

Tusla asks if you are interested in becoming a Foster Carer and invite you to an information time in The Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on Wednesday 13 March (6:30pm - 9pm). If you are interested in attending this or in finding out more about fostering, please contact 0749123701

The Friendly Face Befriending Service are seeking help from people who would have an hour a week to befriend an older person, make visits, enjoy mutual hobbies, interests and accompany them on short outings and activities locally. Volunteers must be over 18, Garda vetted. Training and support will be provided. To apply, contact Community Befriending Organiser, Sarah Breslin, on 0867858799 or email sarah.breslin@alone.ie

St Mary's GAA Club Lotto had one winner of €100 (Clare McDaid Stralongford). Club Membership is now due; you can contact any committee member.

The Hall Committee at St Patrick's Church Drumkeen are selling tickets to raise money for St Patrick's Church. Tickets are €5 each or three for €10. There are eighteen prizes. If you would like to help with the selling of these tickets please speak to Fr Stephen. Your support would be very much appreciated.

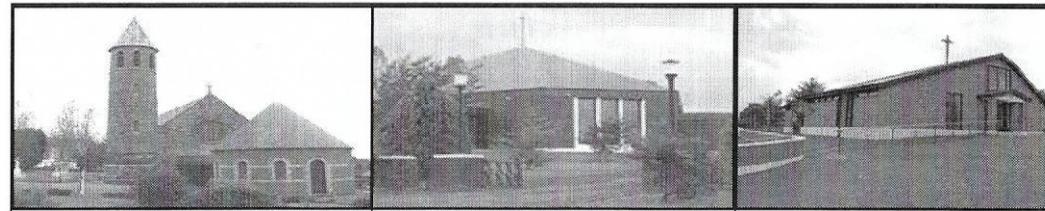
Fr Gorman would like to acknowledge the sum of €50 received from Letterkenny Post Office Social Club towards St. Mary's Church, Convoy in memory of the late Liam McConalogue RIP.

PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF MATT TALBOT

Lord, in your servant, Matt Talbot you have given us a wonderful example of triumph over addiction, of devotion to duty, and of lifelong reverence for the Most Holy Sacrament. May his life of prayer and penance give us courage to take up our crosses and follow in the footsteps of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Father, if it be your will that your beloved servant should be glorified by your Church, make known by your heavenly favours the power he enjoys in your sight. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



By his late teens, Matt Talbot (1856-1925) was alcoholic. Broke, he stood outside his local one day hoping that one of his friends would ask him in for a drink but they passed him by. He decided to give up the drink and he went on to be a great man of prayer and work and has now helped many people get sober.



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**PARISH NEWSLETTER
Sunday 10 March 2019 - First Sunday in Lent**

Something valuables for Lent

- The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association are holding the NO THANKS LENTEN CAMPAIGN. The Aim of the Pioneers is the: "promotion of sobriety and temperance." We are encouraged to give up alcohol for Lent and say a short prayer:
- "In your honour O Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of Your Blessed Mother Mary, I promise to remain without alcohol during this Lent."
- The prayer cards are available at the back of the Church. Please remember that this is a private commitment.

- A few wee talks on understanding our faith could help our relationship with the Lord Jesus. You are invited to an "Exploration of the Apostles Creed". This time of prayer and reflection will take place in St Mary's Church, Convoy on the Wednesdays of Lent (8pm- 9.15 pm). Presented by Fr Eamonn Kelly, each night will have some prayer, some explanation of aspects of the Creed and end with Benediction. Everyone is welcome.

	STMARY'S	ST PATRICK'S	ST EUNAN'S
Mon 11	No Mass 2pm Rosary (for vocations) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (meeting in Parochial House)	No Mass	9amMass 7pm Divine Mercy Prayer Time
Tue	No Mass	Noon-6.30pm Adoration 7.30am Mass (Priest's Intention)	9am Mass
Wed	7.30am Mass (Rosaleen and Oliver Prunty RIP) 7pm Mass (Special Intention)	No Mass	9amMass 9.30am-9pm Adoration
Thur	No Mass 9am-8pm Adoration	7.30am Mass (Christopher Gallagher RIP)	9apmMass 8.15 Legion of Mary (meeting in Sacristy)
Fri	7.30am Mass (Maryanne, William and Hugh O'Keefe RIP)	No Mass	7.30pm Mass (Paddy Friel RIP) 8pm Stations of the Cross
Sat	12.30pm-1pm Confessions 6pm Mass (Paddy Rooney RIP)	7.30pm Mass (The Deasley Family RIP)	Noon-12.30pm Confessions 7.30pm Mass After Mass: Confessions
Sun	10am Mass (Michael Harris)	10am Mass (Latin)	11am Mass

Tr6caire Boxes are available in the Church. Putting the Tr6caire box on the kitchen table for Lent is a powerful reminder to us of the poor and the hungry.

We are always on the lookout for interesting articles for the newsletter. If you have one you might like to share it.

The new Raphoe Mary's Meals Support group are willing to take coins that are lying about the house and are also willing to take old punt notes and coins. Raphoe Mary's Meals is holding its first function - a table quiz - on 14 March at Friel's Hotel at 8pm. All are welcome.

We gratefully acknowledge €6000 given to the parish which is the proceeds of the Christmas Draw held in St Eunan's NS at Christmas (€3827.10 from this year's draw and the balance from previous years)

Enrolment for September 2019 at Convoy Community Playgroup will take place on Thursday 14 March (1pm-2pm and 6pm-7pm). Please bring completed enrolment form, copy of child's birth certificate and immunisation records. Convoy Community Playgroup, Milltown, Convoy (074)9147792

The Drumkeen United Lotto jackpot was not won last weekend. The numbers drawn were 16, 18, 19, 20; three people correctly matched three numbers (Harry Deasley, Kieran Quinn, and Marian Cullen). Tickets are on sale in Rosie's Bar until draw time. Anyone who is looking for lotto can contact the club on their Facebook Page or call or text 0873838600.

You are invited to enter into a spiritual desert with Jesus on the Sunday nights during Lent (8pm-9pm) in the Hospital Chapel in Letterkenny General Hospital. All are welcome to this Holy Hour.

The newly formed Legion of Mary Group will meet in the Parochial House, Convoy, on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

The Legion of Mary in Raphoe continues to meet in the Sacristy at St Eunan's Church on Thursday at 8.15pm. Everyone welcome.

CHURCH INCOME

	ST. EDNAN'S	ST. PATRICK'S	ST. MARY'S
Collection	€1488	€878	€1155
Candles	€120	€130	€320

Thank you for your generosity to God and His Church