

NEWSLETTER

Parish of Aughanishin Church of the Irish Martyrs



THE DEEP END WHO IS THE GREATEST?

In Pope Francis's recent encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*, he acknowledged that for so long human beings have treated the planet as if it were there solely for our use and exploitation, as if we were the greatest. He urges us to see the deep connectedness that exists with nature. 'Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it.' (139). Pope Francis refreshingly speaks of an 'integral ecology', that dealing with climate change involves an approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and at the same time protecting nature. We can no longer treat any of these in isolation.

We are all an integral part of nature and are called to respect nature not simply because of its use for us, but because of the countless relationships that exist between the environment and ourselves. The earth is calling to us to act. We can make a real difference to people's lives through the small choices we make: the promise to live more simply and more sustainably. It is up to us and we can choose to be part of the solution rather than the problem. Like the disciples in today's Gospel, we are called to examine how we relate to one another, and that includes our relationship with nature. We must start listening to what the earth is saying to us, and like the child in today's Gospel, respond with humility.

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.



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

Lilly Anna McVeigh-Deehan & Corey John Price

into God's Community

This Week's Notices

UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

21 September



The Raphoe Justice and Peace group will mark this day with the opening of an exhibition by the Tory Island painters and friends at Café Blend in Letterkenny at 7pm on Monday night. Opening will be by Edward Horgan, former Commandant of Irish Army and lecturer in international relations at University of Limerick. Live music and refreshments also! All welcome.

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.

LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL'S 5K ROAD RACE

Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny 5k Road Race - Fun Run and Walk on Wednesday 23rd September. 7pm - Start and Finish at the school (back entrance). Registration from 5.30pm. Entry fee - Runners €8, Walkers €5. Category Prizes and Spot Prizes! Presentations & refreshments afterwards in the school canteen. Everyone welcome!

TEXT ALERT & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

It is planned to extend the Drumoghill scheme to come as far as the Polestar Roundabout. A Public Meeting will be held in the Community Hall, Bonagee on Tuesday 29th September at 9 pm. In attendance will be Sergeant Paul Wallace, Vanessa Clarke (Community Development Officer for this Region) and a representative from the Drumoghill Committee. It is hoped that this important meeting would be very well attended.

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY BOOKCLUB

Will recommence on Wednesday, 30th September from 11am to 12 noon and will take place on the last Wednesday of every month. New members welcome. Contact the Library on 9124950.

IRISH WATER SAFETY CLASSES

Registration for Irish Water Safety Classes will take place from 6:15pm to 7:00pm on Sunday 20th September in the Foyer of the Aura Leisure Centre. Minimum Age 11 years, any queries contact Mary on 0863444976. Classes will commence Sunday 27th September from 6 to 7pm.

ALZHEIMER'S IRELAND - DONEGAL BRANCH

Will host their Annual Dance on Saturday, 31st October 2015. More details to follow.

FEAST OF ST. EUNAN

Holy Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Eunan will be held in St. Eunan's Terrace on Wednesday, 23rd September at 7pm.

"On behalf of Trócaire, I would like to thank the Parish of Aughanishin for the contribution of €8,858, the proceeds of this year's Lenten Appeal. Your kindness and generosity will make a huge difference in helping displaced people & communities throughout the world to rebuild their lives."

Trócaire

*Fr. Aodhán Cannon
Trócaire Rep*

Parents/Guardians of children for Confirmation this year are invited to attend the following meeting in the Community Room:

Lurgybrack NS & Ballyrairie NS
Monday, 27th September at 7.30pm

Woodland NS & Educate Together NS
Tuesday, 28th September at 7.30pm

Please contact the office
if you are unable to attend.



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Coffee Morning

In aid of the Donegal Hospice will be held in The Sandwich Company (Forte Business Park) on Friday, 25th September from 11am to 2pm.



SVP - Irish Martyrs

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SVP - Cathedral

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