

NEWSLETTER

Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



Passion Sunday/ Palm Sunday

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. At Mass we will hear the events of the week unfold as the Passion of Christ according to Luke is read. But at the opening of Mass, we remember Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish the paschal mystery - we stand with Jesus at the beginning of the final journey to Jerusalem, a journey from "Hosanna!" to "Crucify".

We are facing the mystery of suffering and death in the life of Christ. In our own lives, we cannot escape this confrontation. We each travel our own unique journey, our personal pathway to Calvary. We do not know what the journey may mean for us, and where it might end.

Easter Triduum

Times of Ceremonies

<i>Holy Thursday</i> 24th March	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8 pm (Adoration in Community Room until midnight)
<i>Good Friday</i> 25th March	12 pm - Stations of the Cross 3 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion 9 pm - Taize Prayer Around the Cross
<i>Holy Saturday</i> 26th March	Easter Vigil at 9 pm (Vigil candles will be provided)
<i>Easter Sunday</i> 27th March	Masses at 9.30 am & 11.30 am
<i>Easter Monday</i> to following Saturday	Masses at 9.30 am



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
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Confessions

After Saturday evening Mass or on request

Monday, 21st	After 9.30am Mass
Tuesday, 22nd	After 9.30am Mass
Wednesday, 23rd	After 9.30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass until 9pm
1st Saturday from 7.30pm to 9.30am Sunday

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

BENEATH AN IRISH SKY

As part of the official 1916 commemorations, the dramatic reading of a new play by local historian and author Kieran Kelly will be performed in An Grianán Theatre on Tuesday March 22nd at 8pm. Entitled "Beneath An Irish Sky", it explores how Letterkenny was affected by the events taking place in Dublin 100 years ago. Tickets cost just €5 and can be purchased at the box office 0749120777

THE 2016 NORTH WEST CHARITY 10K ROAD RACE WALK

Is in aid of The Irish Pilgrimage Trust, Donegal Branch and Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland, Donegal Branch and takes place in Letterkenny on Sunday 1st May. Entry fee: Run €15 Walk €10. Sponsor Cards available: please contact Alice (Irish Pilgrimage Trust 0868566432) or Mary (Spina Bifida 087 260474). Please support these two very worthy charities. The Irish Pilgrimage Trust brings 500 young people with special needs from all over Ireland on a Pilgrimage Holiday to Lourdes at Easter time each year and this is often an important respite break for parents. Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Donegal aim to foster an environment in which every person affected by Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus can lead a fulfilled life. All welcome.

1916 WALKING TOUR OF LETTERKENNY

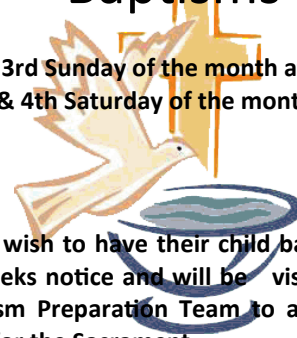
With local historian Kieran Kelly starts at the Central Library on Holy Thursday, 24th March at 3pm. This is free of charge.

ANNUAL 25 CARD DRIVE

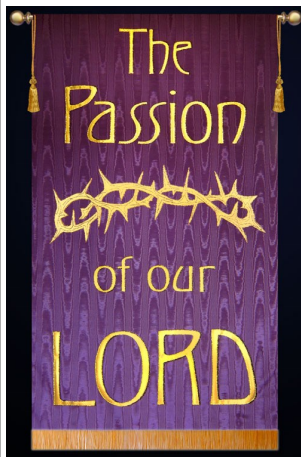
Scoil Naomh Fiachra Illistrin National School Parents Association Letterkenny. Date: 01/04/2016. Time: 8pm. Entry €25 with half the pot in prize money. Enquiries John 086-8175675, Enda 087-6559777.

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.



The Passion of Our Lord - Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs. As part of our Holy Week celebrations, we are delighted to welcome the primary school children from Sacred Heart PS (Derry) who will perform a dramatic musical re-enactment of the Passion of Our Lord According to John. This school is very well-known within Derry City for its various musical performances, and their annual Passion Play remains one of the highlights of their year. We look forward to welcoming our neighbours from Conwal to the Irish Martyrs for this event, and by all accounts, this performance is one not to be missed.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION & CONFESSION FOR EASTER

Tuesday, 22nd March at 7pm

Pope Francis has spoken so beautifully on God's mercy at the beginning of this Holy Year of Mercy. He says 'Mercy is the bridge that connects God and humanity, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness'. He also says that 'We have to put mercy before judgement'.

We warmly invite you to participate in this special Sacrament in preparation for Easter 2016 on Tuesday evening, 22nd March at 7pm. As a community we will prepare together by listening to the Word of God and examining our lives. We will be invited to confess our sins, expressing sorrow for them and receive individual absolution in the Holy Sacrament. We do request that you would remain in the Church for the duration of the celebration.

