

# NEWSLETTER

## Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



### THE DEEP END BE A SIGNPOST

How is your Advent going? We're a week in already. Less than three weeks to Christmas and so much still to be done! Where to start?

If we have time to listen, there are some pointers in our readings today. Following the example of John the Baptist, our Advent task is to 'prepare a way for the Lord'. Of course in these busy weeks we have shopping to do, presents to buy, parties and festive gatherings to organise; these are important parts of our Christmas celebrations. But how are we preparing to meet Jesus this Christmas? Can we create space amid the hustle and bustle? And not just in our own personal lives - we are also called to be witnesses, to be the people who 'cry in the wilderness', announcing the good news to others. We must be signposts, our words and actions pointing towards Christ. Our task this Advent is to make Jesus known. In our dealings with others as we count down to Christmas, let us try to be like John the Baptist, pointing always towards Christ. Saint Paul's prayer in today's Second Reading is that our love for one another may increase more and more. Let love be your guide.

Triona Doherty

### 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

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass until 9pm  
1st Saturday from 7.30pm to 9.30am Sunday

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The Mass with Kath & Qumen



##### WHAT THE PRIEST WEARS

The special clothes that the Priest wears for Mass are called vestments. There are three different pieces which he needs to put on. Over his ordinary clothes the priest puts on a white or cream coloured tunic called an alb. Then he puts on a long piece of coloured cloth which looks like a scarf and it is called a stole. Over the alb and the stole he puts on his chasuble. The colour of the stole and the chasuble is very important. It tells us what season we are in or what special occasion we are celebrating in the Church year. There are four main colours worn during the year: green, purple, red and white.

## ST EUNAN'S COLLEGE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Will be held in the college dining hall on Saturday December 12th from 9am until 12pm. We're looking forward to welcoming next year's prospective first year students who will be sitting their assessment papers & hope our new parents will drop in for a cuppa, cake & chat while they wait. Contributions of cakes and tray bakes that we can serve on the morning & also items what we can offer for sale on our cake stall would be appreciated & can be brought to the school on Friday, December 11th, if you are unable to attend the event in person, or on Saturday morning from 9am.

## ADVENT DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Ards Friary, Creeslough. Contact Fr Michael McKeever on 9121208 to book a place. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh. Contact Fr Cathal O'Fearraí on 071 9851295 to book a place. The day begins at 10.30am with tea, first talk at 11am. Preacher: Fr Paul Farren, Adm. St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry

## MS SUPPORT GROUP

This group is for passing on useful information to people with MS in Letterkenny and surrounding areas. The office is now at Butt Buildings, Ballybofey. Tel 9198027.

## LETTERKENNY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting is on Thursday 10th December in The Regional Cultural Centre at 2 30pm. All members and new members very welcome.

## ENROLMENT / INFORMATION EVENING SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017

Study Hall, St Eunans's College at 7pm Monday 7th Dec. 2015. Assessment test for New pupils will take place on 12th Dec. and on the 11th for Scoil Colmcille, Letterkenny.

## ANAM CARA

Is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

## JOHN PAUL II AWARDS

Transition Year students who are doing the John Paul 11 award will be offering free tea/coffee/homemade buns/scones to parishioners after 9.30am Saturday morning Mass on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. An ideal opportunity to meet our parish youth and share stories and catch up with friends. All are welcome.

## COLMCILLE GOSPEL CHOIR

Will host their Annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, 9th December in the Townhall, Ramelton at 8pm. Admission €10.

## WOODLAND NS CAROL SINGING

Pupils from Woodland National School will be singing in the Letterkenny Shopping Centre on Monday, 14th December at 12 noon. With the proceeds going to the Jack & Jill Foundation.

## THE CARERS ASSOCIATION

QQI Level 5 Major Award, Healthcare Support 2016. See the poster in the Main Porch for courses on offer & job opportunities. Contact the training unit on 057-9322920 or email [training@carersireland.com](mailto:training@carersireland.com) for more information.

This weekend we welcome



Eimear Catherine Gallagher &  
Zoe Anna Geraghty

into God's Community

## Parish Contact Details

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### Parish Office This Week

Hours: Monday - 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  
(with the exception of the month of December  
Please contact the office for available dates)

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.

### Irish Martyrs

074-9127600 / 087-1190040

### Cathedral

074-9129503

