

Sunday 08 JANUARY 2023
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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Parish Newsletter

	Parish of Raphoe Mass Schedule www.watchmcnmedia.tv / www.parishofraphoe.com
Monday 09 January	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Raphoe: 9am: Mass Raphoe: 7pm: Divine Mercy Prayer Time Raphoe: 8pm: Holy Hour.
Tuesday 10 January	Raphoe 7.30am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Drumkeen: 10am: Mass (Parish Benefactors) Drumkeen: Noon—9pm Adoration Raphoe: 3.15pm—4pm: First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation Class Raphoe: 6pm—7pm: Evening Prayer, Rosary, Chaplet and Night Prayer. All Welcome.
Wednesday 11 January	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer. Convoy: 9am: Mass (Parish Benefactors RIP) Raphoe: 9.30am-9pm Adoration Raphoe: 6pm—7pm Evening Prayer, Rosary, Chaplet and Night Prayer. All Welcome. Convoy (Parochial House): 8pm Parish of Raphoe Committee Meeting
Thursday 12 January	Raphoe 7.30am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Raphoe: 9am: 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 13 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 (Kathleen, Patrick and Patsy Connolly RIP) Raphoe: 7.30pm Mass (Jack McGinley RIO)
Saturday 14 January	Drumkeen: 2pm: Baptism Convoy: 3pm: Baptism Raphoe: 4pm-4.30pm: Confessions Convoy: 6pm: Mass (Mary Kane MMM RIP) Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass
Sunday 15 January	Convoy: 9.30am Mass: Raphoe: 11am Mass (Gabriel Crawford; Vera O'Kane RIP) Drumkeen: 1pm Latin Mass <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES</p> • We are always looking for your ideas. Your participation is vital to this parish. • "Positions are available for" " Altar Servers, musicians, singers <p style="text-align: right;">Jesus depends on you</p>

Parish News...

HIS HOLY WILL

March 1, 1936. Today during Holy Mass I experienced a strange force and urge to start realising God's wishes. I had such a clear understanding of the things the Lord was asking of me that truly if I were to say that I do not understand what God is demanding from me, I would be lying, because the Lord is making His will known to me so clearly and distinctly that I do not have the least shadow of a doubt about them. I realised that it would be the greatest ingratitude to delay any longer this undertaking which the Lord wishes to bring to fulfilment for His glory and the benefit of a great number of souls. And he is using me as a miserable tool through which to realise His eternal plans of mercy. Truly, how ungrateful my soul would be to resist God's will any longer. (Diary 614)

We take this opportunity to thank all who took part in the PARISH OF RAPHOE CHRISTMAS POETRY TIME. Thanks also to all who wrote poems.

Convoy Aresnal News: Congratulations to this week's 50/50 winner of €565 Siobhan Sweeney. Men's senior team are at home this Sunday against Raphoe kick off at 1pm. Everyone welcome to Orchard Park. You are invited to keep an eye on Facebook for underage training which will start soon.

We take this opportunity to thank all who took part in the Parish of Raphoe Community Walk.

With immediate effect the gates at St Mary's Church, Convoy will close each evening at 6pm. Of course, walking access to the graveyard will still be available.

On Tuesday 10 January we will have our first class 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, This class will last 45 minutes and will take place in St Eunan's Church, Raphoe at 3.15pm. The dates for the other classes are Tuesday 17, 24 and 31 January; 7, 14, 21 and 28 February; and 7, 14, 21 and 28 March.

A Prayer for the Disappeared was launched by the Wave Trauma organisation in November. There are still a number of families who are awaiting the return of the bodies of their loved ones after many decades. We are encouraged to pray for the return of the Disappeared. A prayer card is available at the entrance to the Church

I tried to sue the airport for misplacing my luggage but again I lost my case.

All boys and girls eight years old and upwards are invited to join our Convoy youth choir. We will resume our practices on Wednesday 11 January. Any queries contact Gerard on 0868812535.

Ceili Classes will resume in St. Mary's Hall Convoy on Thursday 12 January from 8.30pm to 10.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Fr Kelly will visit our "First Friday People", in the Convoy area on Wednesday 1 February, in the Raphoe area on Thursday 2 February and in the Drumkeen area on Tuesday 7 February. There are people who could easily be visited. If you would like to add someone to his visit please let him know.

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We hope to start on the third weekend of January, children-centered 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. If you have ideas on this we would like to hear from you.

St Mary's GAA Development Draw takes place on St Patrick's Day with tickets available for a top prize of 50K and 5 runner-up prizes of €1000 (online at www.stmarysgaadraw.ie) or any committee member for €50.

In order to save expense the parish has switched off the light(s) at the Bell Tower in Convoy's Old Graveyard and the light at the Grotto in Drumkeen.

Where do you find a cow with no legs? Right where you left it.

Baptism is celebrated on any day, at times arranged by the family and the priest. To make arrangements call into the sacristy, the parochial house or phone Fr Kelly on 0879077985

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

Convoy St Vincent de Paul has set up a new on-line donation facility. For those wishing to make a donation they may use the following link: <https://www.svp.ie/fundraiser/st-francis-convoy-appeal/>

The Pope's intentions for January is "For educators".

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

I do not think that my Mother was ashamed of me but she used to go to the Parent/Teacher meetings under an assumed name.

