

## Mass Times

### Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening 6.30pm  
Sunday Morning 9.30am & 11.30am

### Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 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

8<sup>th</sup> September 2019



## Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Fr. Brian Quinn P.P.

Fr. Brendan Ward C.C.



"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

## 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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## THE COST OF BEING A DISCIPLE

Jesus had one great goal in life, namely, to carry out the task His Father had given Him. That's what He lived for. And He was willing to pay whatever price was demanded in order to fulfil His goal. The Gospel shows Him headed for Jerusalem. He knew what awaited Him there. Suffering, rejection and death lay at the end of that journey. Yet He willingly faced all of that.

And He expected nothing less from His disciples. He talked about the cost of discipleship. When He said they should hate father and mother, He didn't mean that literally. He was telling them that they must be ready if needs be to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between Him and their own relatives.

By means of two short parables He pointed out that discipleship is a serious calling. It could mean persecution and even death. In this, as in any other sphere of life (such as business and politics), one shouldn't walk into it blindly. One must calculate the cost before setting out, and then see if one is ready to face it.

The goal Jesus sets before us is immensely worthwhile - the goal of an authentic way of life here and eternal life hereafter. There is no higher goal than that. That doesn't mean it is easy. No-one can be a disciple without carrying the cross. But Jesus knows our frailty. He lavishes His grace on those who strive sincerely to follow Him.

Flor McCarthy SDB

### CAKE SALE

There will be a cake sale in the community room of the Church of the Irish Martyrs after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses **TODAY** Sunday 8th September. Please support Hugh's House who provide free accommodation for family members who have sick children hospitalised in Dublin.

### ROSARY RETREAT

A one day retreat focused on the Rosary will be held in the Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny on Saturday 19th October from 10am to 4pm. This retreat will combine talks, moments of silence, adoration, individual prayer, workshops and other group activities. To book contact 9169934 or dmcletterkenny@gmail.com

### AUDITIONS FOR LETTERKENNY PANTOMIME

Auditions for Letterkenny Pantomime Society's production of the much loved and popular Cinderella will be held in the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Monday 9th September at 8pm. Cinderella will be staged in the Aura Leisure Centre in January 2020. There are quite a few roles both male and female to be filled, and as always we will be delighted to welcome both new and existing members to our cast and crew. Please note that these auditions are for principal roles and are for adults. Auditions for the children's scene will be held at a later date in the year.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will be starting back on Sunday the 15th of September for children in Junior infants to Second class. Registration will take place before and after 11.30am mass **TODAY** Sunday the 8th September.

### CONWAL SINGERS

The Conwal Singers are currently taking on new members, male and female singers, for the new season. A mixed voice chamber choir, rehearsals take place every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm until 9.30pm in Letterkenny. Further information contact: the conwalsingers@gmail.com or call 0863846299.

### ALISON QUIGLEY IRISH DANCERS

Classes have recommenced on Fridays at 4.30pm at The Studio, Rossvie Business Park. New pupils welcome - Boys and Girls 4+. For further information contact: 0861688040.

### CATHEDRAL QUARTER FUNDRAISING QUIZ

Cathedral Quarter will be hosting a fundraising quiz in the Central Bar on Wednesday 11th September at 9.30pm. All money raised will go towards a new Mural and our forthcoming Literary Festival. Cost per team of four €20 or €5 per person. Main and Spot prizes on the night. Come along and support a good cause and have a bit of fun.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Diocese of Raphoe is enlarging its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practise of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an information Meeting in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey (Drumboe Suite), on Saturday 5th October at 11.30am (finishing at 12.30pm). Refreshments served. See poster in the church for further details of how to attend or contact the parish office promptly on 9127600.

### PADRE PIO TRIDUUM

A Triduum in preparation for the Feast of St Pio of Pietrelcina will take place in the Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh from Friday 20th - Monday 23rd September (inclusive). Mass, homily and blessing with relic at 7.30pm each evening. Preacher: Fr Pius McLaughlin OFM who met Padre Pio. Mass will be offered for all who are making the Triduum and all who put in petitions. All welcome.

### LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL 5K

Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny annual 5k walk and race will take place on Tuesday next, 10th September, at 7pm. Due to road works around town the walk will start and finish at Letterkenny Community Centre on Pearse Road.

### IOSAS CENTRE INFORMATION

From Friday September 6th there will be morning prayer, reflection and meditation in St. Canice's Oratory, The Celtic Prayer Garden from 9.30-10.00. All welcome. Fr. Neal Carlin will launch his book **Favourite Celtic Saints** in Veritas, Derry on Wednesday September 11th at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Any students or members of the parish considering completing **The JP II Gold Award** are invited to consider working with the IOSAS Centre as a way to fulfil their Parish/Social Awareness activities for this award. Please contact your JP II parish coordinator, teacher in charge or the IOSAS Centre via Facebook.

### FERTILITY AWARENESS

Are you interested in learning about Fertility Awareness? The Natural Family Planning Teachers' Association of Ireland (NFPTAI) have organised a **ONE DAY SEMINAR** (CPD: ICGP Accredited) providing an overview of the 'Symptothermal Double-Check Method' of Natural Family Planning in the Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny on Saturday 28th September from 9.30am to 4.00pm. Cost: Donation. Please bring a packed lunch. To book please email: info@naturalfamilyplanning.ie