

# NEWSLETTER

## Parish of Aughanishin Church of the Irish Martyrs



### THE DEEP END

#### BY MY WORKS I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH

According to the 'World Giving Index' Ireland is listed as the fourth most generous country in the world. There is no denying the generosity of the people of this country, especially in times of crisis and in spite of tough economic situations. The injustice currently threatening our world will not be solved by charity giving alone. During this special season of 'Creation Time' we are being asked to reflect deeply on how we can come together as local communities to tackle climate change. We are being asked to reflect on how we can live more sustainable lives and encourage others to do the same.

In the Second Reading today St James encourages us to look at our attitudes and actions and how they can affect those around us: 'I, by my works, shall show you my faith'. We have a responsibility to be a positive influence in the world.

Can we as parish communities reflect together on these important issues? Do we recycle; do we support local produce and therefore local communities; is our parish FairTrade and if not, how can we get started? How is our use of green spaces in our parish? These small actions can be a prophetic example to others, where we can say to our communities:

*'We require a new and universal solidarity... All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own cultures, experience, involvements and talents.'*  
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 14

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.*



First Holy  
Communion

Parents/Guardians of children for 1st Holy Communion this year are invited to attend the following meeting in the Community Room:

Woodland NS & Educate Together NS  
Monday, 21st September at 7.30pm

Lurgybrack NS & Ballyraine NS  
Tuesday, 22nd September at 7.30pm

Please contact the office  
if you are unable to attend



This weekend we welcome

Ella May Mitchell-Gallagher  
Maeva Emily Monaghan &  
Rory Stuart Brownsell

into God's Community

## JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The Diocese of Raphoe Justice and Peace group would like to respond to the current Refugee Crisis by providing a welcome to some refugees. We need your help. Let us know what you can do. Email us at [donegalrefugeerresponse@gmail.com](mailto:donegalrefugeerresponse@gmail.com) and follow us on facebook at Donegal Refugee Response.



## LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday 27th Sept. Bus leaving the Cathedral Car Park at 8:30am sharp. For further details contact Bridget 086-0630729 or Ethna 074-91-21530. Everyone welcome.

## CONWAL SINGERS AND FRIENDS

In the superb acoustics of St.Eunan's Cathedral, The Conwal Singers and friends are performing on Culture Night, Friday September 18th from 8.30pm - 9.30pm. The choir's programme shall include music from Boyce, Palestrina, Mozart, Eccard. Auditions are currently taking place for male and female singers for the new season. Further information by contacting [theconwalsingers@gmail.com](mailto:theconwalsingers@gmail.com).

## COMHALTAS TRADITIONAL MUSIC CLASSES

Letterkenny branch of Comhaltas Traditional Music classes resume on Tuesday, 15th September 2015 at Full Tilt Studios, Mountain Top. Beginners 6.30pm; Intermediate 7.30pm. Further information telephone 0749177673.

## RETIRED NURSES OUTING

Annual autumn outing to Harvey's Point Hotel on Sunday, 4th October 2015. To book contact Angela on 9124623 or Pauline on 0857899881 before 18th September 2015.

## LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL'S 5K ROAD RACE

Fun run and walk on Wednesday 23rd September. Starts at 7pm with registration from 5.30pm at the School. Everyone welcome!

## TAX RELIEF FOR DONATIONS

If you are a PAYE taxpayer, and donated a minimum of €250 in 2013, then you are eligible to complete a CHY 4 Cert. Form under section 848A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, which provides a scheme of tax relief for approved bodies, ie Churches. In other words the donation will be treated as having been received net of income tax. To find out, in complete confidence, if your donations qualify for tax relief contact Lorraine in the Parochial House, 91 27600.



Do you like the singing at our Masses in the Martyrs? Do you like joining in or listening? As the summer ends and the new school term begins, our Church Choirs begins to prepare for Sunday Masses and for the special seasons in the church year. We are interested in new members, singers, musicians, men and women willing to give some time and commitment to a weekly practice and Sunday 11.30 Mass.

Our Church Choir who sing at Sunday morning 11.30 am Mass practise on Thursday evening at 8 pm and are beginning next Thursday 17th September at 8pm in the community room of the Church. The ministry of music and singing in the Church is such an important part of our Liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Please give some consideration if you would like to join. You can contact Lorraine or Gabrielle on 074-9127600. You will be most welcome. And you know, as well as being an important ministry in the church, it is good fun!!!

## Parish Contact Details

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