

Mass Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening 6.30pm
Sunday Morning 9.30am & 11.30am

Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday 9.30am

Confessions

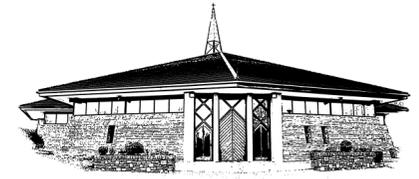
After Saturday evening Mass & on request

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Church of the Irish Martyrs

13th May 2018



Newsletter

The Ascension of the Lord - Year B

Fr. Brian Quinn P.P.

Fr. James Gillespie C.C.

Graveyard Services 2018

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

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THE DEEP END: FORGOTTEN FEAST

Sandwiched between Easter and Pentecost, the feast of the Ascension can sometimes tend to be overlooked. It can be hard to make sense of the artistic images we see of Jesus disappearing into the clouds as the disciples stand and stare after him. But the Ascension does more than simply mark the culmination of Jesus' earthly life; it opens up for us a path to God. Where Jesus has gone, we hope one day to follow. As Pope Francis puts it, 'the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now ... present in every space and time, close to each one of us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us.'

It is this very presence of Jesus that gave the disciples, and gives us, the strength for mission. Immediately before he is taken into heaven, Jesus issues his final and most important instruction: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news to all creation.' And after he goes, the disciples straight away set about the task. Far from being suddenly absent, we are told the Lord is now working with them in a new way. The Ascension is less a loss than a transition, a promise that Jesus will always be with us.

Triona Doherty



**Congratulations to all the Children who
made their
First Holy Communion this weekend.**

PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Fr. Gillespie will celebrate Mass & Presentation of Pins on Friday 18th May at 7.30 pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs. Adult Pioneers who qualify for new pins, please contact Bridie 0749124531 or Michael 0749121795 as soon as possible.

PARENTS PLUS PROGRAMMES

The Parents Plus Early Years programme begins in the Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny, on Wed 16th May, 10 am - 12 noon, for 6 weeks. Support your child's language, learning, social skills and self-esteem. Establish good routines and encourage positive behaviour and co-operation. The Parents Plus Adolescent programme begins in Deele College, Raphoe on Wed 16th May, 7 - 9pm, for 6 weeks. Learn about what makes your teenager tick, how to help them develop a sense of responsibility, make good choices and deal with conflict and challenges. This programme is being run by Springboard and Raphoe FRC. Both programmes are FREE. The parent's handbook for the course is €10. For more information phone Bairbre on 0871736667 or email bairbre.parenthub@gmail.com

PRAYER IN THE PARK

There will be a Public Rosary for Faith and Life in Letterkenny Town Park (beside Letterkenny Hospital), on Wednesday 16th of May, at 8pm. All welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place on the 5th September 2018 for 7 days. With Spiritual Director. For further information or to book, contact Kathleen on 074 9121641 or 086 3721962.

RETREAT

Jim Browne from Mayo who gave his testimony and distributed blessed crosses from Medjugorje, is running a retreat on the 6th & 7th June, in Kilmacrennan, entitled "Surrender and Accept Jesus's Invitation to the Banquet", finishing with interceding prayers for healing. Limited places. Cost €15. For more details please contact Helen 086 0877614.

ICA MEETING

The next ICA meeting will be held in the Community room at the rear of the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Monday 21st May at 7.30pm. All welcome.

CEILI

A Ceili will be held in Bonagee Community Centre, on Sunday 13th May. Dancing 8-11pm. Adm. €7 (including supper). All welcome.

NW WOMEN IN FARMING

NW Women in Farming are holding a 2018 Get Together Event on Thursday 24th of May, at 7.30pm in CoLab, LYIT, Letterkenny. An excellent panel of speakers are lined up for what guarantees to be an enjoyable evening. If you are a woman involved or interested in agriculture or rural matters, come join our growing community. Admission free. For more info: 087-7479068.

CURSILLO

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

WORLD WIDE DAY OF PRAYER FOR IRELAND

On May 25th the Irish people are being asked by our Government to vote in a Referendum, whether to retain or to remove from our Constitution, the protection of Life for the baby in the womb and allow Abortion up to 12 weeks. Ireland, at present, is one of the safest places in the world for the child in the womb. We are appealing to you to help us with your prayers, that the Irish Nation will hold fast and reject this attempt on the child in the womb. Can you join us in prayer on the 25th, especially in any of the following ways: Spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Attend Holy Mass, Pray the Rosary for this intention, pray to St Michael for the protection of Ireland, Organise a rota of your friends/parish to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF MATT TALBOT

A bus will leave the car park at St Mary's Church, Stranorlar at 8am Sharp on Sunday 3rd June, with pick ups at Convoy Green (opposite Breen's Bar, Main St.) at 8.20am sharp, Raphoe (Chapel Car park) at 8.30am sharp and at Lifford bus stop (opposite hospital entrance) at 8.45am sharp. Another bus will leave Kilmacrenan (Mill Bridge) at 8am sharp, picking up in Letterkenny (Boyces) at 8.15am sharp. Cost €50 which includes return bus fares, tea/scones in Castleblaney on the way to the Shrine, lunch at hotel on arrival in Dublin and tea/sandwiches in Castleblaney on the return home. To book contact Brid on 087 1200242 or Caroline on 087 6223036.

SHAVE, WAX AND DYE FUNDRAISING EVENT

This event will take place in the Beachcomber Bar, Rathmullan on Friday 25th May, at 8pm. It will be hosted by Shaun (McGreggor) McFadden. Spot prizes on the night. Proceeds will go towards Special Olympics Athlete Vicki Mc Gill, who will be representing Team Ulster at the Special Olympics all Ireland Games in June.

QUIZ IN AID OF CATHEDRAL QUARTER

There will be a quiz in the Central Bar, on Wednesday 16th May at 9.30pm. All Money raised will go towards the Cathedral Quarter project and our annual events. Cost is € 20 for teams of four or €5 per person. Raffle prizes on the night.