

NEWSLETTER

Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



THE DEEP END 'Bear Fruit'

The people in the Gospel today are wondering if the Galileans who were killed by Pilate had died because they deserved to. We can empathise with them as we know too well of accidents and tragedies of all kinds where we might ask the same question. Jesus insists that they have not done anything wrong. Their sudden death challenges those still alive to live to the full and to bear much fruit because life can end suddenly, life is fragile, no one is indestructible.

Climate Change affects us all. Climate injustice occurs when people who have done little or nothing to cause climate change are suffering the most from its effects. It is the greatest injustice of our time as it is the world's poorest countries who suffer the most from the changes in our weather systems. In Ireland we recall the devastating storms of 2013 which caused so much destruction along our West Coast. We have the resources to cope, for now. In countries like Kenya and Malawi, these resources are simply not there and the effects of storms and droughts are catastrophic. Let us pray today that we hear the call of the Gospel to bear fruit, not to be inactive, not to be complacent when it comes to reducing our carbon footprint. The Galileans died because of Pilate, but the greater 'sin' here becomes inactivity.

'Common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning... Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace'.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 207)

Jane Mellett

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



Offering the Gifts - An Old Custom

In the early Church people brought the bread and the wine that was used during Mass. This was their gift to their Church family. They also brought other food to be blessed and sometimes this food was given to those who did not have enough to eat. When we bring the bread, wine and money to the Altar we are continuing this custom. We also continue this custom of giving when we put money in our Trócaire Box during Lent or when we give money to organisations collection outside of the Church, like the St. Vincent de Paul.



Fr. Brian & Fr. James
will visit the sick & housebound
at the usual times
on Friday, 4th March



The final session for those who were Confirmed will take place in the Church on Tuesday, 1st March at 6.30 & 7.30pm

H.S.E RETIRED PENSIONERS GROUP A.G.M

Will take place in The Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town on Tuesday 8th March at 11.45am sharp. To book contact: K. McKeague -0749121551 on or before 29th February. Complimentary Lunch will be provided. Donation €5 for Senior Citizens Parliament.

DONEGAL HUMAN SHAMROCK LETS UNITE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

On Saturday 12th March at 2pm in the L.Y.I.T. Help Us Beat The World Record. All donations welcome. Family friendly event supporting local charities: Lets Get Talking Donegal, Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Service.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support modules in Donegal Town in March. For more information contact: Training Department 0579370221.

TALK BY AUTHOR DAWN EDEN

On her powerful story of healing, conversion and love in the Catholic Faith in St. Eunan's Cathedral on Sunday 6th March from 3pm - 4.30pm. All welcome.

BUS TO KNOCK FOR DIVINE MERCY

2/3rd April. Overnight stay. Full cost €120, includes accommodation and meals. Call 074-9320734 for more information.

CURSILLO

The Cursillo Weekends will take place in Ards Friary, Creeslough in October. A weekend for men takes place from Thursday, 3rd to 6th March and a weekend for women takes place from Thursday, 10th to 13th March. The weekend begins on Thursday night and finishes after lunch on Sunday. There are talks by priests, religious and lay people. Discussions on the Church, the Sacraments, and the Mass is thoroughly explained and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is given time and respect. There is a lot of learning, sharing, praying, singing, laughing, crying and letting go of hurt feelings & friendships are formed; and through it all finding Christ with a welcoming smile on His face. For more information on Cursillo please call 9124111 or 0879575463.

GENEALOGY COURSE

Letterkenny Community Centre is running a 6 week Genealogy course beginning this Tuesday 1st March from 7.30-10pm. The course is part-funded by the Donegal Education & Training Board Community Education Support Programme. If you are interested in learning how to Trace your Irish Ancestors and getting to the root of your family tree, contact reception on 074 9122761 for more info.

TAKE IN THE SIGHTS OF NEW YORK CITY

With a group of Letterkenny friends in October (10th to 16th). We will stay in the four star Manhattan Times Square Hotel. Included in the visit are trips to 9/11 Memorial Garden & Museum, Ellis Island, Liberty Island, shopping trips to Jersey Gardens, walking the Brooklyn Bridge & a ferry trip to Staten Island. Enjoy the security of travelling with a small group. Limited number of places at a great price left. For further info call 0868248782.

LETTERKENNY C.D.P. COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Part funded by the ETB under the Community Education Programme. Stress Management Workshop, Woodturning Workshop, Sewing Course, Decoupage/Up cycling Course, Art Basic Watercolours, Basic Car Maintenance. All Courses will run subject to numbers interested, contact us on 0749120633 or email lkcdpinformation@gmail.com for further information or to book your place.

MASS IN HONOUR OF BLESSED ALEXANDRINA

Will be held in Termonbacca on Sunday, 28th February at 7:30 pm. everyone welcome.

WHAT RELEVANCE DOES THE YEAR OF MERCY HAVE FOR ME?

The diocese will celebrate the Jubilee year of Mercy in a special way during Lent. Over three nights, Gráinne Doherty (Director for Pastoral Development) will lead an hour of input, discussion and quiet reflection on different themes central to the writings of Pope Francis. Venue: Bishop Boyce Conference Room, Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny. Dates: March 4th, 11th & 18th (Fridays). Time: 7:30-8:30pm. Why not come along to reflect on how these themes speak to our lives today.

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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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