

# NEWSLETTER

## Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



### THE DEEP END THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus we hear that Jesus was at prayer after his baptism, when the heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. This is main focus of Luke's account of this story, he is the only Gospel writer who says that Jesus was at prayer before 'heaven opened' and God's voice was heard. A call to do God's work can often be preceded by a deep prayerful experience of God. Luke's focus is on the experience of Jesus in this account but we are also called to see the revelation of God in ourselves and in others. Perhaps you can recall when you suddenly saw a divine spark in someone you know or noticed a change in yourself because of a deep experience.

We can recall moments in our own lives when we experienced God tenderly and lovingly saying to us, 'you are my son/daughter'; 'you are my beloved'; 'my favour rests on you'. Very often experiences such as these are simple events. They can also call us to a greater commitment to our faith and our relationship with God.

*'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them'. W.L. Wallace*

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
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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

#### THE AMBO

The Word of God is so important for us that there is a special place in god's house from which it is read. We call this the Ambo. The only time that the Ambo is used is for the readings, the Gospel, the Homily & the Prayer of the Faithful.

#### MINISTER OF THE WORD

The person who reads at Mass is called the Minister of the Word. They are people who have volunteered to read at Mass. They will have had to do some training so that they are able to do the best job they can. Their job is very important. The readings at Mass come from the Bible. They are the Word of God, and so we can say that we hear God speaking to us through the voice of the Minister of the Word.



## CURSILLO

The Cusillo Ultreya will take place on Sunday, 10th January in the Church of the Irish Martyrs at 8pm.

## HSE RETIRED PENSIONERS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, 17th January in the Mount Errigal Hotel. Dinner served at 6.30pm. To book please contact Charlie - 9126696 or Kathleen - 9121551 or Breed - 9122605 on or before Friday, 15th January.

## FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Will commence QQI FETAC Level 5 Care Support Training in Buncrana (13/01/2016) & Activities of Living Patient Care in Carndonagh (11/01/2016). For further information please contact 0579370221

## LETTERKENNY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting is on Thursday 14th January in The Regional Cultural Central at 2 30pm. New members very welcome, come along and join our group.

## IRISH WATER SAFETY CLASSES

Registration for Irish Water Safety Classes will take place from 5:00 to 5:45 pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in the Foyer of the Aura Leisure Centre. Minimum Age 11 years, any queries contact Mary on 0863444976. Classes will commence same day from 6:00 pm to 7:00pm.

## LETTERKENNY PANTOMIME SOCIETY'S PRODUCTION OF ALADDIN

Opens in An Grianan at 2.30pm on Saturday 16th January. Matinee performance on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The show continues nightly at 8pm until Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be a matinee performance at 2.30 on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets for matinees €8 each or a family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children at €30. evening tickets €15 each or 2 for €25. Early booking is advised.

## C.L.G. GAELI LEITIR CEANAINN

### LETTERKENNY GAELS G.A.A. CLUB - AGM

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 6pm. Venue: Gaels Club Room. We appeal to our Club Members and all adult players together with the parents of all underage players to attend our AGM to review the 2015 year and plan for 2016.

## ST PADRE PIO PRAYER MEETING

Is on second Thursday of every Month in the Chapel in letterkenny general hospital. (14th January) Starting at 7.30pm, with Mass, Rosary, Benediction, veneration and blessing with first class relic. Everyone very welcome.

## CEILI

Will be held in Bonagee Community Centre on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January Dancing 8pm—11pm. Admission (including supper) €7. Everyone welcome.

## ANAM CARA

Is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 14th of January 2016 from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal (weather dependent). All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

## BORDERLINE PLAYERS PETTIGO

Will present their new comedy Play On at the Balor Arts Centre Ballybofey on Saturday 23rd January at 8pm. Admission is €10. The play is suitable for all ages and tickets can be booked at the box office on 074 91 31840. Further information is available at [www.borderlineplayers.com](http://www.borderlineplayers.com)



Preparation for Candidates for Confirmation continues in the Church on Tuesday, 19th January at 6.30 & 7.30pm

## Parish Contact Details

### Fr. Brian Quinn

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### Parish Office This Week

Hours: Monday - Thursday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
Address: Parochial House, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal  
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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

074-9122366 / 087-1190040

### Cathedral

074-9129503

