NEWSLETTER

Parish of Aughaninshin
Church of the Irish Martyrs

THE DEEP END • DIRTY HANDS

In Denys Arcand's film Jesus of Montreal (1988), a group of actors stage a passion play, garnering praise in the process for their gritty, stripped down re-telling of the Jesus story. While their play casts doubt on the divinity of Jesus, their lives outside the drama begin to imitate his story. The lead actor, Daniel, is heralded by one of his fellow actors and gathers a group of actors/disciples. A cynical lawyer even tempts him with fame and fortune in a skyscraper 'wilderness.' Like Jesus, Daniel eats with those who have dirty hands. One actor dubs pornographic movies while another is having an affair with the local priest who, coincidentally, has hired the group to perform the passion.

Mark's authorities miss the point of their 'human' traditions. Jesus offers a more radical way of thinking, which ultimately leads to his trial, death and glorification. For the Pharisees, Jesus is an impious lawbreaker. But Mark reminds his readers that the authorities have mistaken their own customs for God's law. Arcand's movie finds an apt allegory for this in Daniel's motley crew of actors. While some might find Arcand's replacing of Christianity with theatre disturbing, the parable, like all parables, reveals a truth. The Gospel plays with our boundaries. Those with dirty hands seem outside but it is the expected insiders who are ultimately rejected. Both Mark's and Arcand's stories end unresolved, to be continued in the lives of those who eat without washing.

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

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

FIRST FRIDAY

Fr. Brian will visit the sick & housebound on Monday, 31st August.

Fr. James will do his First Friday calls on Friday, 4th September at the usual times.

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. Look forward to seeing there.

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, 074 91 63329, visit www.mulroymusic.ie or follow Mulroy Music on Facebook for more information.

THE NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S SHRINE AT KNOCK

Takes place on Sunday 13th September. Blessing of the sick 2.30pm, Mass at 3pm. Chief Celebrant - Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Limerick. Guest Soloist, Fr. Liam Lawton. Everyone welcome. Children are invited to compose a prayer for their Grandparents and send it to CGA office, Castlebar St, Westport, Co Mayo. All prayers will be blessed during the Mass. For further information please phone 09824877 or
info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com .

ST EUNAN'S COLLEGE BACK TO SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Monday 31st August - 3rd & 6th year – classes -9am
Tuesday 1st September 5th year – classes - 9am
Wednesday 2nd September - 2nd Years classes -9am
Thursday 3rd September - LCA and TY– classes -9am
Friday 4th September - 1st year – Free Day

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 or phone 071-9861518.

MAKING SENSE OF LIFE'S JOURNEY

Fri 25- Sun 27 September 2015. Directed by Philip McParland. Philip spent over thirty years as a Carmelite priest working as a Chaplin and teacher in a secondary school, in retreat centres, parishes and edited a religious magazine. He has now left the order and works as a spiritual counsellor & facilitator. The aim of the weekend is to help you identify where you are at on your journey. The topics will include:

- The two halves of life & mid life transition
- The questions to be answered at each stage of life
- The tasks to be fulfilled at each stage of life
- The three stages of faith development

Commences: 6pm (supper) - Concludes: 1pm (lunch). Cost: €160. Contact: Ards Friary Tel: 074 9138909 email: info@ardsfriary.ie.

TAX RELIEF FOR DONATIONS

If you are a PAYE taxpayer, and donated a minimum of €250 in 2014, 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 if your donations qualify for tax relief contact Lorraine - 91 27600.

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