



St. Eunan's Church,



St. Patrick's Church,



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 **FIRST FRIDAY CALLS DRUMKEEN**

Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer
Raphoe: 9am: Mass
Drumkeen: 10am: Mass
Drumkeen: Adoration: Noon– 9pm
Raphoe: 5pm: Wedding Practice
Raphoe: 7.30pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday **FIRST FRIDAY CALLS CONVOY**

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer
Convoy: 9am Mass
Raphoe: 9.30am – 9pm Adoration

Thursday **FIRST FRIDAY CALLS RAPHOE**

Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer
Drumkeen: 10am: Mass
Convoy: Noon—6pm: Adoration
Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass (Mary Keeve RIP)

Raphoe: 8.15pm : Wedding Practice
Convoy: Parochial House: 8pm: Legion of Mary
Friday
Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer
Convoy: 8.40am: Rosary
Convoy: 9am: Mass and afterwards Blessing with Padre Pio Relic

Raphoe: 1pm: Wedding
Raphoe 7.30pm: Mass

Saturday

Convoy: 9.30am: Divine Mercy Prayers
Convoy: 10.30am: Confessions
Raphoe: 1pm: Wedding
Convoy: 6pm: Mass (Lawerence Sweeney; Mary Kelly RIP)
Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass
Drumkeen: after Mass: Confessions
Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass (Raymond Page RIP MMM)
Raphoe: after Mass: Confessions (RIP)

Sunday

Convoy: 9.30am: Mass (John Moody, Llyod Clapton RIP MMM)
Drumkeen: 9.30am: Mass
Raphoe: 11am: Mass

WARNING OR CONSOLATION (12)

Ezekiel 37:1-14: The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord'. He said, 'Prophesy over these bones.'

I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead; let them live!"' I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army."

Today we are given the opportunity to allow our lives to be renewed. We are invited to make decisions that will influence all areas of our live. So many today tell how fast time is moving. We have a natural tendency to put off anything that would change our lives and yet this is counter balanced by the inner voice encouraging us to make bold and solid steps in Christ. One day, some day there will be no more time.

Fr Kelly will visit our "First Friday People" in the Drumkeen area on Tuesday 2 July, in the Convoy Area on Wednesday 3 July and in the Raphoe area on Thursday 4 July. If you have a friend or relation who would like a visit, please let us know.

The Mary's Meals Pilgrimage day in Knock Shrine Co Mayo will take place on Saturday, 6 July. All families and friends are invited to join this pilgrimage in Knock Parish Church at 2.30pm.

There will be a "Rally for Life" in Dublin on Saturday, 6 July 2024. To book a seat on a Donegal Pro Life sponsored bus contact Margaret 089 2469599, Teresa 086 2647235, Jim 087 2606595 or Brian 087 2913186".

There will be a Jumble Sale in aid of TJ'S WISH TO WALK on 6 and 7 July in St Patrick's Hall, Drumkeen. Refreshments available. Also face painting and Mascots.

A pilgrimage to the shrine of Matt Talbot will take place on Sunday 14 July. Buses will leave Kilmacrenan and Ballybofey/Raphoe. Anyone interested in booking a seat please contact:- Brid Toner on (087) 120 0242 (Ballybofey/Raphoe), Caroline Dorrian on 0876223036 Kilmacrennan. The cost of the pilgrimage including refreshments is €50 per person.

Small boy: "Daddy, doo all fairy tales begin with "Once Upon a Time?" Daddy: "No. Many of them begin with "If I am elected, I promise...."

Income: Raphoe collection €1340; candles €235; Drumkeen collection €585; candles €100; Convoy collection €910; candles €145

Recruitment has begun for a full-time Pastoral Programmes Co-ordinator at Lough Derg. If you or someone you know might be interested in applying please contact Maureen at mboyle@loughderg.org or see advert on www.loughderg.org for further details.

ALONE DONEGAL needs your support: Would you be willing to make a visit or to make friendly phone calls to Older People once a week, for one hour? ALONE is seeking volunteers to help older people in Raphoe who would like extra social contact. Full training and support provided. Please sign up on: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>. Or contact Helena on Helena.madden@alone.ie or call 086 0145829 or 074-9321598.

Fr. Kevin Gillespie will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination on Thursday 4 July with Mass at 7pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral followed by refreshments in Loreto Secondary School. If you would like to offer your help in any way, please contact 086-0870446. Home bakers particularly required. Fr. Kevin has requested that no gifts of any kind be given.

Fr Micheal McKeever will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination on Friday 5th July with Mass at 7pm in St Colmcille's Church, Glendowan.

Providing compassionate care at the end of life: To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes*. You are invited to read this letter. To read, visit: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>

Mary's Meals are presently feeding 2,429,182 children in their place of education each school day. For the past eleven years we have walked to Knock Shrine to raise awareness of, and funds for, Mary's Meals. We are now launching Step by Step to Feed the Next Child 2024. We have walks originating in Malin, Thurles, Cavan, the Spire (Dublin), Kilkenny, Longford, Limerick and N Ireland. All walks go from 7 August to 15 August. We are seeking people to help us create new walks, join us for a day or half day or a few hours, collect, take a sponsor card or promote the walk. It cost €22 to give a child a meal each day in school for a school year and every eleven cents raised provides a meal. This is a great way of gaining a bit of fitness and doing great work at the same time. If you would like more information or to get involved, I would love to hear from you. Eamonn Kelly (Rev), Parochial House, Convoy, Co Donegal, F93HX2R, eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com or 0879077985.

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady continues to make its way around our parish visiting our homes for three days or a week. If you would like the Statue to be taken to your home, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church. If you have already signed up and have not been contacted, please sign up again as I have lost a sheet.

What time is it when the clock strikes 13? Time to get a new clock.