



St. Eunan's Church,
Raphoe



St. Patrick's Church,
Drumkeen



St. Mary's Church,
Convooy

NEWSLETTER RAPHOE PARISH

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Sunday 07 January 2024

Monday

Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer
Raphoe: Noon: Funeral (Rose McCabe RIP)
Convooy: 2pm: Rosary
Raphoe: 7pm: Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Raphoe: 8pm: Holy Hour

Tuesday

Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer
Raphoe: 9am: Mass
Drumkeen: 10am: Mass (Parish Benefactors)
Drumkeen: Noon—9pm: Adoration
Raphoe: 3.15pm—4pm: First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation Class resumes
Raphoe 6pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday Convooy First Friday Calls

Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer
Convooy: 9am: Mass (Parish Benefactors)
Raphoe: Adoration 9.30am – 9pm

Thursday Raphoe First Friday Calls

Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer
Raphoe: 9am: Mass (Parish Benefactors)
Drumkeen: 10am: Mass
Convooy: Noon-6pm: Adoration
Raphoe 6pm: Evening Prayer
Convooy Parochial House: 8pm: Legion of Mary

Friday

Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer
Convooy: 9am: Mass (Parish Benefactors)
Drumkeen: 2pm: Prayer in Reparation
Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass

Saturday:

Convooy: 9.30am –10.30am: Divine Mercy Prayers; Stations of the Cross; Morning Prayer. All welcome.
Convooy: 10.30pm: Confessions
Convooy: 6pm: Mass
Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (Helen McDaid MMM; Tom Bonar, Mary, William and Timothy McGee; Pat Browne RIP)
Drumkeen: After Mass: Confessions
Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass
Raphoe: After Mass: Confessions

Sunday

Convooy: 9.30am: Mass (Kathleen, Patrick and Patsy Connolly RIP)
Drumkeen: 9.30am: Mass
Raphoe: 11am: Mass (Jack McGinley; Vera O'Kane RIP)
Raphoe: Noon: Baptism
Drumkeen: 1pm Latin Mass

When the man criticised the woman for her mistakes reading at Mass, she cried. When he went home, he cried for he was afraid to offer to read in Church.

The Legion of Mary are organising a Pilgrimage Statue to go around the homes of the parish. Soon you will be encouraged to have the pilgrimage statue in your home for a few days. It will be a good opportunity to pray as a family and possibility to pray with neighbours. There will be more details over the next while.

My mother-in-law was angry with me and proclaimed that when I die she will gladly dance on my grave and I said "good, for I am going to be buried at sea."

The Legion of Mary meet every Thursday at 8pm and you are very welcome to come along to see how it all works and how we can participate in the call of Jesus to proclaim the Good new to all people

A Mexican called Carlos lost his car. If he finds it, this joke will be useless.

If you leave the work of the Church to others, the Church and you both lose out

Please note dates: The priest will visit our “First Friday People” in the Convoy Area on Wednesday 10 January and in the Raphoe area on Thursday 11 January.

As we will be taking away the “CRIB EXHIBITION”, we thank all who made it possible and all who visited.

Your financial support of the parish is deeply appreciated. We take this opportunity to thank everybody who contributes to the parish. We are encouraging everyone to set up a standing order to your local church. In today’s world it would be very beneficial if all would set up a standing order rather than the envelope system. It would also save time and money on envelopes, printing, counting, etc. If you would like to do this you can use one of the forms found in your church porch. Alternatively you can take the details provided below to your bank and they will set up the standing order.

St Eunan's Church, Raphoe, IBAN – IE38AIBK93736309085006

St Mary's Church, Convoy, IBAN – IE57AIBK93736322268225

St Patrick's Church, Drumkeen, IBAN – IE02AIBK93736304987016

TAX BACK SCHEME FOR ELIGIBLE CHARITIES

We thank you for your continuing support of the Parish through your weekly, fortnightly, monthly or yearly contribution. The tax back scheme for eligible charities is a tax refund in respect of tax which you have already paid and will remain with Revenue if not claimed by a charity on your behalf. By completing the necessary CHY Certificate, the Parish of Raphoe as an eligible charity can claim this tax.

To qualify for this scheme, you must be a SELF-ASSESSED or a PAYE taxpayer and have donated €250 or more to the Parish in a year. Over the next two weeks or so you may get a CHY form in the post from Fr Kelly. It would be great if you would fill in your PPS number and sign it.

This form has no bearing on your tax. It only allows the parish to claim the tax you have already paid on your donation(s). your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. There will be no correspondence between the Parish and Revenue about you or your tax.

Anam Cara Donegal, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday 11 January at 7:15pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. They also offer an online service. For more information call 01 4045378

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to an older person for one hour per week? ALONE are seeking volunteers. Full training and support provided. If interested, please sign up on <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, contact Helena on Helena.madden@alone.ie or on 086 0145829.

Jesus says “come, follow me.” you are invited to consider a vocation to the priesthood or to the religious life and to take up the challenge to be totally challenged.

Raphoe Community Playgroup have their 2024-2025 enrolment on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 January (6-8pm). Enrolment forms will be available from the playschool from Monday 8 January (9am-5pm daily).

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2024 will take place 18 - 25 July. For further details, please phone Mena on 0749121748 or 0861655513 or Eileen on 0831175135.

The Donegal N.E. Group PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2024 will take place on 25 September for seven nights. Flight from Knock to Mostar. Vouchers are available. Phone Michael on 087-2922499 for details.

A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place starting 11 September 2024 for 7 days. Phone Mairead on: 0877698195 or 0863721962 for more details.

As we cancelled the parish walk due to inclement weather, the rescheduled date is Saturday 24 February, starting at St Patrick's Church, Drumkeen at 10am. We thank those who participated the Poetry Carol Time.

Over the last five or six years there has been a big change in attendance at religious services. This has among other things, resulted in a reduction in the number of people proclaiming the Word of God, people helping to distribute Holy Communion and people participating in church choirs. Hopefully this trend will reverse. But we will have to wait and see if that happens. If you would like to have a particular role in the life of the parish you are invited to volunteer. It really is as easy as that. Volunteer and then an explanation of your role will be given as well as any necessary training. The parish does not belong to any individual; we are all Baptised and called to participate in the evangelisation of the people of God. As Christ sent out seventy-two, you are invited to volunteer to be an active member of the seventy-two.