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Cathedral

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