

Mass Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening 6.30pm
Sunday Morning 9.30am & 11.30am

Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday 9.30am

See front of Newsletter for St. Patrick's Day

Confessions

After Saturday evening Mass & on request

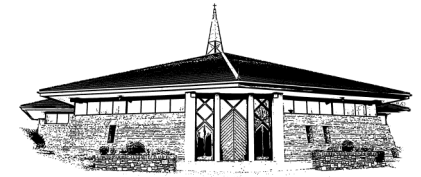
Eucharistic Adoration

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

Church of the

Irish Martyrs

11th March 2018



Newsletter

Fr. Brian Quinn P.P.

Fourth Sunday in Lent - Year B

Fr. James Gillespie C.C.

DO THIS IN MEMORY



1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

Dates for Masses

Saturday / Sunday 14th & 15th April 2018

Graveyard Services 2018

Conwal - Sunday, 1st July @ 4pm
Aughanishin - Monday, 2nd July @ 7pm
Old Leck - Sunday, 8th July @ 4pm
New Leck - Sunday, 8th July @ 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

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THE DEEP END: Rejoice!

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the opening words of the entrance antiphon of the Mass, 'Laetare Jerusalem' or 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem'. We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but a few small signs of joy are permitted at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. Listen to the words of St Paul: 'You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.' Many of our efforts during Lent are aimed at improving ourselves, being more generous with our time or resources, more patient, more attentive to the needs of others - living as true followers of Jesus. What changes do I need to make to be 'God's work of art'?

And in John's Gospel we hear: 'The [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' One question we might ask this Lent is: Am I living a truthful life? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I think or do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? How might I step out into the light this Lent?
Triona Doherty



Masses for St. Patrick's Day

Friday 16th @ 6.30pm (Vigil)
Saturday, 17th 9.30am & 11.30am

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Departing Belfast Tuesday, 22nd May & returning Sunday, 27th May. This very special Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Alan McGuckian, SJ. Pilgrimage Director Fr. Patrick McHugh PP. This package includes 5 nights on full board basis in selected hotels in Lourdes, return flights from Belfast, all taxes & complimentary comprehensive travel insurance. Price is €704 PPS (optional bus transport to airport €25).

Anyone wishing to travel to Lourdes as part of the sick, staying in the hospital in Lourdes should apply in writing only to Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, c/o Brenda Barrett, Secretary, Archive House, Bishop's Palace, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Bookings & payments to Joe Walsh Tours, c/o Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Archive House, Bishop's Palace, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. A deposit of €200 will secure your place.

H.S.E. RETIRED GROUP

Are holding their AGM in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town on Friday, 13th March at 12 noon. All members are welcome to attend. To book call Kathleen 9121551 or Breid 0862126988 or Charles 9126696.

ROSARY

There will be a Rosary at Kerrytown Mass Rock for Life and Faith on Sunday 18th March at 2.30 pm to unite with people from around the country who will be praying at all the Mass Rocks of Ireland on this day. Visit: www.coastalrosaryireland.ie for information.

TIME FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?

Are you interested in becoming a Facilitator with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service, Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses? Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged couples preparing for their married life together? ACCORD is a voluntary Catholic organisation that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Christian marriage and to offer people the means to safeguard and nourish their marriage and family relationships. Professional training is provided - Certificate in Marriage Education (Special Purpose Award) Accredited by: Pontifical University, St Patrick's College Maynooth. Please contact ACCORD Letterkenny Centre. Tel: 074 91 22218 Email: accordletterkenny@eircom.net for further information. ACCORD - centres Nationwide. More information is available on: www.accord.ie.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

You are warmly invited to the Service of Remembrance (Interdenominational) which is being held for those who have suffered the loss of a baby through Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Neo-Natal death at Letterkenny University Hospital. Conwal Parish Church (Church of Ireland beside St. Eunan's Cathedral) Letterkenny. Sunday 8th April 2018 @ 4pm. From the Management, Chaplains & Staff of Letterkenny University Hospital.

COUNTRYWOMEN'S GUILD

There will be a meeting in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm to start a new Irish Countrywomens Guild in Letterkenny. All women over the age of 18 are invited to come along and see what we are about and enjoy a cup of tea.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

Every 3 minutes a person in Ireland get a cancer diagnosis, and in Donegal over 1000 people were diagnosed with cancer in twelve months. Daffodil Day 2018 proudly supported by Boots Ireland, takes place on March 23rd and is a crucial fundraiser in the fight against cancer. To learn more about The Irish Cancer Society in your community, we would like to invite you to the Donegal Daffodil Day Launch in The Mount Errigal Hotel, 7pm to 8pm on Tues 13th March. Speakers from our Night Nursing and Volunteer Driving services will explain why we need your support this year as demand for our services increases.

CEILI

Will be held in Bonagee Community Centre on Sunday 11th March. Dancing 8 to 11pm. Admission (including supper) €7. Everyone welcome.

JIGSAW DONEGAL

Will present an evening on Supporting Young People's Mental Health in the Community Room at the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Tuesday 20th March 7.30-9pm. Everyone is welcome to this free event which is a parish initiative for the World Meeting of Families.



**Traditional blessed Shamrock
in aid of Sr. Consilio Cuan Mhuire Centres
is on sale in the Main Porch**