

# NEWSLETTER

## Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

During this Holy Season of Lent in this Jubilee Year Pope Francis invites all of us to revive and recover the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

A reminder of what they are;

#### The Corporal Works of Mercy are:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead.

#### The Spiritual Works of Mercy:

- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish sinners
- Comfort the afflicted
- Forgive offences
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living and the dead.

### CONFIRMATION 2016

Congratulations to the 126 girls and boys who were Confirmed here on Saturday. These children are from from the National Schools of Lurgybrack, Woodland, and other National Schools in the area .

As they have been Confirmed in their faith by the Holy Spirit of God, may all of us in this Parish community, further confirm and affirm them by Christian example and the living out of our Faith.

### Times of Masses & Services

#### Mass Times

##### Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening	6.30pm
Sunday Morning	9.30am & 11.30am

##### Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday	7.30am & 9.30am
Saturday	9.30am

#### 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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST WE BRING OUR GIFTS

During this part of the Mass we move from the ambo to the altar. We have heard the Word of God and now we come to share in the Bread of Life at the altar. The first part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist is about preparing the gifts that we bring to the altar. The most important gifts that we bring are the bread & wine. The bread is placed on something which looks like a plate. We call this a paten. The wine is in a glass jug. These gifts are placed on the altar. One of the first gifts that you will notice being prepared is the gift of money. You will see people moving through the Church with a basket or bag for the collection. Everyone is asked to put some money into the basket or bag. This money helps to pay for all the things that are done in the parish, including helping those who may not have enough for themselves.

## PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Pilgrimage director Fr. J. Gillespie. Departing from Knock 28th August to 2nd September. 5 nights full board €699 per person sharing. For further details and to book please contact: K. McKeague 0749121551. (Bus to Knock extra)

## 'ENGAGING THE HEART' CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE OF MERCY

At Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo on Saturday & Sunday 12th & 13th March. Talks, Testimonials, Workshops, Music & Reflection, Choral Concert. All parishes welcome to bring a group to this free weekend event to explore Mercy. For more details contact: Knock Shrine: 094 9388100 or email: [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie) or [www.knockshrine.ie/mercy](http://www.knockshrine.ie/mercy)

## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

Spiritual director Fr. Eamonn McLaughlin. 5th April 2016 for 8 days from Dublin. €899 pps (single room supplement €280 limited availability)

## DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE 2016

Taking place on the 20th/21st February. Streamed live from the R.D.S to the Plaza, Buncrana. Saturday: Confessions on site. Sunday: Mass on site at 3.15pm. Admission €5 per day. Open from 9.00am - 9.00pm Saturday and 9.30am - 5.00pm Sunday.

## TROCAIRE

Trocaire boxes are available in all the porches in the Church.

## 'NO THANKS' CAMPAIGN

The Raphoe Diocesan Pioneer Council are again this year in keeping with the aim of our association 'the promotion of sobriety & temperance' organising our 'No Thanks' for Lent Campaign. This is where a person makes a private pledge to abstain from alcohol during Lent and say a special prayer. Prayer cards are available in the porch.

## TOUR TO BENEVENTO, SAN GIOVANNI & SORRENTO

Also visiting Pietrelcina and Pompeli. 16th June 2016 - 7 nights. 1 night full board - 4 star hotel Benevento, 3 nights full board - 4 star hotel San Giovanni, 3 nights half board - 4 star hotel Sorrento. Group leader: Ms Nuala Slevin. Spiritual director Fr. Aodhán Cannon. Special price: €999 inclusive. For itinerary please contact: Nuala Slevin 071 9851129 or Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410816.

## WITNESS TO HOPE - A VISION FOR KNOCK

Faith Renewal Events Spring - Summer 2016. A new series of events to explore, strengthen and ignite your faith. Quite days for busy people day retreat for spiritual renewal, March 5th. Engaging the Heart - A weekend event for the year of Mercy, March 12th and 13th. Making Good Decisions: A Beginner's Guide - A work shop with Fr. Brian Grogan SJ, March 19th. See the full programme at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) or contact: 094 9388100 or email: [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie). Booking advised for all events.

## VINCENT'S (SVP - CHARITY SHOP), LOWER MAIN ST.

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul are appealing for donations of clothes, shoes, household goods and small pieces of furniture. In particular we need bric-a-brac at present. All items must be in good condition suitable for sale in our shop. We open Monday to Saturday from 10.00am until 5.15pm. Please do not drop bags at the front doors outside opening times. These goods can get wet and sometimes do not get to the people for whom they are intended.

Also, could you give an hour or so of your time to help us in our shop? We need volunteers to help sort out donated goods. Any time you could give would be really appreciated.

## Parish Contact Details

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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

074-9122366 / 087-1190040

### Cathedral

074-9129503

