

Mass Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening 6.30pm
Sunday Morning 9.30am & 11.30am

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 9.30am

Confessions

By request only

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays from 1am
until 5pm in the Church

Church of the

Irish Martyrs

27th September 2020



Newsletter

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Fr. Brian Quinn P.P.

Fr. Brendan Ward C.C.



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:6-7

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.

First Holy Communion 2020
Saturday 19th Sept Educate Together
N.S. & Ballyraine N.S.
Saturday 3rd Oct Lurgybrack NS

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think... about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come. Jesus tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom. The father amply provided for his sons food, lodging, and everything they needed. Everything the father had belonged to them as well. The father also rewarded his sons with excellent work in his own vineyard. He expected them to show him gratitude, loyalty, and honour by doing their fair share of the daily work. The "rebellious" son told his father to his face that he would not work for him. But afterwards he changed his mind and did what the father commanded him. The "good" son said he would work for his father, but didn't carry through. He did his own pleasure contrary to his father's will. Now who was really the good son? Both sons disobeyed their father; but one repented and then did what the father told him. Jesus makes his point clear: Good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are performed. God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each of us the greatest treasure possible – unending peace, joy, happiness, and life with him in his kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace God offers us to follow in his way of truth and righteousness. Do you respect the will of your Father in heaven?

Don Schwager, Servants of the Word

Congratulations to the boys and girls of Educate Together N.S. and Ballyraine N.S. who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 19th September and of Lurgybrack N.S. who made their First Holy Communion yesterday. May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love and the joy of His life within you.



GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS PRESENTING CHILDREN FOR BAPTISM
during the Covid19 pandemic

- Preparation will be carried out over the phone.
- Numbers must be limited to immediate family members, grandparents and Godparents.
- The Baptismal party must stay in their car until called in by a member of the Baptism team.
- Please use the sanitisation provided and observe social distancing in the church.
- Bring the Baptismal booklet you received in the post with you on the day.
- The Baptismal Candle will be provided at the church.
- Readings will be done by the priest or Baptism team.
- Limited photography is allowed during the service. There will be no access to the altar area.
- You are asked to vacate the church immediately after the service to allow for sanitisation.

Your co-operation in this is most appreciated

NEWSLETTER SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please note that notices in this newsletter are subject to change in accordance with government guidance on Covid restrictions. Notices for the newsletter must be submitted to the office or by email to irishmartyrschurch@gmail.com no later than 5pm on Wednesdays.

MOUNT ERRIGAL ROSARY CLIMB

Bishop Alan McGuckian, Fr Philip Kemmy and Fr Damien Nejad will climb Mount Errigal today, Sunday 27th September at 1.30pm to raise money for the Cathedral Youth Programme. They will pray the rosary at the top. We want to continue with our NET team and other youth outreach this year - it may be more important than ever for our youth. Let's make it happen! You can still donate to this project. For Virtual Sponsorship, please choose 'Cathedral Youth - St Therese' when using the iDonate button at the top of the Irish Martyrs Facebook or the Cathedral Facebook page. You can also donate on the Cathedral or Raphoe Diocese websites via the iDonate button. Or you can put your donation into an envelope marked 'Mount Errigal Rosary Climb' and leave it in the donation boxes in the Cathedral after the weekend Masses or in the Cathedral parochial House during the week. We ask you to never leave envelopes or anything valuable sitting around the Cathedral.

OCTOBER 2020 CHALLENGE

Raphoe Mission Team have organised a fast for October and are inviting you to participate. The idea is to have different people fasting on each day of the month with the intention of bringing about change for the better. We are asking you to fast on bread and water on ONE day of October and to pray a decade or even the whole rosary on that day. If you are unable to fast on bread and water for any reason, you can still participate. Why not consider fasting from tea/coffee, your phone, the internet, tv or anything else that would be a sacrifice for you. Do you want change? Do you see that things are very bad in the world? Are there problems in your life? Is there something that you are struggling with? Our Lady has said that prayer and fasting can stop wars. Imagine what it could do in your life! To sign up for a day, please email fast@raphoemission.com and give your name, phone number and the date you are signing up to fast on. You may fast on more than one day if you wish or if after doing your one day, you feel you would like to do another, you can email again to sign up for another day/days. **ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE FOR MISSION MONTH?**

SCHEDULE AT THE DIVINE MERCY CENTRE, LETTERKENNY

- The 'LITTLE RAYS OF MERCIFUL JESUS', a group for primary school children, recommenced their formation on 22nd September. The Little Rays will meet on Tuesdays during the school year at 6 pm. We are looking forward to seeing children who already participated in the group last year, but new members are also very welcome to join!
- The 'ENCOUNTERING THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE' meetings resumed on Thursday 24th September. During these meetings we want to look at the Image through the eyes of the Bible. Each meeting is a time of prayer, teaching and encouragement through the community we develop. New members welcome! Meetings will take place on Thursdays at 8.15 pm.
- For more information on any of the above meetings, please contact the Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny at dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com or phone: 9169934. Meetings will only go ahead, subject to Covid 19 regulations.

VOCATIONS IRELAND

"He humbled Himself and became obedient...." (Philippians 2: 8). If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or you can email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie