

## 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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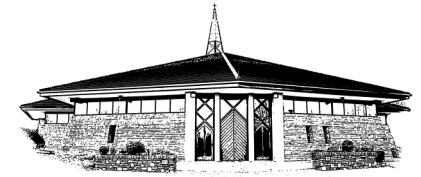
### Usual Office House

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

Irish Martyrs

21<sup>st</sup> May 2017



## Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year A

Fr. Brian Quinn P.P.

Fr. James Gillespie C.C.

## THE DEEP END The Spirit Within

'Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.' – Corrie ten Boom  
Imagine how the disciples must have reacted to the way Jesus was talking. In John's Gospel, as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and his death approaches, he starts to talk about leaving the disciples. They will no longer be able to see him. He predicts that Judas will betray him and Peter will deny him. The disciples are in turmoil. 'Where are you going?' they ask; 'Why can't I follow you?'; 'How can we know the way?'

On top of this, Jesus has started to give them instructions for after he is gone. The disciples still do not understand where, or why, Jesus is going, so you can sense their panic and fear at the task that lies ahead, the work they will have to do without their teacher and friend to help them. They will be like lost sheep, without a shepherd, to borrow one of Jesus' own metaphors.

So the promise they hear from Jesus that he will send his Spirit must be very welcome. 'I will not leave you orphans,' says Jesus, to a group who must have been afraid of just that. What's more, they already know this Spirit, because he is in them. That same Spirit is in us. We are not alone in our struggles.

Triona Doherty

### **PIONEER ASSOCIATION**

Fr. Gillespie will celebrate Mass & Presentation of Pins on Friday 26th May @ 7pm here at the Irish Martyrs. Any adult Pioneer who qualify for a new pin please contact Bridie 0749124531 or Michael 0749121795 as soon as possible. 10 year pin €16.50. 25 year pin (silver) €44.00. 50 year pin (gold) €46.00. 60 year pin (diamond) €24.00.

### **BARNARDOS VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers needed for Barnardos National Collection Day, kindly supported by Dell. Barnardos is seeking parishioners to support them with 1-2 hours of their time to help collect funds on Barnardos National Collection Day, kindly supported by Dell, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017. We need volunteers to help with organised bag-packs or on-street collections in their local community. All money raised on the day will help change the lives of vulnerable children and their families in communities around Ireland. Every hour of volunteered will give hope and create brighter futures. To hear what's planned in your community and how you can get involved please contact Mary 01-7080418 or email buckets@barnardos.ie

### **LAUNCH OF 'ALZHEIMERS CAFÉ'**

Will take place on Thursday 1st June at 11 am in the Silver Tassie Hotel. The Café will be a free monthly gathering for people with dementia, their families and friends in a relaxed environment. Sir Gerry Robinson and Dr. Ken Mulpeter will open the Café. Everyone is very welcome.

### **SCOIL CHOLMCILLE**

Convent Road, Leterkenny are having their annual Coffee Morning and Cake Sale on Friday 26th May, 10:00am - 2:00pm at the school. Everyone welcome!

### **BLESSED ALEXANDRIA MASS**

Mass in honour of Blessed Alexandrina will be held in Termonbacca on Sunday the 28th May at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

### **YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE JUNE 2017**

Young Adults Conference *"YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES"* on Saturday 3rd June in St. Eunan's Cathedral Conference room from 10 - 5.30pm. Excellent speakers, discussions, Mass and Adoration, opportunity for Confession, light lunch, suggested donation: €10. For further information, contact Fr Rory Brady 0879141606.

### **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.

### **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). Further info K. McKeage 074-9121551.

### **MUSIC OF JOHN RUTTER**

A celebration of the music of John Rutter: Four local choirs, The Conwal Singers, Derg Valley Choir, Donegal Abbey Singers and the Tir Chonaill Choir along with Special Guests will present 'Music for a May evening in St. Mary's Church, Stranorlar on Sunday 21st May at 7pm. Each choir shall perform their own repertoire culminating in a grand performance of pieces from the composer John Rutter. Accompanist: Denise Roper. Voluntary Retiring collection for local charities.

### **LETTERKENNY CARE OF THE AGED**

A social for the Young at Heart Club will be held in the Social Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road on Tuesday, 23rd May. This social will be hosted by the St. Vincent De Paul Committee.

### **JOB VACANCY: GENERAL WORKER**

Community Employment Scheme - Letterkenny Area. Duties: Litter control, Grass Cutting, General Maintenance. The position is in the above area. This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided. For further information contact Letterkenny Churches 9120654 / email: letterkennychurches@eircom.net.

### **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. Whoriskeys Spar, Ramelton.



## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

*SEASON OF  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION*



We congratulate the children of Lurgybrack NS, Woodland NS, Educate Together NS & Ballyraine NS who received their First Holy Communion here at the Irish Martyrs recently.



## **Children's Liturgy Group**

The Children's Liturgy will finish up for the year on Sunday, 11th June. A sincere thanks to all who continue to commit to this very important Ministry. The Liturgy Group will return in September. Details of registration etc will be published in the Newsletter in due course.