

Sunday 4th July 2021  
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH  
DRUMKEEN



ST. MARY'S CONVOY



ST. EUNAN'S RAPHOE

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**"JESUS  
 I TRUST IN  
 YOU"**  
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# Parish Newsletter

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**WELCOME, ONE AND ALL,  
WELCOME HOME**

## PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULE

	Parish of Raphoe Mass Schedule
Monday	Raphoe: 9am Mass (Mary McCollum RIP) Raphoe: 7pm, Divine Mercy Prayer Time followed by Holy Face Devotions Raphoe: 8pm Holy Hour
Tuesday	Raphoe: 9am Mass Drumkeen: 10am Mass Drumkeen: Noon – 9pm Adoration
Wednesday	Convoy 9am Mass (Tommy McCafferty RIP) Raphoe: Noon – 6pm Adoration
Thursday	Drumkeen: 10am Mass Raphoe: 7.30pm Mass
Friday	Convoy: 6.30pm Mass (Michaela and Bridie Kelly) Raphoe: 7.30pm Mass (Jennie McCarron RIP)
Saturday	Convoy: 6pm Mass Raphoe: 7.30pm Mass (Josie Mulrine RIP) Raphoe: After Mass: <b>Confessions</b> Drumkeen: 7.30 Mass (Michael Bonner RIP) Drumkeen: After Mass: <b>Confessions</b>
Sunday	Drumkeen: 9.30am Mass (Michael Tinney RIP) Convoy: 9.30am Mass (Redmond and Bridget Bonar; Maurice Bonar and Maureen Bonar RIP) Drumkeen: 11am Latin Mass Raphoe 11am Mass

You are invited to be involved in the life of the parish of Raphoe. You are invited to share your ideas, promote the activities that take place in the parish and to grow strong in faith as part of a living community. Without you we are less and with you we shall grow stronger. It is better to play our bit rather than complain about others.

## Parish News...

Readings for next Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 85

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

We give thanks to God and we welcome into God's Community by Baptism Cian Terrance Callaghan; Ella Orr; Sarah Jane McElchare; Kai Michael Hegarty; Elsie Sue Black; Isaac Edward Mark McCartney Moore; Oisín Alex Kelly and George Liam O'Hara

250 lbs here on Earth is 94.5 lbs on Mercury. No, I'm not fat. I'm just not on the right planet.

There was and is great sadness and disappointment over the cancellation of the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. We do not know when we will be able to proceed. We keep the children, their families and our whole community in our prayers.

Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to re-open Station Island for the traditional Three-Day Pilgrimage, or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to 'Do Lough Derg from wherever you are' from 3 to 5 July. The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 071 9861518 or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org).

"I have the world's largest collection of seashells, you may have seen it, I keep it scattered on beaches all over." – Unknown

## Parish News...

### THE FISH TANK

Yesterday I cleaned out my fish tank. It did not seem to be that dirty but I reckoned it could do with some refreshing. So I decided to take out the plants and the large rocks that lay at the bottom. I lifted out the imitation shipwrecks that provide hiding places for the fish. Next I removed the fish into a bucket of water. After the fish were safely in the bucket I began to remove the water and the small stones. What dirt! For such wee things these fish sure are dirty sods. By the time I had a quarter of the stones removed the water was so dirty that it was impossible to see anything in it. The grunge was thick. Under the stones was even worse. The under-gravel filter was full of grime and smudge. And then the smell, oh the whiff – but I will spare you those details. But, take my word for it, it was not good.

It took a bit of work and a lot of patience but at last I got the job finished. It is hard to believe just how dirty working with water and fish can be. The last thing that I had to do was to put the fish back into their cleaned-out home and let them discover the newness of the old tank. I sat and looked at the newly decorated tank and enjoyed a lovely moment of discovery.

As the fish swam in the freshness of new water I 'saw' how much Jesus loves me. The care of God's Son for little wee me is eternal, free and unconditional. I saw in front of my eyes the result of simple love in action and I 'saw' the power of Divine Mercy upon the sinner. The fish accepted the improvement in their living conditions, they swam in fresh water, they breathed in the newness that was given to them and they looked happy as they examined their renewed abode. I 'saw' Divine Mercy in action as the Cross of Christ renews the sinner, as sins are washed spotless, as the failings are atoned for and as the offences of the past are removed. I 'saw' Jesus with his hand raised in blessing as the blood and love poured from his heart for me and in a moment of grace I 'saw' the tears of joy reflected in the glass of the fish tank.

As I sat looking at what I had done I prayed a Chaplet in thanksgiving for what Jesus has done.