

NEWSLETTER

Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT

In the next few weeks new Boards of Management will be elected/appointed to serve our local schools for the next four years.

The following are some relevant statistics for your information:

SOME NUMBERS

0 The amount of Euro spent on pay, travel and subsistence for the volunteers serving on Boards of Management in Catholic Primary Schools in the Republic of Ireland

46 The number of times Jesus is called 'teacher' in the Gospels. It is the title most commonly associated with him by his followers.

50 The number of years since the Second Vatican Council. Concerning Catholic schools the Council said: 'parents must be recognised as the primary and principal educators' and teachers must have 'special qualities of mind and heart, very careful preparation, and continuing readiness to renew and adapt'.

52 The greatest number of nationalities that we have found in a Catholic primary school.

2,841 The number of Catholic primary schools in the Republic of Ireland. These schools are at the heart of our local communities.

17,046 The number of volunteers serving on Boards of Management in Catholic primary schools in the Republic of Ireland.

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

Do This In Memory Of Me

Next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, we invite the parents & children for First Holy Communion 2016 to participate in the 9.30am or 11.30am Mass as part of the 'Do This In Memory Of Me' programme.

Children are asked to bring their memorial leaves & their candle with them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Mass with Kath & Qumen

Preparing the Church for Mass



The Sacristan is a very important person in Church. He or she opens and closes the building, makes sure it is warm and welcoming, prepares the Altar, lights the candles, puts out the necessary books and things needed for the Mass and makes sure that there are enough candles, wine and altar breads for Mass.

In most parishes there are people who look after the cleaning of the Church. They also make sure that there are flowers to decorate the Altar. They may put up the crib and Christmas and decorate the Church building for special occasions.

ADVENT RETRAT

Fri 27th - Sun 29th November Advent Retreat. Directed by Fr. Mark Byrne SOLT. Commences: Friday 6pm (With Supper). Concludes: Sunday After Lunch. Cost: Residential: €140, Non Residential: €80. Contact: Ards Friary, Creeslough. Tel: 074 913909 or Email: info@ardsfriary.ie.

JOB VACANCY: CARETAKER - CE SCHEME

This position will be in the Letterkenny area. Duties include cleaning of dressing rooms, toilets etc, Litter control, Grass Cutting, Pitch Maintenance. This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Please contact 074 9120654 for further information.

JOB VACANCY: GENERAL WORKER - CE SCHEME

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MASS OF THANKSGIVING

For the life of Mother Julia (Foundress of The Work of Christ) will be celebrated on Saturday 28th November at 10 am in the Cathedral by Bishop Philip Boyce. Light refreshments afterwards in the Conference Room. Our visiting Sister Catherine Murphy (USA) would be happy to meet and share some thoughts of her vocation and her Irish roots with you.

MASS FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

Mass will be celebrated in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny today, Sunday 15th November at 12noon. If anyone has a name to be added to the list of Road Traffic Victims to be read out at this Mass contact Ann on 089 9746050.

HSE RETIRED GROUP WHITE CHRISTMAS SHOW

Bus leaves the Irish Martyrs on Saturday, 21st November at 1.45pm sharp.

SVP - DOWNTON ABBEY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Voodoo Vintage presents this Christmas party on Friday 20th November. Tickets: €10 and all proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Appeal. For further information and bookings, please contact: 9109815.



We thank those parents who have volunteered their time, as leaders, to help prepare Confirmation Candidates for this Sacrament next year - this is such an important Ministry. Training will take place on Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Community Room. Please contact the office if you have not already received your Leader Book.

The Candle Shrines



People light candles each day for a special person, a special intention, for someone who is ill, in hospital, a person who is dying. We all light candles for special people and intentions and we pray for them.

In this Church we ask that you make a little donation of 25¢ for each candle you light.

We have noticed many people lighting candles each day and they do not make a donation. For some, we know they can not afford the 25¢ ...but most can afford this small donation. For example, a few mornings ago, a lady lit 40 candles and did not leave any donation.

This Parish has to buy these candles. If this practise continues there will simply be no Candle Shrines. Please do not make this happen.

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Parish Office This Week

Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
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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. Contact the office to arrange.
No times outside of the above are available for Baptisms.

Irish Martyrs

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Cathedral

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