



St. Eunan's Church,



St. Patrick's Church,



St. Mary's Church,
Convoy

RAPHOE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday

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Monday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Raphoe: 9am: Mass (Katie McGinley RIP)

Convoy: 2pm: Rosary

Raphoe: 7pm: Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Raphoe: 8pm: Holy Hour

Tuesday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Raphoe: No Mass

Drumkeen: 10am Mass

Drumkeen: Tuesday Noon: 24 Hours of Adoration in thanksgiving for the gift of everlasting life

Raphoe: 7.30pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Convoy: 9am Mass (Eilish Walsh RIP)

Drumkeen: Wednesday Noon: 24 Hours of Adoration in thanksgiving for the gift of everlasting life Ends

Raphoe: 9am – 9pm Adoration

Thursday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Raphoe: 9am: Mass

Drumkeen: No Mass

Convoy: Noon—6pm: Adoration

Drumkeen: 6.30pm: First Confession

Raphoe: 7.30pm: Evening Prayer

Convoy: Parochial House: 8pm: Legion of Mary

Friday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Convoy: 9am Mass

Convoy: 1pm: Wedding

Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass (Bridie Clarke, Pat Kelly RIP)

Saturday

Convoy: 9.30am: Divine Mercy Prayers

Convoy: 6pm: Mass (Michael and Susanna Slevin, Cassie and Mary Maggie McCool, Maurice Gallagher, Patrick and Kathleen McVeigh, Lena Lynch, John Bonner RIP)

Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (Hugh Sweeney, Charlie Tinney, Mary Bonner, Maisie Quinn, Mary Kelly, Nora, Johnny and Peter McMenamin, Rosemary Browne RIP)

Drumkeen: after Mass: Confessions

Raphoe: No Mass

Sunday

Convoy: 9.30am: Mass

Drumkeen: No Mass

Raphoe: 11am: Mass

Drumkeen: 1pm Latin Mass

Please note changes in schedule

WARNING OR CONSOLATION (1)

When Jesus walked the earth and proclaimed the Good News it was accepted by many and rejected by others. At his death some applauded and others cried at the unfairness of such actions. But every person was free to make the decision to accept or reject the teaching of Jesus.

Down through the years the same decision—to accept or to reject—has applied to everyone who has heard of Jesus and his teaching of new life and new beginnings. When we read history we see how individuals, groups and even countries rejected or accepted the teaching of Jesus we see far-ranging consequences. Likewise in our lives and lifetime.

It is no good pretending we are followers of Jesus if we are not. When I decide to follow Jesus it will have an effect on every aspect of my life—my work, my private life, my public life. People will be influenced for good if I truly follow the teaching of Jesus. Likewise if I decide not to follow Jesus and his teaching there will be consequences. We cannot expect children to have any faith if they are not given example. Every day and every moment is decision time. As Jesus said himself 'if you do not gather, you scatter.

A day retreat for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharistic will take place at Ards Friary, Saturday 18th May. Led by Philip McParland. This day will begin at 10.30am and finish at 4.00pm. It will include some input, silent time, social time and a full lunch. To book, contact Ards Friary. Tel: 074 91 38909. Email: info@ardsfriary.ie

Reflection Day at SMA Dromantine will take place on Saturday 4th May 9.30am – 5.00pm. Forgiveness; the journey from hurt to healing, freedom, peace and happiness. Led by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA. Cost (incl. lunch) £38/€43 Tel 02830821964 email: admin@dromantineconference.com

Income: Raphoe collection €1465; candles €160; Drumkeen collection €1005; candles €75; Convoy collection €1025; candles €100. We gratefully acknowledge two x €50 donations towards the flowers for Easter at St Eunan's Church.

Women often call me ugly – until they find out how much money I make. Then they call me ugly and poor

Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May will take place on Sun5th, Mon6th, Sun12th, Tue14th, Sat18th, Sat25th and Mon27th. More details can be found at www.loughderg.ie. These guided days of prayer and reflection are €45 per person. Booking essential. The Lough Derg traditional **Three Day Pilgrimage** begins on Friday May 31st and continues until August 15th.

The first National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

The Remembrance Service for all those who have suffered the loss of their much wanted babies through Miscarriage, Still Birth, Neo-Natal death or the death of their deeply loved children will take place on SUNDAY 28 April in Conwall Parish Church, Letterkenny, at 4pm.

The Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother are organising a day of arts and crafts, games, learning about our faith, and a whole lot of fun for Primary School Girls ages 8-12 on Sunday April 21, (11am to 4pm) at the Parochial House, Crossroads, Killygordon, Co. Donegal F93 PN0X. No cost, donations accepted to help cover costs of materials. Reserve your spot by sending an email to: derryshm@homeofthemothert.com

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday, June 1 in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30am in St John's Centre. Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the Rosary talk at 1pm. There will be Stations of the Cross, Rosary Procession and Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

The 'Synodality Explored: Facing the Future Together' Conference will take place on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 April 2024 at St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine.

The new signs showing the graveyard layout and position of graves have been erected in the three graveyards. (The sign in the new graveyard in Convoy will be put up later.) It is quite possible that these will have some mistakes in them. Please check that your family plot is marked correctly; that the names are correct on the signs. If there are mistakes please write in easy-to-read writing the plot number according to the sign, the mistake (incorrect spelling, name missing or whatever) and hand it in.

Presently the Legion of Mary meet in the Parochial House, Convoy on Thursdays at 8pm. New people are always welcome and also people who were members previously in this parish or elsewhere. As we progress we hope to re-establish the Legion also in Drumkeen and Raphoe. Please come along and help us expand into the living force that the Legion is called to be.

As we, as practicing Catholics, reduce in numbers we will be forced to make decisions. Do we continue as we are until we fade away? Do we bury our heads in the sand and pretend that things are fine? Do we reach out to Catholics who used to practice the faith or do we not? Which Church should we close first? When would be the proper time to examine our Church closure? Do we decided not to be so negative, bring our talents and gifts to Church and enliven the community again? It is a truly exciting time to be alive. When we speak to our older people they can really tell us what matters and what does not—few of them prioritise land, money, prestige and many speak about family, community, fun and togetherness.