



St. Eunan's Church,
Raphoe



St. Patrick's Church,
Drumkeen



St. Mary's Church,
Convooy

RAPHOE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 2 June 2024

Monday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer
Raphoe: 9am Mass (Dorothy, Billie, Jamie McShane RIP)
Convooy: 2pm: Rosary
Raphoe: 7pm: Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Raphoe: 8pm: Holy Hour
Raphoe: 9pm: Mary's Meals Meeting

Tuesday : FIRST FRIDAY DRUMKEEN

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer
Raphoe: 9 Mass (Austin Kilpatrick RIP)
Drumkeen: 10am Mass (John Harvey RIP)
Drumkeen: Adoration: Noon– 9pm
Raphoe: 7.30pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday: FIRST FRIDAY CONVOY

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer
Convooy: 9am Mass
Raphoe: 9.30am – 9pm Adoration
Raphoe: 9pm: Wedding Practice

Thursday : FIRST FRIDAY RAPHOE

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer
Raphoe: 9am Mass
Drumkeen: No Mass
Convooy: Noon—6pm: Adoration

Raphoe: 7.30pm: Evening Prayer
Convooy: Parochial House: 8pm: Legion of Mary

Friday: Feast of the Sacred Heart

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer
Convooy: 8.40am: Rosary
Convooy: 9am: Mass
Convooy: after Mass: Blessing with Padre Pio Mit
Raphoe: 7.30 Mass
Raphoe: 8pm-9pm: Led Holy Hour

Saturday

Convooy: 9.30am: Divine Mercy Prayers
Convooy: 10.30am: Confessions
Raphoe: Wedding:
Convooy: 6pm: Mass (Margaret and Seamus Curran; Peggy Quinn; Brian Lynch RIP)
Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (Mary Larkin RIP)
Drumkeen: after Mass: Confessions
Raphoe: No: Mass

Sunday

Convooy: 9.30am: Mass
Drumkeen: No Mass
Raphoe: 11am: Mass (Mary Brolly RIP)
Drumkeen: 1pm Latin Mass
Letterkenny: 3pm: Ordination to the Priesthood

WARNING OR CONSOLATION (8)

It is often quoted that the words “do not be afraid” are in the Bible an amazing three hundred and sixty-six times. It is then said that this is once for every day of the year including the leap year. One has to wonder why the Lord allowed the repeating of the same phrase so many times. And if one considers the phrase why does the human need constant reminder to live life away from fear.

It seems to be a deep-grained reality within us. Most people have certain items that hold them in fear, many have quite a few items in their lives that bring fear on and for some individuals fear is an overwhelming emotion that brings great stress and anxiety.

The Lord God invites us to live in his kingdom. In the perfect living in the kingdom of God there can be no room for fear is driven out by love according to John the evangelist. Yet most of us are not living the perfect kingdom of God experience. Yet it is quite clear that God is inviting us to live in a more concrete way the right relationships that he tells us about: the relationship with God; the relationship with our fellow occupiers of the earth and our relationship with our selves.

Today we are invited to look at any fears that we have and to examine the call of God to ‘be not afraid’.

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.

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.

Income: Raphoe collection €1020; candles €70; Drumkeen collection €1025; candles €70; Convoy collection €690; candles €145

On Monday 3 July the Augheygault Reunion takes place and they invite all to Augheygault for a wee street party (2pm – 6pm) to celebrate the Augheygault residents past and present. You are invited to attend and meet old friends.

On Wednesday 5 June 2024, 7pm at the Tullydonnell Bridge and 8pm at Main Street Convoy there will be the unveiling of two new plaques to commemorate Robert Nesbit a former residence of Convoy who established Convoy in Ohio, USA, one hundred and fifty years ago. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Junior and Leaving Cert Students throughout the Diocese are invited with their Parents, Families, Teachers, to Mass on Monday 3 June at 7 pm in St. Eunan’s Cathedral, Letterkenny. Please remember all Students in your prayers during the coming weeks

When his six-year-old son gave his bald Dad a comb for a present, the Dad replied “Thanks! I’ll never part with it!”

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 or 087 450 4873.

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

Over the last while 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 .

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