NEWSLETTER

Parish of Aughaninshin
Church of the Irish Martyrs

THE DEEP END • 'EPHPHATHA'

Between 1 September and 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi) Christian churches celebrate the season of 'Creation Time'. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on the gift of our world and to look at our relationship with the planet. There is no better time for us as individuals and as parish communities to consider our responsibilities to act on climate change, especially in light of Pope Francis' recent encyclical Laudato Si.

In the Gospel today, as Jesus opens the ears of a deaf man, he says 'Ephphatha – Be Opened'. May our ears be opened to the cries of the earth and to the poor who suffer the most because of climate injustice. What a wonderful and prophetic action it would be in celebration of 'Creation Time' if each parish community committed to beginning a JPiC (Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation) group? Or perhaps thinking ahead to the feast of St Francis, ask ourselves how can we as parish communities celebrate the gift of creation? Great things can happen when small groups of people come together and act locally. How will your parish celebrate 'Creation Time'? (For more info: http://ecocongregationireland.com/)

'I wish to address every person living on this planet... I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all'. Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 1, 1

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

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

Seeds of Faith Newsletter
is available on our website

www.irishmartyrs.com/parishnews/newsletter

Holy Baptism

This weekend we welcome

Cormac John Harrison

into God's Community

This Week's Notices

ALADDIN THE PANTOMIME AUDITIONS

Auditions for Letterkenny Pantomime Society's production of Aladdin will be held in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on Monday 7th September at 8pm. There are many parts to be filled so we will be delighted to welcome one and all to these auditions. Children' scene will be auditioned later.

KEEGAN SCHOOL OF SPEECH & DRAMA

Classes commence in Rossan College on Wednesday, 9th and Friday, 11th September from 3pm & Saturday, 12th from 9.30am. For further information contact Margot 9124234/0872636241 or margot2502@hotmail.com visit www.keeganschoolspeechanddrama.ie.

ALSION QUIGLEY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

Classes resume in Core Fitness Institute, Carnamuggagh (Beside Pello Hairdressers). Beginner classes Friday 4pm-5.30pm. New pupils welcome. Contact Alsion at quigleyalison@yahoo.com

LETTERKENNY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting is on Thursday 10th September at 2 30pm in The Regional Cultural Centre. All members and new members are asked to attend and we can plan our activities for the months ahead.

GLEN OUTDOOR SCHOOL

In Barrack, Glenswilly will host an Open Day this Sunday, 6th September from 4-6pm. Parents and children are invited to come along and explore the outdoor setting, with free face-painting fun and outdoor arts and crafts. On the day, Glen Outdoor School is also hoping to raise funds for the Ray of Sunshine charity through a delicious family barbecue. For more information contact Sally O'Donnell on 086 858 9339.

TEAM HOPE

Will launch their Annual Shoe Box Appeal on Monday 7th September 2015 in Mount Errigal @ 8.00pm. Come along, meet the team and find out how you have made a difference to a child's life last Christmas. We would encourage teachers and young people to attend especially. Light refreshments available. Everyone welcome.

BRIDGE 2015

Wednesday Bridge resumes on September 9th in the Mount Errigal Hotel at 7.30pm. BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS commences on September 16th in the Mount Errigal Hotel at 7.30pm. You will be very welcome.

ANAM CARA

Is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 10th of September 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

"LIVING WITH GRIEF: WALKING THE SPIRAL" BOOK LAUNCH

Everyone would be very welcome to attend the launch of Bairbre Cahill's book "Living with Grief: Walking the Spiral" in Veritas Bookshop, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny on Monday, 14th September at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served. The book is available in Veritas or from www.rpbooks.co.uk..

PASTORAL CENTRE -INTERIOR DESIGN COURSE:

This 8-week course offers the opportunity to learn how to decorate/design your home with style from room aspect/colour/fabrics/lighting/flooring etc., covering all aspects within your budget. Begins Monday, 28th September 2015. Facilitator: Sorcha O'Donnell. Sponsored by Donegal ETB. To book please call the Pastoral Centre 9121853.

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