

"Exploration of the Apostles Creed" continues on Wednesday in St Mary's Church, Convoy on Wednesday. Each night stands alone so even if you have missed one you can still attend the next. (Spm- 9.15 pm. Everyone is welcome.

You are warmly invited to an Interdenominational Service of Remembrance which is being held for those who have lost a baby through Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Neo-Natal death at Letterkenny University Hospital. It takes place in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny on Sunday 24 March at 4pm.

- The Divine Mercy Centre is hosting a weekend based on the "Merciful Father". It starts at 7pm on Friday 22 March and ends on Sunday at 2pm. The Divine Mercy Centre invites you to look at who God really is, through the message of Divine Mercy. This meeting with His Mercy will allow the wounds of your heart to be healed.
- The Divine Mercy Centre is hosting a weekend based on Lectio Divina. It starts at 7pm on Friday 29 March and ends on Sunday at 2pm. The retreat teaches how to do Lectio Divina and gives you a chance to practice it. It is a time of silence and a time to meet with God in the depths of your heart, through the Scripture.
- Please let The Divine Mercy Centre know that you will attend a retreat by signing up by email (dmcletterkenny@gmail.com) or phoning 0749169934.

St Mary's GAA Lotto 05 03: Counties drawn were DB, GY, MH, and WW. €100 shared by Evan Coulter, Mary Doherty, Connaghan Family, John C Moore and Shea Deasley. Final date for membership is 24 March; contact registrar Catherine 0861076339 or Contact any committee member

The parents association of Drumkeen NS are organising a 5k/f~ily fu~ run on Friday 12 April at 7pm as a fundraiser for the school. There is an option of a shorter 2k route. Registration will take place at the hall from 6pm with spot prizes and refreshments afterwards. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE BOARD will be at Jackson's Hotel on:

Monday 25 6.30pm - 9.30pm

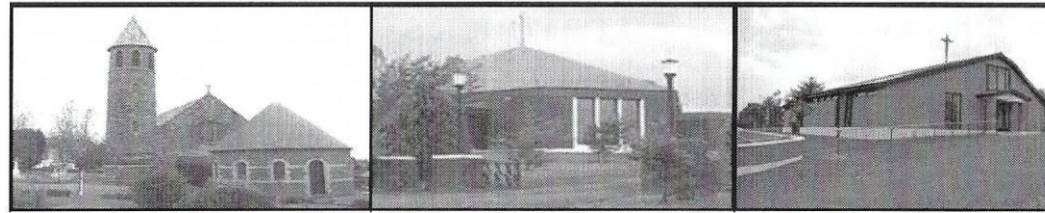
Tuesday 26 3pm - 5pm and 7pm - 9.30pm

Wednesday 27 3pm - 5pm and 7pm - 9.30pm

Blood donors are especially needed to meet the needs of those who are depending on the resources of the transfusion service to be available to them.

For more information phone 1850 731 137 or www.giveblood.ie

Mother Julia said: "Have the courage to face sacrifice."



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 17 March 2019 - Second Sunday in Lent
St Patrick's Day**

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

To you, O Blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our tribulation~, and while imploring the aid of your most holy Spouse, we confidently Invoke your patronage also. By that love which united you to the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, and by the fatherly affection with which you did embrace the Infant Jesus, we humbly beseech you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased with His Blood and to help us in our necessities, by your powerful intercession.

Protect, O most provident Guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen children of Jesus Christ; ward off from us, O most loving father, all taint of error and corruption; graciously assist us from Heaven, O most powerful protector, in our struggle with the powers of darkness; and as you did once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent peril to His life, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity.

Shield each one of us with your unceasing patronage that, imitating your example and supported by your aid, we may be enabled to live a good life, die a holy death, and secure everlasting happiness in Heaven. Amen.

Save Our St. Joseph's Hospital, Stranorlar Action Group are holding a Public March on Saturday, 23 March, leaving st. Joseph's Hospital at 1.30pm going to Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofoey for a Public Meeting at 2.30pm.

	STMARY'S	ST PATRICK'S	ST EUNAN'S
Mon 18	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)	9amMass
Wed	7.30am Mass (Margaret, Robert and Brian Porter RIP) 34 hours Adoration	7pm Mass (Anne Kelly RIPMMM)	9am Mass 9.30am-9pm Adoration
Thur	No Mass 34 hours Adoration	7.30am Mass (Priest's Intention)	9apmMass 8.15 Legion of Mary (meeting in Sacristy)
Fri	7.30am Mass (James, Molly and John McDermott RIP)	No Mass	7.30pm Mass (Charlie and Marion O'Donnell RIP) 8pm Stations of the Cross
Sat	12.30pm-1 pm Confessions 6pm Mass (John McCormack RIP)	7.30pm Mass (Jonathan Kelly RIP)	Noon-12.30pm Confessions 7.30pm Mass (Sarah and Nellie McGlinchey RIP) After Mass: Confessions
Sun 25	10am Mass (John, Susan & Seamus Hamilton RIP)	10am Mass (Latin) 11.30am (Eunan Bonner RIP)	11am Mass (for all Parishioners)

St. Columba's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Raphoe can be contacted on 0860696332 in confidence.

Raphoe will be entered in the upcoming national tidy towns competition. You can help by keeping your gardens and properties tidy, well painted and litter free. You can also help by putting out window boxes or hanging baskets. Donations of paint, flowers and shrubs are always welcome. A sincere thank you to everyone for their help last year. The Tidy Towns Office may be contacted on 9145692.

We welcome into God's Community by Baptism: Sean Dermot McCabe

34 Hours of Adoration will commence in St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday 20 March at 9.30pm going through until Friday 22 March at 7.15am. The intention of this time of prayer will be for the Sick of the Parish.

The Legion of Mary Group will meet in the Parochial House, Convoy, on Monday nights at 7.30pm and the Legion of Mary Group meet in the sacristy in Raphoe on Thursdays at 8.15pm. Everyone welcome.

There will be an Easter Draw, Vintage Tea and Coffee Morning at The Volt House Raphoe on Friday 12 April (10.30am to 1pm). Donations of home baking are very welcome. All proceeds are going to the new "Suile" hall which is being built behind the Volt House.

Convoy Community and Environmental Committee announce that the annual community litter clean-up will take place on Saturday 23 and 30 March. People will meet at the Green at 9.30am and the pickup starts at 10am going on until 2pm. Tea will be served afterwards and for more details contact 0868675580.

Bishop Alan Me Guckian invited young people to a listening meeting in February. He was very interested to hear the views and ideas of everyone there. It was agreed to have a follow up listening meeting to explore some of the suggestions. This next meeting will take place in the Pastoral Centre Hall in Letterkenny on Saturday, 30 March (2-4.30pm). If you are between the ages of 18-35, you are invited to attend. Please bring a friend with you. There will be pizza and refreshments. For further information, please contact [0876880545](tel:0876880545).

CHURCH INCOME

	ST. EDNAN'S	ST. PATRICK'S	ST. MARY'S
Collection	€1173	€725	€1213
Candles	€235	€110	€285
Development	€745	€260	€400

Thank you for your generosity to God and His Church