

## 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

[After feeding the crowd miraculously,] Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people away. After sending the people away, he went up a hill by himself to pray.

Matthew 14:22-23

## 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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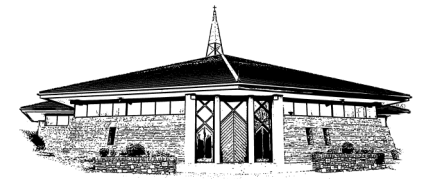
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# Church of the Irish Martyrs

13<sup>th</sup> August 2017



## Newsletter

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Fr. Brian Quinn P.P.

Fr. James Gillespie C.C.

## THE DEEP END

Back to the Mountain Top

Jesus once again goes to the mountain-top to pray. We too are encouraged to carve out space and time out in our everyday lives for quiet, for reflection for prayer or meditation; for whatever it is that we do to nourish that deeper spiritual heart of ourselves. It is so important.

The famous story of Jesus walking on the water follows in the Gospel today. What a shock the disciples must have received! Initially Peter is so brave and enthusiastic. Peter is able to walk on the water until he notices the wind, then fear takes over and he begins to sink.

If you have read the book *The Shack* (and if you haven't I highly recommend it!) you might remember a scene where the main character, Mack, is led onto the water by Jesus and they walk together on the lake. Mack, like Peter in today's Gospel, is full of fear, mostly about what might happen in the future. Jesus is clear to Mack that he lives in the present and that we waste time trying to play God and control what might happen in the future: 'You neither believe I am good nor know deep in your heart that I love you. You sing about it, you talk about it, but you don't know it' (*The Shack*, p. 151)

Jesus' message for Mack in the story; for Peter in the Gospel and for all of today is 'Why did you doubt?' What eliminates our awareness of the love of God? We are urged to keep our eyes fixed on him. It is in the present that Jesus lives, not in our fears about the future or worries about the past.

Jane Mellet

## EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN

The Ordination can be watched back online by  
visiting: [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) - and clicking on 'Recent Recordings'

### **ARE YOU FINDING LIFE TOUGH?**

Do you suffer from stress, anxiety or depression? Have you experienced bereavement and finding it difficult to cope? The Pastoral Centre offers counselling for adults, children and adolescents in a confidential environment. We also have a bereavement program that runs for 8 weeks in September. We run a suicide support program for 8 weeks that begins late September. This is suitable for anyone who has lost someone to suicide. Groups are small so that people feel safe and supported in a confidential space. If you are interested in Counselling or any of the groups please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Centre at: 074 9121853, or check our website at: [www.raphoepastoralcentre.ie](http://www.raphoepastoralcentre.ie).

### **FR. EAMONN MCLAUGHLIN**

Today, Sunday 13th August, Fr. Eamonn McLaughlin will celebrate the 6.30pm Mass in the Cathedral followed by light refreshments in the Loreto Convent Foyer/Canteen. Everyone is very welcome. Fr. McLaughlin will take up his next appointment in Rome in early September.

### **CARE & REPAIR PROGRAMME:**

This programme is carried out by TUS Workers and staff of Letterkenny C.D.P. and provides the following services to older people, people on low income or with a disability etc. Environmental work in community & Minor outdoor repairs to fences, gates etc. This programme is supported by Donegal Local Development Co. through the TUS Programme. For further information contact Letterkenny Community Development Project 0749120633.

### **LETTERKENNY GAELS CAMOGIE CAMP**

Letterkenny Gaels will host a Camogie Camp from August 18th-20th. The Camp will take place at Páirc na nGael from 10am - 2pm on the Friday with a blitz in the evening and 12noon - 4pm on the Saturday and Sunday. This year the Camogie Camp is family friendly with activities such as Parents & Daughters big match, Cross Bar Challenge, Solo to Success relay, Club Art and Crafts. The Camp is based on the Come and Try initiative whereby any girl can drop in for an hour free of charge and find out what's going on. Cost is €25 first girl, €20 second, €15 third or €10 for a single day. Girls aged 6 - 14 years, no experience needed, equipment can be borrowed. To book or for further information please Contact Aileen on 086 816 3605.

### **HSE RETIRED GROUP OUTING**

Tea Dance in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town on Sunday, 3rd September at 1.30pm. To book ring Charlie 9126696 or 0876465193 before 20th August.

### **LATIN MASS**

Will take place in the Cathedral on Tuesday, 15th August (Feast of the Assumption) at 4pm. All welcome.

### **HSE RETIRED GROUP NIGHT OUT**

Dinner and Dance in Rosapenna Hotel, Downings on Sunday, 20th August at 6.30pm. To book please contact Charlie 9126696 or Kathleen 9121551 or Breed 9122605 by Thursday, 17th August.

### **DONEGAL MARATHON**

Will be held on Sunday, 20th August at 9.20 am near the Aura Leisure Centre. The initial loop of the Town should be finished by 10 am. Traffic management will be in place between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm around the Town Centre and Newmills/Conwal, so please be prepared for some delays.

### **IRISH CANCER SOCIETY**

Operates a free Volunteer Driver Service that is available to patients attending the following hospitals for chemotherapy treatments; Letterkenny General Hospital; Mayo General Hospital & Sligo Hospital. Volunteer drivers will pick a patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door and then when finished treatment, pick them up and drop them home again. All volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the website at [irishcancer.ie](http://irishcancer.ie) or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

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

Require the following items of Food: Tea Bags, Coffee, Rice, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Peas, Tinned Fruit and Tinned Soup. Drop off points are: Letterkenny Community Centre, Blacks Centra, So Lo Pearse Road, Centra Circular Road and Macs Mace.

### **CURSILLO**

The Cursillo Ultreya will be held on Sunday, 13th August in the Church of the Irish Martyrs at 8pm.



### **THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017**  
**Masses at 9.30am & 6.30 pm**

“Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life. She shows it to her children baptised in Christ and to all people of good will.”

*Pope John Paul II*