



St. Eunan's Church,  
Raphoe



St. Patrick's Church,  
Drumkeen



St. Mary's Church,  
Convoy

## RAPHOE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### Monday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Raphoe: 9am Mass

Convoy: 2pm: Rosary

Raphoe: 7pm: Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Raphoe: 8pm: Holy Hour

### Tuesday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Raphoe: 9am Mass (Annie McGinley RIP)

Drumkeen: 10am Mass

Drumkeen: Adoration: Noon– 9pm

Raphoe: 7.30pm: Evening Prayer

### Wednesday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Convoy: 9am Mass

Raphoe: 9.30am – 9pm Adoration

### Thursday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Drumkeen: 10am: Mass

Convoy: Noon—6pm: Adoration

Raphoe: 7.30pm Mass (Mary O'Flanagan RIP)

Raphoe: after Mass: Evening Prayer

Convoy: Parochial House: 8pm: Legion of Mary

### Friday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Convoy: No Mass (please note)

Raphoe: 7.30pm Mass (Thomas Kelly; Anne Mulrine RIP)

### Saturday

Convoy: 9.30am: Divine Mercy Prayers

Drumkeen: 1pm: Baptism

Raphoe: 2pm– 5pm: Afternoon Tea at Patricia's in St Eunan's Terrace for Mary's Meals

Convoy: 6pm: Mass (Kathleen Margey McBride MMM; Annie Rooney; Winifred Harkin; RIP)

Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (Vonnie Leyden MMM; James McGee, Bridget Bonner; Mary Boyle RIP)

Drumkeen: after Mass: Confessions

Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass

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### Sunday

Convoy: 9.30am: Mass

Drumkeen: 9.30am Mass

Raphoe: 11am: Mass (Kevin Toner RIP)

## WARNING OR CONSOLATION (5)

Nowadays, even some Catholics misuse the holy name of Jesus! Like there is some sort of an excuse for the atheist or the non-believer. But there are no excuses for anyone who claims to be a Christian. There is only One by whom we shall pass from life on earth to eternal life and it is time to stop the misuse of his name.

In Mark's gospel, John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

It is time to make up the mind. I am a believer in Jesus or I am not. Children repeat what they know adults do. As we put the name of Jesus into the gutter we tell the world boldly that I do not care about Jesus or his mission. As we continually slam the name of our Saviour into every sentence we proudly proclaim that he does not matter.

But he does matter. We can start to improve the situation by deciding the language we will use and by declaring by our language that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Income: Raphoe collection €925; candles €125; Drumkeen collection €520; candles €80; Convoy collection €1000; candles €40.

### CHILD SAFEGUARDING

The pain and suffering of child abuse continues to live amongst the people of our diocese. It is not something that belongs in the past but a hurt that survivors and those close to them carry in their hearts everyday of their lives.

To report a concern or complaint of child abuse, either current or historical, please contact the Designated Liaison Person, Margaret Northage, tel: 086 2183011.

You can also go directly to the authorities (Garda National Protective Services Bureau – 01 6663430/6663435) Tusla (Child & Family Agency) – 074 9102233

Towards Healing provides free counselling and support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland.

Freephone - RoI: 1800 303416 Freephone - N. Ireland and UK: 0800 0963315

Freephone - Hearing Impaired: 085 8022859

Patricia Porter is hosting an afternoon of tea in aid of Mary's Meals in her home in St Eunan's Terrace on Saturday 18 May from 2pm till 5pm. All are welcome.

### LAST CALL – END OF MAY

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. The last time that we tried this exercise there were bits and pieces of corrections that could not be understood so these corrections will have to be done again. The new signs will be a great addition to the graveyards. When the corrections have been made, new signs will be erected as a permanent feature. These new signs will then be updated every three years.

Lough Derg has announced that the 2024 Three Day Pilgrimage will commence on Friday 31 May and continue until Thursday 15 August.

Everyone is welcome to put Memorial Cards on the new Memorial Card Board in St Mary's Church.

I did not know that my dad was a construction site thief, but when I got home all the signs were there.

Fr Kelly will visit our "First Friday People" in the Drumkeen area on Tuesday 4 June, in the Convoy Area on Wednesday 5 June and in the Raphoe area on Thursday 6 June. If you have a friend or relation who would like a visit, please let us know.

If you see something that can be improved in the life and working of the parish then make the improvement or at least tell someone of it. The parish depends on volunteers and at the moment we need more.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of €75.28 to help cover heating and light in St Eunan's Church, Raphoe.

I once read a book about glue. I could not put it down.

Please read the notice boards now and again. The dates for many of the upcoming events are there.

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday, 1 June in Knock.

Safeguarding: The Parish of Raphoe is committed to the protection of all children, young people and vulnerable adults in our parish. The Parish of Raphoe recognises and upholds the dignity and rights of all children, is committed to ensuring their safety and well-being, and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. The Parish recognises each child as a gift from God, and values and encourages the participation of all children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. All