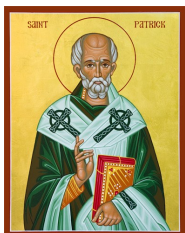


# NEWSLETTER

## Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



### PRAYER TO ST. PATRICK



Dear St. Patrick,  
in your humility you called yourself a sinner,  
but you became a most successful missionary  
and prompted countless pagans  
to follow the Saviour.

Many of their descendants in turn  
spread the Good News  
in numerous foreign lands.

Through your powerful intercession with God,  
obtain the missionaries we need to continue  
the work you began. Amen.

#### MASS TIMES FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Wednesday, 16th March - Vigil 6.30 pm

Thursday, 17th March - 9.30 & 11.30 am

This week we will celebrate the fifth-century mission of Patrick to the Irish. But, like any vocation, or way of life, Patrick's sense of mission only unfolded gradually. He tells us in his Confessio: 'I was not quick to accept what [the Lord] showed me, and so the Spirit prompted me. The Lord was merciful to me a thousand, thousand times, because he saw in me that I was ready, but that I did not know what I should do about the state of my life ... I was not quick to recognise the grace that was in me'. Lord, help us to recognise the grace that is in each one of us.

Salvador Ryan, St Patrick's College, Maynooth



### Times of Masses & Services

#### Mass Times

##### Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening	6.30pm
Sunday Morning	9.30am & 11.30am

##### Weekday Masses

Monday to Wednesday	7.30am & 9.30am
Wednesday (St. Patrick's Day Vigil)	6.30pm
Thursday (St. Patrick's Day)	9.30am & 11.30am
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 PRIEST GIVES THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR GIFTS

The priest stands behind the Altar and holds up the paten with the bread on it and says a prayer of blessing to God. The priest then pours the wine into the chalice.

The Chalice is a special cup which is shaped like a wine glass. It may be made of gold and silver. He pours a drop of water into the wine. He then holds up the chalice and says a prayer of blessing to God again. The priest says a prayer over the gifts, which is different at every Mass. In many Churches people will stand at this point. This shows us that the preparation of the gifts is over and we are now going to prayer the Eucharistic Prayer.



### PALMS

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday... Any spare Palm branches would be appreciated. Please leave them at the Church on Saturday.

## 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.

## OPEN EVENING IN LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL,

On Monday 14th March from 4.15-6.45pm. All 6th class girls, enrolling or who have enrolled for September 2016, and their parents are invited to attend.

## LETTERKENNY C.D.P. COURSE AND WORKSHOPS

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. For further info or to book your place, contact us on 0749120633.

## LETTERKENNY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Is offering free meeting and training space for start-up groups with community, not-for-profit and charitable aims through its new initiative 'Letterkenny Community Hub'. This is a place for people to come together to collaborate and develop their ideas for start-up organisations. If you are interested, request an expression of interest form via email at letterkennycommunityhub@gmail.com or via reception on 074 9122761

## MASS FOR IRELAND, ST MEL'S CATHEDRAL

Saturday, 19th March. An Teaghlach Naofa is dedicated to The Holy Family of Nazareth and under the patronage of St. John Paul. We are having a Mass for Ireland in St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford on Saturday 19th March, feast day of St. Joseph, with prayers for wellbeing of families, marriages, protection of human life in Ireland. Rosary at 2.30 p.m. and procession to altar of The Holy Family. Mass at 3 p.m., Holy Hour 4 p.m. For further information contact Kitty on 086-0405621 or visit the website at [www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie](http://www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie).

## KEEPING FAITH IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

iCatholic will host a live panel discussion on Mon 14th March at 8pm on the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment's proposal to introduce an approach to teaching religion in all primary schools that may present significant challenges for Catholic primary schools and for the teaching of Catholic religious education. See [icatholic.ie/live](http://icatholic.ie/live) or the iCatholic facebook page for more details and don't forget to tune in to [icatholic.ie](http://icatholic.ie) on the 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm.

## CEILI

Will be held in Bonagee Community Centre on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March Dancing 8pm—11pm. Admission (including supper) €7. Everyone welcome.

## FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Will be providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award Training in your area, Based on Demand. To express an interest kindly contact our training dept on 0579370221.

## MASS IN HONOUR OF BLESSED ALEXANDRINA

Will be held in Termonbacca on Sunday the 20th March at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

## EASTER CAMPS – LETTERKENNY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Letterkenny Community Centre is running Adventure, Soccer and Gymnastics Camps over the Easter holidays. To book a camp or for more information, contact reception at the Centre on 074 9122761

## ANNUAL 25 CARD DRIVE

Scoil Naomh Fiachra Illistrin National School Parents Association Letterkenny. Date: 01/04/2016. Time: 8pm. Entry €25 with half the pot in prize money. Enquiries John 086-8175675, Enda 087-6559777

## CHRISM MASS

You are invited to the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday in St. Eunan's Cathedral at 11am.

## ONE-DAY RETREAT

Will be held in Ards Friary, Creeslough on Saturday, 19th March in preparation for Easter commencing at 10am. To book contact Kathleen McKeague by Wednesday, 17th March - phone 9121551.

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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

