

SUNDAY 23 JULY  
SIXTEENTH 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 of Raphoe Mass Schedule <a href="http://www.watchmcnmedia.tv">www.watchmcnmedia.tv</a> / <a href="http://www.parishofraphoe.com">www.parishofraphoe.com</a>	
Monday 24 July	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer, all welcome Raphoe: 9am: Mass (Kathleen Power RIP) Convoy: 2pm: Rosary Raphoe: 7pm: Divine Mercy Prayer Time Raphoe: 8pm: Holy Hour	
Tuesday 25 July	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer, all welcome Raphoe: 9am: Mass Drumkeen: 10am: Mass (Michael Gallagher RIP) Drumkeen: Noon—9pm: Adoration	
Wednesday 26 July	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer, all welcome Convoy: 9am: Mass Raphoe: 9.30am— 9pm: Adoration	
Thursday 27 July	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer, all welcome Raphoe: 9.00am: Mass Drumkeen: 10am: Mass Convoy: Noon-6pm: Adoration Raphoe: 6pm: Wedding Practice Convoy: 8pm Parochial House Legion of Mary	
Friday 28 July	Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer, all welcome Convoy: 9am: Mass Drumkeen: 2pm: Prayer in Reparation Raphoe: 7.30pm : Mass	
Saturday 29 July	Convoy: 9.30am –10.30 Divine Mercy Devotions Convoy: Confessions: 10.30-11am Raphoe: 1.30pm: Wedding Convoy: 6pm: Mass Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (John Deery, Margaret Deery, Patrick Bonnar RIP) After Mass: Confessions Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass (Mrs Kenny, Patrick and Elizabeth McMonagle RIP) After Mass: Confessions	
Sunday 30 July	Convoy: 9.30am: Mass Drumkeen: 9.30am: Mass Raphoe: 11am: Mass (Brendan Ryan RIP) Drumkeen: 1pm: Latin Mass Drumkeen: 3pm: Baptisms	

# Parish News...

## HOW MUCH IS IT?

The cost to have a Church wedding in the parish of Raphoe is zero. The cost to have a Catholic Funeral in the parish of Raphoe is zero. The cost to have a person Baptised in the parish of Raphoe is zero. There is no cost to having any of the other Sacraments either. There is no charge or cost to having the priest call to a house on the 'First Friday' calls or at any time.

So when we are having the argument, let us be honest and sincere about it. It is not fair to throw out the Sacramental life because of what people who do not know say or shout. Jesus said to his disciples 'you received without charge, give without charge'.

There is no obligation on anyone to leave or give a donation to the priest or to the Church for the Sacraments. Sometimes it is argued that the Sacraments are withheld from us, or from family members or from friends because of the expenses involved.

On Wednesday 23 August in St Eunan's Church, Raphoe we hope to have 24 hours of Adoration. There will be more information about this in the coming weeks.

The next Eucharistic Healing Service in All Saints Church, Newtowncunningham will be held on Thursday 27 July at 7pm. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28-30.

Catholic Marriage Encounter is a Weekend experience for any Sacramentally married couple. Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and reconnect privately. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 3 to Sunday 5 November 2023 at The Cork International Hotel, Cork. To book your place visit: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) Tel. 087- 2162436

Last week, my dog ate all the Scrabble tiles; ever since he keeps leaving little messages around the house.

The next Mary's Meals online quiz takes place on Friday 28 July at 8pm. To join in: 1) go to MyQuiz.org and 2) enter the code for this month which is 858387. Please feel free to share this access number with anyone. To donate go to [www.bit.ly/QuizforMM](http://www.bit.ly/QuizforMM) or contact Martin on 087 2596159

LIGHT THE FIRE in the Spirit of World Youth Day on Sunday 6 August at the Hill of Slane, Co. Meath. Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass at 2 pm. Also in attendance will be Sr. Briege McKenna, Dana and Fr. Pablo Escriva de Romani. Schedule: 12.15 pm - Praise & Worship; 1.15 pm Rosary; 2 pm Mass followed by Talks and Eucharistic Healing Service. To book a seat on the bus leaving from Letterkenny, please text Margaret on 083-4052841 or Mary T. on 087-6707002.

There will be a Scriptural and silent retreat under the theme of "You are the light of the world!" at the Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny from Friday 4 August (6pm) to Sunday 6 August (2pm). The retreat will be guided by the Sisters in an atmosphere of silence. Bookings are necessary. The cost is €149 all [inclusive.to](http://inclusive.to) book contact the Divine Mercy Centre at 074 916 9934 or [dvmletterkenny@gmail.com](mailto:dvmletterkenny@gmail.com).

## Parish News...

World Day against Trafficking in Persons is 30 July under the theme 'Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind'. The aim is to raise awareness of the situation of women, men and children who have fallen victim to human trafficking and to promote their rights. At any given time, it is estimated that about 2.5 million people are affected by human trafficking. It is violation of human rights. What can I do? Keep yourself informed about this problem, be aware that it is present in Ireland, talk about it amongst your friends, family and in your workplace and do what you can to raise awareness of this. Read more info at [www.aptireland.org](http://www.aptireland.org)

The outside toilet at St Mary's Church Convoy will be closed from now on except at times of Funerals and wedding due to malicious damage being caused to it.

There will be a get-together for all walkers, collectors, drivers and helpers for the Mary's Meals Step by Step to Feed the Next Child walk. The get-together will take place in the Divine Mercy Centre (behind St Eunan's Cathedral), Letterkenny on Sunday 23 July at 7pm and everybody is welcome.

ST MARYS GAA : This week's winner of €215 in the weekly 50/50 was Maryanne Gallagher. Tickets are €2 or 3 for €5 and can be bought through PayPal, Revolut, local sellers and in Shops in the Parish.

My friend asked me to help him round up his thirty-seven sheep. I said "forty".

The RAPHOE DIOCESAN SOCIETY: We are encouraged to have our deceased relatives enrolled in the Society and we are encouraged to become living members. Any person wishing to become a member of the R.D.S. may apply to any of the Diocesan Clergy. (Membership fee is €15) An annual Diocesan Mass will be offered for the Raphoe Diocesan Society. Four Masses shall be offered in each parish every year, two for the Living and two for the Deceased Members and Benefactors of the Society.

Recently added to the RAPHOE DIOCESAN SOCIETY from Raphoe Parish were Seamus McConnellogue, Stranorlar, Jim McGranaghan, Raphoe and Lorraine McMahon, Raphoe.

Last week it is reported that €4 million worth of drugs washed up on the Donegal shoreline. For many of us it is hard to imagine where the demand for all the drugs come from but reality shows clearly that there is a solid, strong demand. It seems to make thinking beings wonder why do so many people want to escape from reality and why are so many unhappy with their situation in life. Maybe this is a warning to us all that we need to be there for one another, look out for each other and to deal with our problems and difficulties in a better way than escaping from reality for a wee while. Maybe this is a call to let God into the heart and to live life in peace.



## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.....  
The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field.....  
The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.....