

# NEWSLETTER

## Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



### THE DEEP END

#### 'CALLED TO TRANSFORMATION'

Jesus takes the disciples up to the mountain top in today's Gospel. In that space, they have a profound experience and are invited to see Jesus for who He really is. One can empathise with the disciples in this story as they do not want to leave that space. We all have had experiences that we want to last forever and are hugely disappointed when they are over.

However, commitment to any cause very often involves a long and painful journey. Like the disciples in the Gospel today, there is a 'hook' moment, when Jesus or any leader shows us something different, a vision, a dream, something that is so wonderful and hope-filled that we commit there and then to making it happen. Then we realise that there is much work to be done and the path will not be so easy. Obstacles will arise, people will fall away, enthusiasm will waver, there will be set backs and disappointments. We are being called to commitment today, to the more difficult path. We are being called to open our ears and eyes to the Gospel message of transfiguration, of transformation. Per capita, Ireland is one of the highest polluters in Europe. This is not a statistic to be proud of. We know we can do better. Coming down from the mountain, like the disciples, means making changes in our lifestyles that lower each of our carbon footprints. We start with ourselves.

Jane Mellett

*'We require a new and universal solidarity....All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own cultures, experience, involvements and talents.'*

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

### 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 collecting outside the Church, like the St. Vincent de Paul.



## TRÓCAIRE

This year's Trócaire Box features supporters from Ireland who are doing extraordinary things in pursuit of justice and a fairer world. They cannot ignore poverty and they want to make a difference. When you support Trócaire you are not just giving, you are joining the fight for justice. Find out how to help at [trocaire.org/lent](http://trocaire.org/lent).

**Trócaire Boxes are available in the porches of the Church**

## 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.

## H.S.E RETIRED GROUP AND FRIENDS SUMMER OUTING

To Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill on Monday 13th June to Thursday 16th June. To book contact: Charlie 0749126696 or Kathleen 0749121551 or Breed 0749122605. Early booking is advisable as places are limited. €50 booking fee payable on booking. Full payment by 22nd May.

## SOCIAL FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

Will be held in the Social Centre Oliver Plunkett Rd on Tuesday 23rd February at 8pm. This social will be hosted by Celtic Supporters Club.

## 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.

## DIABETES IRELAND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Titled: 'Managing My Type 2 Diabetes Effectively' will take place in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Sunday 21st February at 2.30pm-5pm. Admission is free. For more information contact: Gerard 0719146001.

## A.G.M OF THE LETTERKENNY REUNION

Will take place on Tuesday 23rd February in the Station House Hotel at 8pm. All welcome.

## LETTERKENNY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Next meal in Arena 7 Restaurant on Wednesday 24th February at 4.45pm. All members welcome. Activity afternoon in The Regional Cultural Centre on Thursday 25th February at 2.30pm.

## 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.

## NORTH WEST SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLUB

Are looking for volunteer/coaches in Kayaking (min level Kayak instructor level 1 award) Basketball (male) training can be provided if no qualification. Junior club volunteer to work with children aged 6-12/13. No formal sporting qualification needed but helpful training can be given. Contact: Nicky McDermott 0868989542 or email: [nwsoclubletterkenny@eircom.net](mailto:nwsoclubletterkenny@eircom.net).

## ST. EUNAN'S GAA CLUB

Football Academy returns this Sunday 21st February in Aura (indoors) as follows: 10 - 11am for girls and boys born in 2008 and after and from 11 -12 noon for girls and boys born 2006 and 2007. Cost €3 per child or €5 per family. It will run until Sunday 20th March taking a break for Easter and beginning outdoors in O'Donnell Park on Sunday 3rd April at 11am for all ages.

## ST. EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL, FRANCIS ST. DERRY ARE SEEKING CHOIR DIRECTOR

Applications are invited to submit their Curriculum Vitae with the names of 3 referees, one of whom should be a member of the clergy. Essential criteria are listed below and need to be specifically referred to in the CV. Essential criteria: To be a graduate with music as a main component. To have experience in directing choral ensembles/choirs. To have a proficiency in keyboard skills and understanding of the organ. To have an understanding of Liturgy. A job description can be obtained by contacting St. Eugene's Cathedral at [steugenes@btconnect.com](mailto:steugenes@btconnect.com) or 02871262894. Please return your CV addressed to Chairperson of the Finance Committee, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, By 12noon on Friday 4th March.

## 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

