

**Sunday 01 JANUARY 2023
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER
OF GOD SOLEMNITY**



**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
DRUMKEEN**



ST. MARY'S CONVOY



ST. EUNAN'S RAPHOE

**"JESUS
I TRUST IN
YOU"**

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Parish Newsletter

	Parish of Raphoe Mass Schedule www.watchmcnmedia.tv / www.parishofraphoe.com
Monday 02 January	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Raphoe: 9am: Mass (John McShane RIP) Raphoe: 7pm: Divine Mercy Prayer Time followed by Night Prayer Raphoe: 8pm: Holy Hour.
Tuesday 03 January	"First Friday" Calls Drumkeen Raphoe 7.30am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Raphoe: 9am: Mass Drumkeen: 10am: Mass (Sean and Annie Linton RIP) Drumkeen: Noon—9pm Adoration Raphoe: 6pm—7pm: Evening Prayer, Rosary, Chaplet and Night Prayer. All Welcome.
Wednesday 04 January	"First Friday" Calls Convoy Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer. Convoy: 9am: Mass (Thomas Slevin RIP) Raphoe: 9.30am-9pm Adoration Raphoe: 6pm—7pm Evening Prayer, Rosary, Chaplet and Night Prayer. All Welcome. Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (Chrissie Bonner RIP)
Thursday 05 January	"First Friday" Calls Raphoe 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 06 January	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Drumkeen: 2pm: Prayer; Rosary, Chaplet, all welcome Raphoe: 6pm—7pm: Evening Prayer, Rosary, Chaplet and Night Prayer. All Welcome. Convoy: 6.30pm: Mass (Sean Toner RIP) Raphoe: 7.30pm Mass
Saturday 07 January	Convoy: 4pm-4.30pm: Confessions Convoy: 6pm: Mass Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass (Margaret and Bernard Murphy RIP) Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (Joe McKelvey MMM; Tom Bonnar; Ci-aran Gildea; Jim Browne RIP)
Sunday 08 January	Convoy: 9.30am Mass: (James Donaghey RIP) Drumkeen: 9.30am: Mass Raphoe: 11am Mass (Eamon Farrelly; Paddy Harte RIP) Drumkeen: 1pm Latin Mass A Happy and Blessed New Year to you and yours.

Parish News...

- **A happy and blessed New Year to you and yours. In 2023 we are encouraged not to repeat the mistakes of 2022 and to let this moment be a new beginning for our lives.**
- **We are always looking for your ideas.**
- **Your participation is vital to the health of this parish.**

Are you willing to give it all?

Today I submit myself completely and with loving consent to Your holy will, O Lord, and to Your most wise decrees, which are always full of clemency and mercy for me, though at times I can neither understand nor fathom them. O my Master, I surrender myself completely to You, who are the rudder of my soul; steer it Yourself according to Your divine wishes. I enclose myself in Your most compassionate Heart, which is a sea of unfathomable mercy. (Diary 1450)

As we leave 2022 behind and embrace another New Year, I take this moment to say thank you. In this parish many people do a lot of work to enable things to run as smoothly as possible. Sometimes these actions are big and noticeable, sometimes they are small and almost invisible but no matter what you do, "thank you for doing it." Dusting, cleaning, mopping, vacuuming, serving as Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, counters, collectors, Sacristans, prayers, coordinators, members of committees, sending in newsletter articles, school secretaries and school communities, 'retired' priests, singers, choirs, musicians, people making suggestions, and the list could go on and on. Thank to everyone who does what needs to be done.

As we enter into 2023 we invite all of the above to go again and continue to provide the necessary work to making a parish viable. Following Jesus we seek to create a parish where everyone experiences welcome and the opportunity to develop a deep relationship with God. So now I invite everyone and anyone to get involved in moving from potential to the reality of a vibrant parish. You have gifts and talents that the parish would benefit from so I encourage you to get involved. There are no experts but only ordinary people who desire to help. I pray that the peace of Christ may be in the hearts of all our parishioners and visitors in 2023 and that it may be a year of holiness for all.

Some dates for the diary

24 Hours Adoration Drumkeen	Tuesday 18 April
24 Hours Adoration Raphoe	Wednesday 26 July
24 Hours Adoration Convoy	Thursday 9 November

The Public Prayers for our Beloved Dead will take place in the Old Graveyard, Convoy on Saturday 8 July at 3pm, and in the New Graveyard, Convoy on Saturday 8 July at 4.30pm. (Please note time changes)

The Public Prayers for our Beloved Dead will take place in the Graveyard in Raphoe on Sunday 9 July at 3pm.

The Public Prayers for our Beloved Dead will take place in the Graveyard in Drumkeen on Sunday 9 July at 5pm.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated with the second class from

Scoil Bhríde, Convoy on Saturday 22 April 2023 at 11am

St Eunan's NS Raphoe on Saturday 13 May 2023 at 11am

St Patrick's NS on Saturday, 20 May 2023 at 11am

Parish News...

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the parish will be celebrated in St Mary's Church, Convoy on Sunday 30 April 2023 at 1pm.

Outside our schools: For the Children who wish receive First Holy Communion and the Children who wish receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023 and who are not in our Catholic Schools, there will be classes to help them in their preparations. These classes of forty-five minutes will take place in St Eunan's Church, Raphoe on Tuesdays just after school time. The dates for the classes are Tuesday 10, 17, 24 and 31 January; 7, 14, 21 and 28 February; and 7, 14, 21 and 28 March.

What did the Dalmatian say after lunch? That hit the spot!
What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe.

Ash Wednesday 22 February; Easter Sunday 9 April; Corpus Christi 11 June; Pentecost 28 May

Divine Mercy Novena 7 April (Good Friday) to 16 April (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sacred heart Novena 8 June to 16 June

Novena for our Beloved Dead St Mary's Church 7.30am from Tuesday 31 October to Friday 3 November and Monday 6 to Friday 10

A family settled down for dinner at a restaurant. The waitress first took the order of the adults, then turned to the seven year old. "What will you have?" she asked.

The boy looked around the table timidly and said, "I would like to have a burger and chips"

Before the waitress could write down the order, the mother interrupted. "No hot dogs," she said, "Get him a steak with mashed potatoes and carrots."

The waitress ignored her. "Do you want ketchup or mustard on your burger" she asked the boy.

"Ketchup."

"Coming up in a minute," said the waitress as she started for the kitchen.

There was a stunned silence when she left. Finally the boy looked at everyone present and said, "Know what? She thinks I'm real!"

Source : Anthony de Mello, The Heart of the Enlightened

