

# NEWSLETTER

## Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



### THE DEEP END • Shalom

In today's Gospel we hear that the disciples are locked away, afraid, closed off from the world. It is a dark situation to be in and they are most likely quite frightened. When Jesus is present with them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. 'Peace' (Shalom) is more than a wish for a good evening or peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving.

They must have been so excited to tell Thomas this news: 'We have seen the Lord'. Sometimes, when we try to share something of our faith experience with others, we can meet similar responses - doubting, cynicism - we can even be made fun of. In today's world, none of this is easy. Then why do it? The Risen Jesus in today's Gospel moves the disciples from total fear and despair to 'rejoicing'. The same Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over.

John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life; reminding us of the importance of the Word of God for our lives. Through the Word we come to know Jesus more deeply. Even in the darkest of times and the most hopeless of situations, this Risen Jesus can bring peace and wholeness if we unlock the doors of our hearts.

Jane Mellett

### 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 WITH KATH & QUMEN

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest prays what we call the Eucharistic Prayer over our gifts of bread and wine. This is the most important prayer of the whole Mass. In Church language it is the 'centre and summit' of the celebration. The priest as the leader of the assembly prays this prayer on our behalf and we participate by listening and responding when invited to do so. In the Roman Missal, from which the priest reads the prayers of the Mass, there are seven Eucharistic Prayers.



## RELAY FOR LIFE DONEGAL 2016

Takes place at the LYIT on 4th & 5th June 2016 and we are now open for Team entries. Relay For Life is a 24 hour event that brings the whole community together to Celebrate the lives of cancer survivors, Remember those lost to the disease and Fight Back by increasing knowledge and awareness of cancer. If you are interested in taking part at this year's event, then please contact us at "relayforlifedonegal@gmail.com" or on (087)2482775.

## LOUGH DERG JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE SEASON

Opens on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1<sup>st</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org, www.loughderg.org.

## ANAM CARA

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 14th of April from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

## PILGRIMAGE - FR. PATRICK PEYTON MEMORIAL CENTRE

A pilgrimage will take place to the Father Patrick Peyton Memorial Centre, Attymass, Co Mayo (birthplace of the world famous "rosary priest") on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Bus leaving Dungloe via Falcarragh, Creeslough and Letterkenny. For details, and to book, please call Anne @ 087 262 9585, if possible by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

## RETREAT

Fri 15th - Sun 17th April, Ards Friary, Creesloughl. Stepping Into The Promise of a New Spring. Directed by Margaret Gallagher. An opportunity through, Music, Meditation and Spiritual Awareness to ask the questions, Where am I now in life, Where would I like to be and What steps might I take to get there? Commences: 6pm. Concludes: After Lunch. Cost: €125. Contact: Margaret Gallagher Tel: 074 93 84015. Email: margaretdancing@yahoo.ie

## PIONEER DINNER DANCE

The Annual North Donegal Regional Pioneer Dinner Dance takes place next Friday night 8th April in Mulroy Woods Hotel Milford. Tickets from local Pioneer Council members or telephone Michael 087 6774618.

## COMMUNITY GAMES

The Art, Modelmaking and Handwriting competitions will take place in the Station Hse. on Sun.10th April at 1.30pm. The age groups are u8 10,12,14,16yrs, The u12,14,16's in Art must choose from Debating, Pitch/Putt, long Puck, Spikeball. Rugby, Discus, Quiz, High Jump, Group Music, Modelmaking. Supply own materials and entry fee is €2. Please bring birth cert or passport for inspection. 0862244243.

## FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Are providing the QQI Level Care Skills module in Donegal Town on the 20/04/2016 and Letterkenny on the 21/04/2016. This is one of the mandatory modules off the full QQI Healthcare Award and includes Patient Moving and Handling Training. This training will be run one day a week for five weeks from 9.30am to 4.30. For more info or to express an interest contact the training department on 0579370221.

## 'GUNS, GAS AND GRIEF'

### DONEGAL MEN AND THE ROYAL INNSKILLINGS FUSILIERS

By Natasha Martin, Inniskillings Museum, Enniskillen. Many Donegal Men fought with the Royal Inniskillings Fusiliers during WWI. During Easter Week (27- 29 April) 1916, the 16<sup>th</sup> (Irish) Division was subject to terrible gas attacks which resulted in 1,980 casualties at Hulluch in Northern France. Among those who died were men from Donegal including Pte Michael Doherty from Letterkenny, Pte Francis Hegarty, Fosses and Pte John Doherty, Fanad. Natasha Martin is Head of Research and Education at Inniskillings Museum in Enniskillen. Admission is free and all are welcome.

*[the apostle Thomas was absent when Jesus appeared to the disciples; and he refused to believe, saying,] "Unless I see the scars of the nails... and put my finger in those scars... I will not believe." [Later Jesus dealt tenderly with Thomas and he believed. John 20:25*

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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

