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Convoy

RAPHOE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 5 May 2024

Monday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Raphoe: 9am Mass

Convoy: 2pm: Rosary

Raphoe: 7pm: Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Raphoe: 8pm: Holy Hour

Raphoe: 7.30pm: Evening Prayer

Convoy: Parochial House: 8pm: Legion of Mary

Friday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Convoy: 9am Mass

Raphoe: 7.30pm Mass (MMM Una Carlin Bowden and her daughters Ciara and Saoirse Bowden RIP)

Tuesday FIRST FRIDAY CALLS DRUMKEEN

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Raphoe: 9am Mass

Drumkeen: 10.30am Mass (please note)

Drumkeen: Adoration: Noon– 9pm

Raphoe: 7.30pm: Evening Prayer

Saturday

Convoy: 9.30am: Divine Mercy Prayers

Raphoe: 11am: First Holy Communion

Convoy: 1pm: Baptism

Convoy: 6pm: Mass (John Hamilton RIP)

Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (Katie McGee, William and Bridget McKelvey RIP)

Wednesday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Convoy: 9am Mass

Raphoe: 9.30am – 9pm Adoration

Convoy: 8pm Parish of Raphoe Committee

Drumkeen: after Mass: Confessions

Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass

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Thursday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Raphoe: 9am Mass

Drumkeen: 10am: Mass (Annie Gallagher RIP)

Convoy: Noon—6pm: Adoration

Sunday

Convoy: 9.30am: Mass

Drumkeen: 9.30am Mass

Raphoe: 11am: Mass (Joe and Sadie Gormley RIP)

Drumkeen: 1pm Latin Mass

Drumkeen: 7pm Devotions at St Bridget's Holy Well

WARNING OR CONSOLATION (4)

In the parables that Jesus told, there is only one character given a name, Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). The rich man had his faults but he also had his good points. In the end of the story he wanted to save his brothers from the torment that he was now experiencing.

The answer that Father Abraham gives to him is stark for us all. In your lifetime you got the opportunities to make good decisions or bad ones. In your lifetime you had the chance to help the poor or to pretend that they did not exist or have any relevance or did not matter at all. Now, in their time on earth, the brothers must make their own decisions—help the poor or leave them in their misery.

Likewise in our times we have to make decisions, many decisions every day. Many other people will have their lives enhanced by a good decision that we make or if it is a bad decision they will have their lives damaged more. Today many people will argue that there is no hell or that hell only exists on this earth. This is not the teaching of Jesus according to this extract of scripture. Jesus is very strong in this teaching for he says that “they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.” The warning that Jesus gives continues to have great meaning for our lives .

A Eucharistic Healing Service will take place in All Saints Church, Newtowncunningham on Monday 6th May at 7pm. 'I am the Lord who heals you' Ex 15:26. All welcome

There will be a rosary at the Grotto at Drumkeen on 11 May at 4pm.

The Rosary will be prayed during the Monday evenings of May at 7:30pm in Letterkenny Town Park.

Income: Raphoe collection €1340; candles €180; Drumkeen collection €890; candles €115; Convoy collection €660; candles €135.

The other day I received a card full of rice. It was from Uncle Ben.

The next Diocesan Choir Practice for the Ordination of Deacon Anthony Hartnett will take place in the Cathedral on Tuesday 7 May at 7.45pm.

A short afternoon retreat will take place in the Divine Mercy Centre on Saturday, 11 May (2pm—5.30pm). The Sisters of Merciful Jesus invite you for the time of encountering the Risen Lord. The theme: "Let us atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world". All are welcome. Please note: it is necessary to book for all retreats. To do so, or for more information please call: 074 916 9934 or email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com

A day retreat for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers at Ards Friary will take place on Saturday 18 May and will be led by Philip McParland (10.30am—4pm). It will include some input, silent time, social time and a full lunch. To book, contact Ards. Tel: 074 91 38909. Email: info@ardsfriary.ie

The next monthly gathering for the "YOUNG AT HEART" will be held in St Patrick's Hall, Drumkeen on Tuesday 7 May (11am-12.30pm). Music by Johnny Haughey, refreshments, chat, laugh and renew friendships. All welcome. the last one was a great success – now let us build on it.

"I needed a password eight characters long, so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarves."

ST MARY'S GAA: Congratulations to Manus Gallagher who was this week's winner of €220 in the 50/50 Draw. Bookings for Cúl Camp 2024 are now live on the <https://kelloggsculcamps.ie>. The camp starts 8 July. Anyone needing Safeguarding 1 course please contact Brendan (087 772 7038) as there is a course available online on 15 May. If anyone has membership due or still needs to submit payment please contact Catherine on 0861076339; if you'd like to sponsor a match ball, the cost is €50—please contact Chairman Oliver or PRO Mairead Training continues for all teams check fb for schedule and games or your groups.

We all should take home the used wreaths from the graveyards and not dispose of them 'over the wall'. This is not a major problem but it would be better to stop it altogether.

Home of the Mother- Regional Encounter (Donegal): On Saturday, 18 May, 2024 (11am-6pm) at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parochial House, Old Parish Hall - Crossroads, Killygordon F93PN0X For those of you who have never been to a family day with the Home of the Mother, you are most welcome! During the day there will be activities for adults, teens and children and a crèche available for little ones. There will be Mass, lunch, rosary, faith formation/ teens and children's' groups and tea. For lunch we will all bring our own packed lunch. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask! Please contact us to register. All are welcome! Email: hmactivitiesireland@gmail.com

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.

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