

## 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 & on request

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

## Graveyard Services 2017

Sunday, 2nd July - Conwal - 4pm

Monday, 3rd July - Aughanishin - 7 pm

Sunday, 9th July - Old Leck - 4pm

Sunday, 9th July - New Leck - 5pm

## 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 Contact Details

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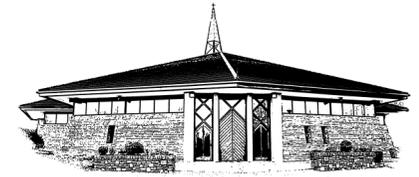
### Usual Office House

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Church of the

Irish Martyrs

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017



## Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year A

Fr. Brian Quinn P.P.

Fr. James Gillespie C.C.

## THE DEEP END: Shalom

The disciples in today's Gospel must have been so excited to tell Thomas their 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. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and even invites Thomas to touch them, to get in touch with the reality of his suffering. We might recall times when we have been overwhelmed by pain but looking back on those times we can see that they sometimes brought us to a different place, to new life. Perhaps today recall those times of 'wounded-ness' – and hear Jesus's 'Peace be with you', the promise that he is with you. The word '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. The disciples were locked away, afraid, closed off from the world. When Jesus is present with them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. 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.

'Life will always prevail,  
through all the layers of death in which we try to contain it.'  
Margaret Silf

Jane Mellet

### **ANNUAL 25 CARD DRIVE**

Scoil Naomh Fiachra Illistrin National School Parents Association Letterkenny is delighted to announce their 4th "annual 25 card drive". Date: 05/05/2017. Time: 8pm. Table of 8 and €20 per person with half the pot in prize money. Enquiries Enda 087-6559777.

### **PIGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Spiritual Director: Fr. James Gillespie. 28th August 2017. Hotel Agena. 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.

### **TAX RELIEF**

Thanks again to those who have returned their CHY Certs. We will be making our claim shortly so we kindly ask those who intend availing of the scheme to return their form to Lorraine ASAP.

### **WE CARE LK FOOD BANK**

Require the following items of food: Tea Bags, Coffee, Sugar, Rice, Pasta, Peas, Beans, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Packet/Tinned Soup, Tinned Vegetables. Drop off points are: Letterkenny Community Centre, Blacks Centra, So Lo Pearse Road, Macs Mace, Centra, Circular Road. Whoriskey's Spar, Ramelton.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

Departing the 14th of June from Dublin for 7 nights. Spiritual Director Fr. Philip Kemmy. Price €689, inclusive of half board accommodation, group travel insurance and full religious programme. For further information please contact Ciaran on 0879121683.

### **LURGYBRACK COMMUNITY AREA**

Are having their annual spring clean-up on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April at 10.30am. For details of all the meeting points on the morning of the clean-up, please check the Lurgybrack Community Text Alert Facebook page.

### **COMMUNITY GAMES**

The Art, Modelmaking and Handwriting finals will take place in the Station House Hotel today, Sunday 23rd April at 2pm. All entries must be a Community Games event, supply own materials, fee €2. Those entering the Talent should contact the Secretary 0861689053 / 0862244243.

### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

A Blood Pressure check fundraising event will take place at the Letterkenny Shopping Centre on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 from 11.00am - 2.00pm. Please come along to support our fundraising event in aid of Relay for Life 2017. All support would be greatly appreciated.

### **BLESSED ALEXANDRINA**

Mass in honour of Blessed Alexandrina will be held in Termonbacca on Sunday the 30th April at 7:30 pm. everyone welcome.

### **NURTURE AFRICA**

There will be a cake sale in the Church after Masses this weekend Saturday, 22nd of April and Sunday, 23rd of April in order to raise money for Nurture Africa. Nurture Africa is an Irish-based charity set up with the purpose of providing healthcare, education and psycho-social support to people living with AIDS/HIV in Uganda. All money raised will go directly to continuously support their many initiatives. This cake sale is being organised by Alex Aboud, a parishioner, who is assisting in this project and will go to Uganda in the coming months. Your support and generosity will be most appreciated.

### **SVP CHARITY SHOP VINCENTS**

Could you give an hour or so of your time to help us in our shop? We need volunteers to help sort donated goods. Any time you could give us would be really appreciated. Please contact us at 91 22366. We open Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 5.30 pm. Thank you for your help and support. Please continue to donate clothes, shoes, bed clothes and household goods that are in good condition.



To all who participated in the Services of Holy Week and this Easter Triduum.

To all involved in various work & ministries in this Church - Word, Eucharistic, Music, Ushers, Collectors, Altar Servers, Church Cleaners, Keepers of the Sacred Sanctuary, of the Church Grounds, Baptism Ministers, Lighters of the Pascal Fire, the Sacristan & all the Parish Staff.

Many people give of their time, expertise & skills every week to ensure that our Church & Church Liturgies give great glory & praise to God.

To each one of you, thank you. We are all involved in a unity of Service.

May you all have many blessings bestowed on you this Easter of 2017.