

# NEWSLETTER

## Parish of Aughanishin Church of the Irish Martyrs



### THE DEEP END IMAGES OF THE WORD

John's extended discourse on the bread of life is by now taking on the characteristics of a press conference. Jesus puts his point across and then faces intense questioning. Part of the scandal caused by his words might be explained, at least historically, by the Jewish prohibition against the consumption of blood for, as Deuteronomy puts it, 'the blood is the life.' It is no surprise, then, that the first hearers of this teaching may have recoiled in horror, disgust and confusion.

Jesus' invitation to share in his body and blood has captivated the Christian imagination for millennia. Giovanni Bellini's *The Blood of the Redeemer* (1460-65) depicts a timeless Jesus, perhaps between life and death, who offers his blood continuously in a gaping wound next to his heart while his body bears itself to the gaze of the viewer. Bellini combines the pathos of Christ's injuries with the elegance of his classically constructed body to stir our compassion and evoke meditation.

Bellini's imagery would have scandalised first century Jewish audiences for many reasons, too many to name here. This suggests that our understanding of Jesus' body and blood, his saving body, has evolved over time. But in Bellini's art, John's poetry, and the life of the Christian community, words and images collide to bear witness to the Word made flesh in the boundless space of the Christian imagination.

Paul Clogher, Waterford Institute of Technology

### 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

Eve Devenney  
Theodore William Nelis  
Eva Marie O'Donnell  
Jayden Thomas Anthony Ward &  
Indie Jane Allen  
into God's Community

# This Week's Notices

## BACK TO SCHOOL BARGAINS & BRIC A BRAC

Sale on in the Old Boy's School, Letterkenny on 22nd August from 10.30am to 12.30pm. In aid of Mary's Meals.

## THE PEOPLE'S MARATHON - 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST

EXPECT TRAFFIC DISRUPTION

Will begin at 9.20am on Sunday, 23rd August. Full & half marathon options. Family fun day for all at Aura Leisure Centre with music, entertainment for children, face painting, bouncy castle and much more. Free sports massage therapy afterward. Light refreshments provided for participants. Early bird available. See [www.donegalmarathon.ie](http://www.donegalmarathon.ie) for more information.

## LOUGH DERG RETREATS

Is open for one day retreats from 17th August which continue on certain days until 20th September. The retreat follows a set programme of prayer and reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is included, but optional. The day concludes with the celebration of Mass. A light lunch is served and pilgrims keep their footwear on. Advance booking is essential. For more details or to book a place email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or phone 071-9861518.

## MASS IN HONOUR OF BLESSED ALEXANDRINA

Will be held in Termonbacca on Sunday 23rd August at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

## LETTERKENNY ARTISAN MARKET

Is place where local producers & crafters meet to display their produce and products to the public in a wonderful indoor atmosphere with a beautiful background tone set by local live musicians. With quality coffee and seating area, ample free parking this is a perfect way to enjoy a great day out. You will find us at Unit 1 Carrygally Business Park (Old Quarry) Lismonaghan, every Saturday 11am-4.30pm. Call: 0860675274.

## MULROY MUSIC AUTUMN MUSIC CLASSES

A new seven week music term will commence at Mulroy Music, Milford on Monday, 7th September. Children and adult classes available for complete beginners, intermediate and advanced level. Classes available in piano, guitar, concertina, button and piano accordion, banjo, mandolin, tin whistle, fiddle, flute and more.

Contact [info@mulroymusic.ie](mailto:info@mulroymusic.ie), 074 91 63329, visit [www.mulroymusic.ie](http://www.mulroymusic.ie) or follow Mulroy Music on Facebook for more information.

## MAKE YOUR COPPERS GO THE EXTRA MILE !

Irish Wheelchair Association are running their 'Make your Coppers go the Extra Mile' campaign asking all supporters, families & friends to donate their coppers. All funds which are donated as part of IWA's 'Make you Coppers go the Extra Mile' will go towards replenishing our bus fleet. We are asking all individuals to drop their copper coins (or any coins) into their local IWA ROC (Resource & Outreach Centre), into our IWA Charity Shop Or Contact Mary McGrenra, Service Co-Ordinator, on 074 91-57393 or 087-7448184 and we can arrange a collection point.

## FUNDRAISING CAKE SALE

In the Cathedral Conference Room after the 7.30 pm Mass on Saturday 15th August and after all Masses on Sunday 16th August. All proceeds will go to Tommy Harkin, who will travel to Mombasa, Kenya in January 2016 with 'The Ray of Sunshine Foundation Ltd' to help build a Rescue Centre for Children. If any 'Baker' would like to donate homemade baking for the cake sale, this would be gratefully appreciated. Please phone Tommy on 086-3535216 for further details. Your support would be welcome.

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