

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2023
THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT



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

	Parish of Raphoe Mass Schedule www.watchmcnmedia.tv / www.parishofraphoe.com
Monday 27 February	Raphoe 7.30am: Mass Raphoe: 8am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Raphoe: 9am: Mass Convoy 2pm: Rosary Raphoe: 7pm: Divine Mercy Prayer Time Raphoe: 8pm: Holy Hour.
Tuesday 28 February	Raphoe 7.30am: Mass Raphoe: 8am: 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: Evening Prayer and Night Prayer.
Wednesday 1 March	First Friday Calls Convoy Raphoe 7.30am: Mass Raphoe: 8am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Convoy: 9am: Mass Raphoe: 9.30am-9pm Adoration Raphoe: 6pm: Evening Prayer and Night Prayer. Convoy (Parochial House): 8pm: Parish of Raphoe Committee Meeting
Thursday 2 March	First Friday Calls Raphoe Raphoe 7.30am: Mass Raphoe: 8am: Morning Prayer. All Welcome. Raphoe: 9am: Mass Drumkeen: 10am: Mass Convoy: Noon—6pm Adoration Raphoe: 6pm: Evening Prayer and Night Prayer. Convoy (Parochial House): 8pm: Legion of Mary
Friday 3 March	Raphoe 7.30am: Mass Raphoe: 8am: Morning Prayer. Convoy: 9am: Mass Drumkeen: 2pm: Prayer; Rosary, Chaplet, all welcome Raphoe: 6pm: Evening Prayer and Night Prayer. Raphoe: 7.30pm Mass (Owen McGinley RIP)
Saturday 4 March	Drumkeen: 12.30pm: Baptism Convoy: 4.30pm : Confessions Convoy: 6pm: Mass (Paddy McConalogue, Eddie and Margaret McBride RIP) Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (Deckie Wells and Patrick Wells RIP) After Mass Confessions Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass (Bob, Maggie and Eunan Porter, Margaret Kelly RIP) After Mass Confessions
Sunday 5 March	Drumkeen: 9.30: Mass Convoy: 9.30am: Mass (Dymphna Woodforth, Vincent Kelly RIP) Raphoe: 11am Mass Drumkeen: 1pm Latin Mass PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES IN SCHEDULE.

Parish News...

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.

OFFERING

Jesus said to me, I desire that you make an offering of yourself for sinners and especially for those souls who have lost hope in God's mercy. (Diary 308)

SMA DROMANTINE, NEWRY

Lenten Reflection Day: Kindfulness.- a gifted way of living life. An opportunity for time aside to reflect on the Season of Lent and to open our minds and hearts afresh to celebrate Holy Week and Easter on Saturday 4 March 9.30am – 5.00pm. Led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA

Dance of Life Retreat: In this retreat the opportunity to dance may bring a renewed awareness in your sense of self, connection with others and connection with God on Friday 17 March (5pm) – Sunday 19 (2pm) Led by Sr. Mary Taylor and Fr. Damian Bresnahan. Tel:02830821964, email: admin@dromantineconference.com

Rally for Life Belfast 2023 takes place on 11 March 2023 at the Custom House Square, Belfast 2pm, It would be great to see the people of Donegal continue to stand up for life. For information on sponsored buses leaving your area please ring your local contacts to book your seat. Dungloe: Jim – 087 2606595 & Mary – 086 3871489 , Letterkenny: Margaret – 083 4052841; Michael - 087 2922499; Ballybofey: Teresa – 086 2647235;

My boss asked me who is the stupid one, me or him? I told him everyone knows he does not and would not hire stupid people.

Lough Derg are recruiting a range of roles for extra staff during their Pilgrimage and Retreat Season in 2023. The Application Pack is available on www.loughderg.org/jobs or please email: hr@loughderg.org - Phone: +353 (0) 7198 61518. Closing Date Friday 3 March.

Raphoe Tidy Towns News: With Spring in the air now is a good time to tidy up your gardens and properties. Raphoe will be entered in the National Tidy Towns Competition this year again and your help will be very much appreciated. The Tidy Towns have a number of staff who outside their normal work hours are available to carry out duties privately at keen rates such as painting, gardening, plastering, power washing, general tidy ups. If you wish to receive further details contact the tidy towns office on 074 9145692 or 0879473527. Thank you.

Part Time Job Vacancies: The Tidy Towns CE Project have application forms for the following posts which may arise in the future. General Town Workers, Domestic Cleaners/Caretakers, Tourism Assistant and Secretarial/Administration. Please contact the Tidy Towns Office on 9145692 or email martin@raphoetidy.com

Raphoe Tidy Towns Local History: Have you any old photographs of the town, local people, weddings, farming, sport, community events, or any indeed any subject relating to Raphoe and District. The Tidy Towns local History would love to hear from you; just call in to the Volt House, Tuesday to Friday from 9.30 to 3.30 and ask for Hilary. Your originals will be copied/scanned and returned to you. All photographs will be indexed and recorded as part of the town's history for future generations. Further information from Martin or Bernadette on 074 9145692.

Parish News...

Convoy Aresnal News: Congratulations to this week's 50/50 winner Barry Moore of €600. The Men's Senior team played Milford United on Sunday and lost 2-1. The Men's Seniors have no game this weekend. Their next game is away to Letterbarrow Celtic on Sunday 5 March.

As part of my psychology course, I asked my wife to embrace her mistakes. She gave me a hug.

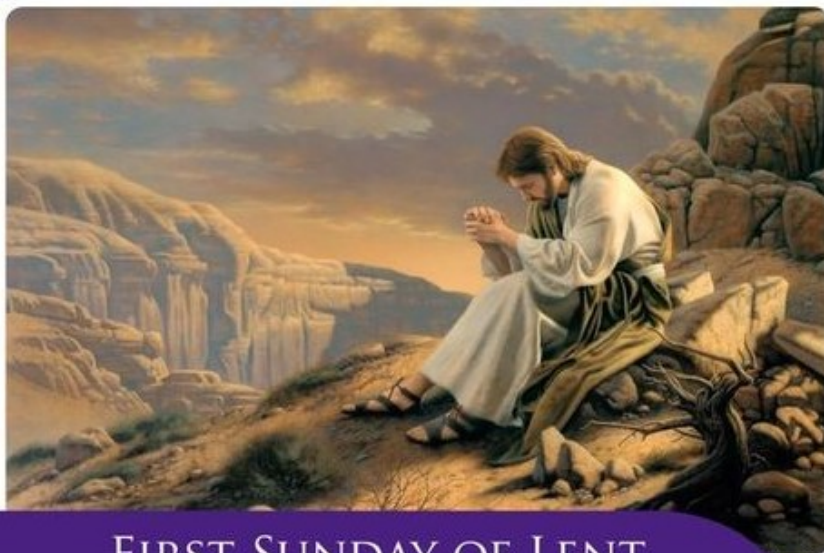
On Sunday 14 May 2023, it is hoped to have Eddie Stones with us in St Patrick's Church, Drumkeen for an afternoon of prayer for healing.

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

On Tuesday 28 February the class will take place 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, (St Eunan's Church, 3.15pm).

ACCORD would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in becoming an Accord Marriage Preparation facilitator. Contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie for information on recruitment and training.

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 will depart from The City of Derry Airport on Tuesday 23 May 2023 for five nights. The Pilgrimage will be led by Most Reverend Bishop Alan Mc Guckian, with Pilgrimage Director, Fr Stephen Gorman. The cost of the Pilgrimage is €879, fully inclusive. To book please contact Joe Walsh Tours DIRECTLY on 01 2410800.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



he Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.