

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 & on request

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 3pm during Lent



Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 4pm

Parents, living in the Parish, 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.

Seeds of Faith Newsletter

Available in the Front Porch
& on our Facebook Page



Irish Martyrs

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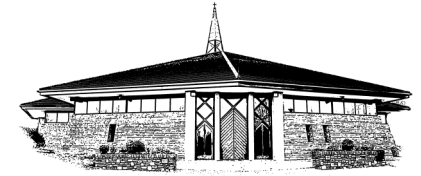
Parish Office This Week

Hours: Monday to Thursday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
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Church of the

Irish Martyrs

19th March 2017



Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

Fr. Brian Quinn P.P.

Fr. James Gillespie C.C.

THE DEEP END: Cracked



*'Ring the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering.
There is a crack in everything ... that's how the light gets in.'*

Leonard Cohen

No one is perfect. This might seem like the most obvious statement in the world, but it's important to remember. We live in a time when people's thoughts and actions are more widely recorded and open to scrutiny than ever before. A small mistake can cost someone their reputation or livelihood. An opinion expressed, particularly online, can invite a world of insults. It appears to be easier than ever to take the moral high ground, and to dismiss a person entirely based on one thing we know about them.

This is not the way Jesus treated people, and it is not how he sees us. The Samaritan woman Jesus meets is all too aware of what the Jews think of her. She is nervous when approached by Jesus at the well. But he sees beyond the label to the person, the woman with a life story and a context of her own. He engages her in intellectual conversation, listens to her, and wins her over.

Jesus could tell the woman everything about her life, and he knows each one of us just as intimately. He knows our past and our faults, our 'cracks'. That is why he is able to speak to us, if we resolve to try and listen. It is also an important lesson in how we should treat others.

Triona Doherty

**WE CARE
LK FOOD BANK**

Require the following items of food: Tea Bags, Coffee, Sugar, Rice, Pasta, Peas, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Soup, Tinned Vegetables. Drop off Points: Letterkenny Community Centre, So Lo Pearse Road, Blacks Centra, Macs Mace, Centra Circular Road, Whoriskeys Spar Ramelton.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS
ASSOCIATION**

1st Annual Retreat/Conference - 26th & 27th April 2017. Theme - Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God in these highly secularised times. Venue - Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village Dublin 24. Day only and overnight attendance options available. Inspiring talks, lively discussion. Speakers including Fr. Benny McHale. Contact Connie at 098 24877/catholicgrandparents@gmail.com.

PIGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Spiritual Director: Fr. James Gillespie. 28th August 2017. Hotel Avena. 5 nights full board. €699 per person inclusive sharing. Flying from Knock (Extra €10 payable at Knock Airport). For further details please contact Kathleen McKeague 074-9121551.

A.S.I.S.T.

Applied Suicide Prevention Skills Training Course is the most widely used suicide prevention course. Next two-day course will run Wednesday 24th May and Thursday 25th May from 9am till 5pm in the Pastoral Centre. The course is FREE of charge. Donations welcome.

**VINCENT'S
(SVP CHARITY SHOP)
LOWER MAIN STREET**

We are appealing for donations of clothes, shoes, household goods and small pieces of furniture. All items must be in good condition suitable for sale in our shop. We open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5.15pm. Thank you for your support.

ADULT DRAMA CLASSES

With Dessie Gallagher, will be starting in the Pastoral Centre Letterkenny on Wednesday nights for 10 weeks. Start date: Wednesday 29th of March, from 6pm till 9pm. Fee: €50.00 for ten classes. Enrol now to book your place: 074 9121853. Gain confidence, increase your self-esteem in a nurturing, creative and fun way! "The important thing is to take the next step and enjoy giving it a chance".

FUNDRAISING DANCE

For Breast Centre North West and Aoi-bheann's Pink Tie in the Plaza Buncrana on the 24th of March 2017. Music by Robert Mizzell and David Craig. Tickets on sale in Bradley's Fahan, Oasis Bar Letterkenny and Joe's Foods Letterkenny or ring 0749384386.

EASTER REVISION DAY

Leaving Cert English (higher level) at St. John Bosco's Community Centre, Donegal Town. Thursday 20th April 12pm - 4pm. Cost €50. Email thewritestuff@eircom.net for further details.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Departing the 14th of June from Dublin for 7 nights. Spiritual Director Fr. Philip Kemmy. Price €889, inclusive of half board accommodation, group travel insurance and full religious programme. For further information please contact Ciaran on 0879121683.

BLESSED ALEXANDRINA MASS

Mass in honour of Blessed Alexandrina will be held in Termonbacca on Sunday 26th March at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

**PERSONAL YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

(PYDP) Donegal Youth Service is running a Personal Youth Development Programme each Friday from 10am until 3pm in Donegal Youth Service, Letterkenny. The programme is for young people aged 16-25 yrs. The programme works with young people to promote their personal and social skills and to develop and grow their employability options through a suite of training programmes. Participants will receive accredited training and will be supported throughout by their mentor. For more info please contact Michelle Wylam on 0749129630/08525192871 michelle.wylam@donegalyouthservice.ie

**ANNUAL NORTH DONEGAL
PIONEER DINNER DANCE**

Takes place in the Lagoon Termon on Friday night 24th March 2017. Dinner served at 8pm. Music by Edddie Gallagher and Tir Conaill Country. Tickets available from all local Centers in the Region or Michael 0876774618. Everybody welcome.

LÍONRA LEITIR CEANAINN,

Is a new group set up to promote Irish in the Letterkenny area are having a ciorcal comhrá in Florence Café on Saturday 25th March from 10am- 12 noon. Everybody welcome. Goitse don chraic and cúpla focal.

BUS TO KNOCK

Is being organised for Saturday 22nd April staying overnight for Divine Mercy Sunday (23rd April). For cost and further information please phone 9320734 or 089-2245598.



Those who donated more than €250 to the Church in 2016 will have received a CHY Cert. Last year the parish claimed just over €22,900 by availing of this scheme. There has been a great response already, so a sincere thanks to those who have completed the form and we thank those who will complete their forms and return to us when it is convenient.

**FRANCISCAN BROTHERS
CLARA
CO. OFFALY**

We will welcome the Franciscan Brothers to our parish next weekend to give a talk & take up a collection. They were founded to work with the rural poor of Ireland. They now have mission in Kenya & Uganda and included in their work are education, sustainable agriculture & rural development, food security and famine relief.