



St. Eunan's Church,  
Raphoe



St. Patrick's Church,  
Drumkeen



St. Mary's Church,  
Convoy

## RAPHOE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 19 May 2024

### 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

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

Raphoe: 9am Mass

Drumkeen: 10am: Mass

Convoy: Noon—6pm: Adoration

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

### Saturday

Convoy: 9.30am: Divine Mercy Prayers

Raphoe: 1pm: Baptism

Drumkeen: 2pm: Baptism

Convoy: 6pm: Mass (Vera and Columba McHugh;  
Roseann and James Martin; John and Katie  
McConalogue RIP)

Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (Pat and Mary Ellen McGee;  
Willie McGlynn; Neil, Bridie and Columba Bonner;  
Bridie McGowan RIP)

Drumkeen: after Mass: Confessions

Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass (Mary Bogle MMM RIP)

Raphoe: after Mass: Confessions

### Sunday

Convoy: 9.30am: Mass

Drumkeen: 9.30am Mass

Raphoe: 11am: Mass

Drumkeen: 1pm Latin Mass

Raphoe: 7pm: Devotions at Holy Well Aughnakeeragh

## WARNING OR CONSOLATION (6)

In the gospel of Luke (4:1-3) it is written: "Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf'. But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone!'"

It is important that we examine our priorities in life. Many people claim that they are not overzealous for money or possessions. Claiming is not enough. It needs to be a reality in life. In Ireland today we live in the top ten percent of humanity's wealth.

All need a certain amount of resources. It is good to examine now and again how much do we stockpile; the figures we have in store for a rainy day; the 'just-in-case' stash that many few or none know about.

The words of Jesus are important. They were spoken for a purpose – to help us stay focused on the importance of living in a wholesome way in this life so that we will be prepared for the eternal life to come. Thankfully we still have an opportunity to reappraise our living.

Income: Raphoe collection €910; candles €160; Drumkeen collection €645; candles €75; Convoy collection €865; candles €200.

A bus will be going to the House of Prayer in Clonfert for a Day of Prayer and Healing with Eddie Stone on Saturday 25 May. The bus is leaving Letterkenny and stopping in Ballybofey, Donegal Town and Ballyshannon. To book, please call 087 7488174.

You are invited to pray for the gift of life in the Novena 23-31 May; [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie)

There will be a Donegal Christian Education meeting focusing on concerns Christian parents have on the new SPHE curriculum. It takes place in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey, on Wednesday 22 May at 8pm.

Patrick said to his wife: "Mary Zoe, all you have done for the past twenty-eight years is to find fault with everything I say." Mary Zoe replied: "you are wrong Patrick dear. It is twenty-nine years!"

**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

The Public Prayers for our Beloved Dead will take place in the Old Graveyard, Convoy on Saturday 29 June 2024 at 3pm, and in the New Graveyard, Convoy on Saturday 29 June at 4.30pm.

The Public Prayers for our Beloved Dead will take place in the Graveyard in Raphoe on Sunday 30 June 2024 at 3pm.

The Public Prayers for our Beloved Dead will take place in the Graveyard in Drumkeen on Sunday 30 June 2024 at 5pm.

What has four letters, sometimes nine and never five?

**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.

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.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) formation will take place in the Diocese of Raphoe for adults wishing to enter the Catholic Church. A 23-week programme will begin on Monday 16 September 2024 at the Pastoral Centre in Letterkenny. (This will pause at the mid-term breaks in October and February as well as the Christmas holidays to accommodate parents of young families). The programme will conclude shortly before Holy Week. For further details, please contact Brian O'Driscoll at [dpr@raphoediocese.ie](mailto:dpr@raphoediocese.ie) or 087 450 4873.