

Sunday 10th January 2021
FEAST OF THE
BAPTISM OF THE LORD



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
DRUMKEEN



ST. MARY'S CONVOY



ST. EUNAN'S RAPHOE

"JESUS

**I TRUST IN
YOU"**

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Raphoe Parish Newsletter

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Stay in touch online—Mass and Prayer Schedule

You may watch Mass and all other activities from St Eunan's Church, Raphoe on
www.watchmcn.tv or www.parishofraphoe.com

	St.Eunan's Online
Monday	Raphoe: Mass at 9am (Raphoe Diocesan Society—living members) Raphoe: Mass at 10am(Raphoe Diocesan Society—deceased members) Raphoe: 7pm, Divine Mercy Prayer Time followed by Holy Face Devotions Raphoe: 8pm Holy Hour
Tuesday	Raphoe: Mass at 9am Raphoe: Mass at 10am (Parish Benefactors) Raphoe: 7pm Evening Liturgy
Wednesday	Raphoe: Mass at 9am Raphoe: Mass at 10am Raphoe: 7pm Evening Liturgy
Thursday	Raphoe: Mass at 9am (Jack McGinley RIP) Raphoe: Mass at 10am Raphoe: 7pm Evening Liturgy
Friday	Raphoe: Mass at 9am Raphoe: Mass at 10am Raphoe: 7pm Evening Liturgy
Saturday	Raphoe: Mass at 6pm Raphoe: Mass at 7.30pm (Brian, Mary and Henry Patton; Pat and Andy Browne RIP)
Sunday	Raphoe: Mass at 9.30am Drumkeen: Latin Mass at 10am (Via Facebook) Raphoe Mass at 11am

*Masses that have been 'booked' will be celebrated as close to the booked time in St Eunan's. you can have a Mass for your intentions by calling Fr Kelly.

**Weddings and Funerals have a maximum of twenty-five people attending

***If you don't do your praying who will do it for you!

****Baptism will be scheduled for a time after the restrictions have been lifted



Parish News...

Please, remember that the three parish churches are open for private prayer everyday and all are welcome to pay a visit.

The Suffering...

As we continue to live and struggle through this difficult period in our lives we are encouraged to look at the strength of the Irish people in the past. Living through the Great Famine and its terrible aftermath, living through persecution for being Irish, living through the attempted erosion and destruction of our language, culture and heritage, our fore parents had great trials. It is good to reflect on these people as we go through our own difficulties due to Covid 19, the lockdown and the restrictions imposed on us. It is also good and healthy for all of us to remember that we have a moral and civic duty to one another, to help each other out and sometimes this means by obeying the lockdown guidelines even though we might hold objections to them.

The business community is suffering greatly and the unknowing is indeed energy zapping. The leaving certificate classes are going through great difficulties and their families and friends. And indeed all our young people are finding these days hard when we are asked to refrain from meeting friends and to stay away from people that we would normally see almost every day. And surely our older people are enduring great agonies as they cannot see grandchildren or niece or nephew and maybe they are the ones who suffer the most. Yet no one is exempt. All are suffering at this time.

I encourage us all to be patient. Everything passes. This too will pass. We see glimpses of successes being made. We see more and more vaccines being approved. We see improvements in medicine application and survival rates increasing.

And we are a Christian people, followers of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He tells us often that he is with us through every trial and difficulties. He reminds us many times not to be afraid. Jesus is not a God of distance and vagueness but the Incarnate Word who took upon himself our weak human nature and flesh. He us still with us, individually and collectively. He will not abandon us but on the contrary invites us to come closer to him, to depend on his authority and to live more deeply a new life in him.

Fr Eamonn Kelly

PENNY CATECHISM

How is the Church Catholic or universal? The Church is Catholic or universal because she subsists in all ages, teaches all nations, and is the source of all Truth.

How is the Church Apostolic? The Church is Apostolic because it was founded by Christ on the apostles and, according to his Divine Will, has always been governed by their successors.

Can the Church err in what she teaches? The Church cannot err in what she teaches as to faith or morals, for she is our infallible guide in both.

How do you know that the Church cannot err in what she teaches? We know that the Church cannot err in what she teaches because Christ promised that the gates of hell shall never prevail against his Church; that the Holy Spirit shall teach her all things; and that he himself will be with her all days, even to the consummation of the world. (Mt 16:18; Jn 14:16-26; Mt 28:20)

What do you mean by the Communion of Saints? By the Communion of Saints I mean that all the members of the Church, in heaven, on earth, and in purgatory, are in communion with each other, as being one body in Jesus Christ.