

NEWSLETTER

Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



MUSINGS

Matthew West, an American Christian music artist, released a song called 'Do Something' in 2012. Our first reading from Isaiah brings its lyrics to mind:

'Here I am, send me'.

I woke up this morning, saw a world full of trouble now.

Thought, how'd we ever get so far down, how's it ever gonna turn around?
So I turned my eyes to Heaven, I thought, 'God, why don't You do something?'

Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of people living in poverty,
children sold into slavery. The thought disgusted me.

So, I shook my fist at Heaven, Said, 'God, why don't You do something?'

He said, 'I did, I created you.'

Salvador Ryan

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Begins this coming Wednesday, 10th February. The Mass times for Ash Wednesday are 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.30pm.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at these Masses.

During the Season of Lent there will be two Masses each Weekday at 7.30am & 9.30am (Monday to Friday) and two on Saturday at 9.30am & 6.30pm.

CONFIRMATION 2016

Congratulations to the 127 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 & Tuesday	9.30am
Ash Wednesday	7.30am, 9.30am & 6.30pm
Thursday & 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 HOMILY

We all sit down to listen to what the Priest/Deacon has to say about the readings we have heard and how we might be able to put this into practise in our everyday lives. We call this the Homily. The Priest/Deacon normally stands at the ambo to give the Homily. At the end of the Homily the Priest may sit down and we can spend a few minutes in silent prayer. This time lets us think about what the Priest has said & ask God to help us to live as he would want us to.



PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Pilgrimage director Fr. J. Gillespie. From 28th August to 2nd September leaving from Knock. 5 nights full board €699 per person sharing. For further details and to book contact: K. McKeage 9121551. (Bus to Knock extra).

'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 & say a special prayer. Prayer cards are available in the porch.

AGM OF LETTERKENNY TIDY TOWNS

Will be held on Wednesday February 24th 2016 in the Station House Hotel at 8 pm.

LETTERKENNY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting is in The Regional Cultural Centre on Thursday 11th February at 2.30pm. All members and new members very welcome.

THE LURGYBRACK COMMUNITY ALERT GROUP

Along with the Gardai are officially launching their Text Alert Service and are having an Information Evening in Bonagee Hall on Tuesday 9th Feb @8:00 p.m. It's an opportunity to hear from the relevant groups associated with this type of scheme. Everyone is welcome and tea and refreshments will be served.

TINNITUS AWARENESS WEEK

8-12th February 2016. Coffee Morning at DeafHear Office, High Road, Letterkenny. Monday 8th February from 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

THE 2016 NATIONAL PANCAKE PARTY

Is now in its 11th year and takes place between February 8th & 12th. We hope that you will support the National Children's Hospital, Tallaght by hosting a Pancake Party & raising funds to help sick children. This year all funds raised will be invested in the replacement of vital equipment at the hospital ensuring the highest possible standard of care for our young patients, with 65,000 passing through our doors each year. To host a party register online www.pancakeparty.ie or by calling 01-4142375.

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, 10am to 5.15pm. Please do not drop bags at the front doors outside of 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 donated goods. Any time you could give would be really appreciated.

ANAM CARA

Is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 11th of February 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.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Will run the Care Skills module as part of the QQI FETAC Level 5 Full Healthcare Award due to commence in Donegal Town February 2016, Care Skills will also run in Letterkenny February 2016.. For further enquiries please contact the training unit on 0579370221

LETTERKENNY CARE OF THE AGED

A social for the 'Young at Heart Club' will be held in the Social Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road on Tuesday, 9th February at 8pm. This social will be hosted by the Celtic Supporters Club.

TOUR TO BENEVENTO, SAN GIOVANNI & SORRENTO

Also visiting Pietrelcina & Pompeii. 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: Rev. Aodhán Cannon. Special price: €999 incl. For itinerary please contact: Nuala Slevin 071 9851129 or Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410816.

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Parish Office This Week

Hours: Monday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
Tuesday 10am - 1pm

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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

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