

NEWSLETTER

Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



THE DEEP END 'SPIRITUAL FAST FOOD'

There are many things to reflect on in today's Gospel. It is rich in symbolism and you can imagine yourself in the many different characters of the text today. The people who had gathered were hungry in every sense of the word and Jesus and the disciples are faced with a huge dilemma.

When we are faced with a huge challenge, our attitude towards it is key. Some of us are like Philip, stating the facts but unable to see a way out of the situation. Some are like Andrew, who sees the young boy with the small amount of provisions he had, yet he is unable to see how they may be of use. Sometimes we can be the people sitting, hungry, in poverty (physical or spiritual) waiting for someone to come and show us the way.

Have you ever wondered about this young boy? He handed over the little he had, perhaps confused yet hoping it would do something to help the situation they were in. It is a powerful gesture and one that reminds us that it is not the size of the gifts or the expectation of return that is important. How must he have felt when he saw the events unfold? Jesus turns these small resources into something truly amazing. Very often we can react like Andrew and not see the value in the small gestures. Jesus satisfies the deep hunger within and shows the crowd that he is someone to hope in. We must never think that our small resources and gifts are not enough to do amazing things.

Jane Mellett

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

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.

*No times outside of the above
are available for Baptisms.*

Eucharistic Adoration

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



This weekend we welcome
Alex Thomas McWalters
Harry Christopher Donohue
Aleshia Jada (AJ) Ward &
Rhiannon Saoirse Toby
into God's Community

This Week's Notices

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Director: Fr. J. Gillespie. 23rd to 28th August. From Knock (bus extra). 5 nights full board €699 per person sharing. For further details and to book please contact K. McKeague 9121551.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

CISTERCIAN COLLEGE, ROSCREA, CO. TIPPERARY

From Thursday, 13th to Sunday, 16th August. For young people aged 16-35. An opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1,000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around the country. For more info and to book online visit www.youth2000.ie or call 01-6753690.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

This pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Saturday, 15th August led by Rev. Philip Boyce, DD, O.C.D., Bishop of Raphoe. Mass in Basilica at 3pm. Anointing of the sick and special blessing of the sick during Mass. Confessions from 11am. More information www.knock-shrine.ie.

UNWANTED OUTDOOR TOYS FOR CHARITY

Do you have any unwanted outdoor children's toys in good condition eg trucks, bikes, kitchens, see-saws, swingball etc. Are you willing to donate them to raise money for The Ray of Sunshine Foundation? Collection point is in front of Ballyraine National School from 5pm to 6pm on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July. Alternatively, contact Grainne on (087) 2366571 to arrange pick up. Thank you.

LETTERKENNY CARE OF THE AGED

A social for the 'Young at Heart Club' will take place in the Social Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road on Tuesday, 28th July at 8pm. This social will be hosted by The Quiet Moment.

TEAM LEADERS AND COLLECTORS REQUIRED

Barnardos Children's Charity is looking for volunteers to help collect funds during our national collection day "Buckets for Barnardos" taking place on Friday September 18th. Volunteers can either help with an organised bag pack, or join us on the streets shaking buckets in locations throughout Donegal. All money raised on the day will help disadvantaged children and their families in communities around Ireland. Every hour of your time counts so please give what you can. To get involved please contact Gráinne on 1850 217 217 or email buckets@barnardos.ie

URGENT FOOD APPEAL

We Care Letterkenny Food Bank urgently require non perishable food for our food bank. Drop off points are Macs Mace, Centra and the Community Centre.

MASS FOR THE LORETO SISTERS

A Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Phillip Boyce on Thursday, July 30th at 7:30pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral to mark the closure of the Loreto Convent in Letterkenny after 161 years. Past and present staff and students, parents and members of the wider community are invited to join us at this Mass. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the school canteen and all are welcome.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will take place Saturday, 1st August from 8.30 pm until 9.30 am, Sunday.

[A crowd was completely overwhelmed when Jesus fed them miraculously with five loaves and two fish.]

Jesus knew that they were about to come and seize him in order to make him king by force; so he went off again to the hills by himself.

John 6:15

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