

NEWSLETTER

Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



THE DEEP END

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

During this past year we have watched, in almost disbelief, as hundreds of thousands of people flee their homes in Syria and other parts of the world. The image of three year old Aylan Kurdi, washed up on a beach last August as his family attempted to reach safety, caused complete outrage around the world. For a while we reacted and acted and called for an immediate response from our governments. Not since WWII have so many people been forced from their homes. So much can be said today about this crisis and we must continue to ask ourselves: how can we respond?

We must always be ready to welcome the refugee and migrant. Our faith is one of hospitality, compassion and mercy. In the Gospel today, Mary urges the disciples to 'do whatever He tells you' and we see Jesus perform a sign that shows he has come for the transformation of that which causes barriers to God's Kingdom. The refugee crisis may challenge us but as people of the Gospel of Mercy, we must respond:

'Mercy nourishes and strengthens solidarity towards others as a necessary response to God's gracious love... Each of us is responsible for his or her neighbour: we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. Concern for fostering good relationships with others and the ability to overcome prejudice and fear are essential ingredients for promoting the culture of encounter, in which we are not only prepared to give, but also to receive from others. Hospitality, in fact, grows from both giving and receiving.'

Pope Francis

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

LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS



The Readings

The Minister of the Word goes to the ambo to read. The first reading is usually from the oldest part of the Bible called 'The Old Testament'. In the Easter Season the First Reading comes from the New Testament.

The Psalms

These are different to the other readings in the Bible. They were written as poems or songs. There are 150 Psalms altogether. Sometimes the Psalm is sung.

Second Reading

This reading always come from the part of the Bible called the New Testament. The reading is taken from the books that are found directly after the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

Our Response to The Readings

At the end of each of the reading the Minister of the Word finishes by saying 'The Word of the Lord' & we respond with the words 'Thanks be to God'. This is our way of saying thank you to God for these stories which help us grow together as members of God's family.

LETTERKENNY PANTOMIME SOCIETY'S PRODUCTION OF ALADDIN

Opens in An Grianan at 2.30pm on Saturday 16th January. Matinee performance on Sunday 18th at 5pm. The show continues nightly at 8pm until Saturday 23rd. There will also be a matinee performance at 2.30 on Saturday 23rd. 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.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Visiting Divine Mercy Shrine, Auschwitz, Krakow, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Czestochowa & Saint John Paul II birth-place Woadice. 7 September 2016 - 6 nights half board. €869 per person. Spiritual Director Fr. Philip Kemmy. For details contact Fr. Eamonn Kelly 9121021.

RÉALT ULADH 2016

Competitions through the medium of Irish for pre-school and primary school children will be held in the LYIT on Saturday, 20 February. Categories include: Poetry Recitation, Reading, Presentation, Dialogue, Drama, Writing and Singing. Closing date is 29 January. For further information: www.realtuladh.com or caitlin.conluain@lyit.ie or 087-3232326.

"HELPING YOU FIND A BRIGHTER FUTURE"

Are you an adult interested in returning to education or are currently engaged in learning and considering progression onto further study – then this event is for you - Donegal ETB Further Education & Training Fair 2016 – Mt Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Wednesday, 20th January 11am – 3.00 pm. Open and free to all adults. For further information telephone Rose 0749178088.

LENTEN RETREAT AT ARDS FRIARY, CREESLOUGH

Fri 12th- Sun 14th February Directed by Philip Mc Parland with Sacramental assistance from the Capuchin Friars. A Fresh Look at Lent. At the beginning of Lent this retreat will offer some reflections on the meaning and purpose of this sacred season. In particular, it will explore the way in which Lent speaks to our contemporary culture. Commences: 6pm (With Supper). Concludes: After Lunch. Cost: €140 Residential, €80 Non-Residential. Contact: Ards Friary on 074 91 38909.

THE LETTERKENNY COMMUNITY GAMES AGM

Will take place in the Station House Hotel on Tues, 19th January at 8.30pm. All those interested in helping out with the 40 sporting and cultural activities are invited to attend. Sec.0862244243.

LETTERKENNY AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND

Are holding their annual Burns Night concert and supper on Saturday 23rd January in Conwal Parish Hall. Show commences at 8.30pm. Supper is served at 9.30pm. As well as the Pipe band there will be local acts singing, scottish dancing, comedy and music. It is a family friendly show and all are welcome. Tickets are €10 each and can be got from John on 0876387840 or any band member or you can pay at the door.

ST PADRE PIO PRAYER MEETING

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

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

22nd to 27th May 2016. Led by Bishop Philip Boyce. 5 nights full board accommodation €699 per person. Contact the Pilgrimage office for more details 074-9125090.

Do This In Memory Of Me

Next Sunday 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 a small bottle or container with them to take home some Holy Water.



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

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Parish Office This Week

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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.

Irish Martyrs

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Cathedral

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