

Sunday 27 NOVEMBER 2022
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
DRUMKEEN



ST. MARY'S CONVOY



ST. EUNAN'S RAPHOE

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YOU"**

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Parish Newsletter

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All Masses and Services from St Eunan's Church, Raphoe are available online at www.watchmcnmedia.tv or

Parish of Raphoe Mass Schedule	
Monday 28 November	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Raphoe: 9am: Mass (Jeannie and Danny Gallagher RIP) Convoy: 2pm: Rosary Raphoe: 7pm: Divine Mercy Prayer Time followed by the Night Prayer Raphoe: 8pm: Holy Hour.
Tuesday 29 November	Raphoe 7.30am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Raphoe: 9am: Mass Drumkeen: 10am: Mass (Willie John Gallagher and his brothers Paddy and Charlie and Charlie's wife Mary and his sisters Mary Katie and Annie RIP) Raphoe: 6pm—7pm: Evening Prayer, Rosary, Chaplet and Night Prayer. All Welcome. Drumkeen: Noon—9pm: Adoration
Wednesday 30 November	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Convoy: 9am: Mass Raphoe: 9.30am – 9pm: Adoration Raphoe: 6pm—7pm Evening Prayer, Rosary, Chaplet and Night Prayer. All Welcome. Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Wedding Practice
Thursday 01 Decembber	Raphoe 7.30am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Raphoe: 9am: Mass Drumkeen: 10am: Mass Convoy: Noon—6pm: Adoration Raphoe: 6pm—7pm: Evening Prayer, Rosary, Chaplet and Night Prayer. All Welcome. Convoy (Parochial House): 8pm: Legion of Mary
Friday 02 December	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Convoy: 9am: Mass Drumkeen: 1pm: Wedding Drumkeen: 2pm: Prayer; Rosary, Chaplet, all welcome Raphoe: 6pm—7pm: Evening Prayer, Rosary, Chaplet and Night Prayer. All Welcome. Raphoe: 7.30pm Mass (Margaret, Catherine and Anthony Marron RIP)
Saturday 03 December	Convoy: 6pm: Mass (Mary, Andy, Jean and Andrew Gallagher RIP) Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (Michael Boyle RIP) Drumkeen: after Mass: Confessions Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass Raphoe: after Mass: Confessions
Sunday 04 December	Drumkeen: 9.30am: Mass Convoy: 9.30am Mass Raphoe: 11am Mass (Joe McGinley RIP) Drumkeen: 1pm Mass (Latin)

Parish News...

Next weekend, we are invited to bring a gift or two for the St Vincent De Paul Society to Church. So, if you can, please bring a gift for another person and at the offertory we will place the gifts around the altar. Please put a wee removable note if the gift is for a boy or girl. We do encourage all the children of the parish to participate in this lovely time of sharing.

Fr Kelly will visit our "First Friday People" in the Raphoe area on Thursday 1 December, in the Drumkeen area on Tuesday 6 December and in the Convoy area on Wednesday 7 December. If you would like to add someone to his visit please let him know.

Convoy SVP Christmas 2022 Appeal: Donation envelopes are now available inside the Church entrances. Donations can also now be made on line at: <https://www.svp.ie/fundraiser/st-francis-convoy-appeal/> We would like to thank you in advance of your generosity and for your ongoing support of SVP.

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place on 6 September 2023 for seven days with Spiritual Director. The cost is €850 per person. There is an early booking offer available. For further information Kathleen on 074-9121641 or 086-3721962 for more details.

Convoy Arsenal news: Congratulations to all the winners at their Night at the Races and thanks to everyone who supported it. Congratulations to the 50/50 draw winner of €530 this week Josh Gildea; next draw takes place on Tuesday 29 November. Our senior team lost 5-1 away to Donegal Town last Sunday and they have a free week this week.

The Parish Newsletter is always available on our parish the website and on our Facebook page.

The Convoy Community and Environmental Committee will have the big Christmas Lights Switch On at 7pm on Friday 2 December. There will be music with Johnny Haughey and others from 6.30pm. All welcome.

The Convoy Community and Environmental Committee have also organised the annual Christmas party in Brentwood Manor on Saturday 10 December (Noon – 4pm) bookings can be made by phoning 0868675580. Transport can be provided if required.

A bus will leave the Cathedral Car Park, Letterkenny for Night Vigil for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday 7 December at 6.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. For bookings, phone 087- 2922499.

The Raphoe Town Christmas Lights are being switched on at 5pm on Saturday 3 December, Everyone welcome to come along at 4.30pm and take part in Christmas carols as Christy Murray plays some music..

We take this opportunity to wish Henry Patton every good wish and blessing as he announces his retirement from assisting at Funerals. He has served us all well and we ask God to bless him and his family in the future.

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On the Tuesday after Christmas, at 5pm, in St Eunan's Church, Raphoe we will have a PARISH OF RAPHOE CHRISTMAS POETRY TIME. You are invited to write a poem about any aspect of the Christmas story and message. It is then hoped that you would recite the poem during the Christmas Poetry Time. The poem can be of any length, any rhythm and any rhyme. We do ask for original poems only, written by the one who will recite it or maybe written by a relative of the one who will recite it. Children, adults, teenagers and all are invited to be part of this time to use our gifts that God may be praised and other people uplifted.

The Raphoe Tidy Towns Staff Christmas Appeal 2022 for Raphoe conference of St. Vincent de Paul is open. New toys, financial donations, gifts, dry and canned foods, soups, confectionery, biscuits etc gratefully accepted. Donations may be left in to the Volt House reception. For further information contact Martin on 0879473527.

On Saturday 31 December, we hope to have a parish walk starting at 10am in St Patrick's Church, going to St Eunan's Church, via St Mary's Church. It is hoped that it will be a very family oriented time and people can join in anywhere and leave anywhere. There will be more details as we get closer to the time.

If you can, please bring a gift for another person to Mass on Saturday 3 December and Sunday 4 December and at the offertory we will place the gifts around the altar. Please put a wee removable note if the gift is for a boy or girl. We do encourage all the children of the parish to participate in this lovely time of sharing via the St Vincent De Paul Society

The Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) is a tradition which began in Rome. Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent, the Holy Father invites children to bring the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from the family Nativity Crib to Mass for a blessing. This year in all three Churches of our Parish we will have the blessing of the Baby Jesus at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 December. So please bring the Baby Jesus from your crib or cribs at home for the blessing that day and let us try and keep the focus of Christmas on Jesus.

We hope to start on the third weekend of January, children-cantered Masses. We hope to have a child introduce the Mass, Children to proclaim the Word of God and to pray the prayers of the faithful, take up the gifts, have a post Holy Communion reflection. This should prove to be a great way of getting children involved in our Masses.

