

NEWSLETTER

Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



Mass Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening 6.30pm
Sunday Morning 9.30am & 11.30am

Weekday Masses

Monday to 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

THE DEEP END

Light our of Darkness

'Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of people overcoming it' - Helen Keller

There are people in our world and all around us who overcome suffering every day. We all know people who keep smiling and joking through serious illness or misfortune, and people who have many problems of their own but are still always available to help others. There are brave folks who, having lost a loved one to illness, go on to dedicate their time to charitable works and fundraising in the hope that others might avoid the same agony. And then there are people who, though themselves in the depths of pain or despair, can help others simply by empathising with their suffering. In different ways, these are all 'Easter people', full of hope and light amidst the darkness. They remind us that even in the darkest of situations, God's light can shine.

Today we celebrate the ultimate victory over suffering and death. We have journeyed this week through the darkness of loneliness, betrayal and abandonment into the light of forgiveness, healing and new life.

In her poem Dawn, the poet Emily Dickinson wrote: 'Not knowing when the dawn will come, I open every door.' Dawn will always emerge from darkness. If we want to be 'Easter people', we need to be open to throwing ourselves into the ups and downs, the sufferings and the joys of life, always open to experiencing resurrection and hope in all their forms. Christ is risen - alleluia!

Triona Doherty

*May you experience
the peace & the merciful love
of the Risen Lord this Easter Season*

Fr. Brian & Fr. James

**FIRST
FRIDAY**

**Fr. Brian & Fr. James
will visit the sick & housebound
at the usual times
on Friday, 1st April**

IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION

There will be a public meeting on *Thursday, 31st March @ 8pm* at: Irish Wheelchair Association. Unit 1, Glenview Building, Upper Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny, Co Donegal. Any members of the public who are interested in supporting this are very welcome to attend.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead a Christian solidarity pilgrimage to the Holy Land from September 9-17, 2016, on a direct flight from Dublin. It will be an opportunity to visit holy sites and walk in the footsteps of Jesus in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and Jerusalem. It will also be an opportunity to visit the tiny Christian community in the region known as the 'living stones' of the Holy Land. €1,495 (approximately £1,168) per person sharing. Details and itinerary on www.maptravel.ie or call 01 878 3111.

BURT'S BIG BINGO

St. Mary's Hall in Burt is once again the venue for this very popular Big Bingo. It takes place on Sunday 3rd April at 3pm. Books are €10. (Sheets €2 optional) €200 for 9th house (full) and €50 for the line, all other lines and houses €25 and €50. The sheet sales will mark the prizes on it. also good raffle prizes on the day ,(Hamper, included.) Proceeds to St. Aengus' Church Restoration Fund. Please tell your friends to come and join us too .See you there.

Family Carers Ireland

Are providing the QQI Level 5 Care Skills module in Donegal Town and Letterkenny in April 2016. This is one of the mandatory modules off the Full QQI Healthcare Award and includes Patient Moving and Handling training To express an interest kindly contact our training department on 0579370221.

LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL, LETTERKENNY HOST MICHAELA FOUNDATION SUMMER CAMP IN 2016!

From 4th July - 8th July 2016 up to 80 girls aged 11-13 will engage in a host of activities centred around Michaela Foundation's life without limits ethos in Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny. The Donegal camp is one of 20 Camps that will take place in 2016, a year which marks Michaela Foundation's 5th anniversary. The growth of the Michaela Foundation Summer Camps would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of hundreds of inspirational volunteers who share their skills, enthusiasm and time to make each Michaela Foundation Camp a unique experience for so many young people. Registration now OPEN! Interested Campettes are advised to register early as to avoid disappointment. Some Camps were fully subscribed within hours in 2015! Camp costs £60 / € rate equivalent. Please visit the Michaela Foundation website to find out more as well as details on how to register:www.michaelafoundation.com

DERRY YOUTH COMMUNITY

Are you a young person aged between 18 and 25? Are you interested in a Gap Year experience with a difference? The DYC is a group of committed young people who live in community, based in Derry City, who serve the Diocese of Derry. You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be given the opportunity to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities and youth ministry. You will also live in mutual co-operation with others; explore and deepen your faith; participate and share in leisure activities such as music, art, sport and drama. If you feel you are equal to the very real challenges of the initiative, more information is available on www.derryyouthcommunity.com. Closing date for applications is 27th May 2016.

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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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