



St. Eunan's Church,
Raphoe



St. Patrick's Church,
Drumkeen



St. Mary's Church,
Convoy

RAPHOE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 14 July 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: 9.00am: Mass

Drumkeen: 10am: Mass

Convoy: Noon—6pm: Adoration

Convoy: Mass: 2.15pm: Brentwood NH

Convoy: 5.30-7.30pm: Clean up at Mass Rock

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

Convoy: 10.30am: Confessions

Drumkeen: 1pm: Baptism

Raphoe: 2-5pm: tea party at Patricia's Home

Convoy: 6pm: Mass (Bridget, Redmond, Maureen and Maurice Bonner RIP)

Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (Colm Bonner)

Drumkeen: after Mass: Confessions

Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass (Vincent Temple RIP)

Raphoe: after Mass: Confessions

Sunday

Convoy: 9.30am: Mass (Kathleen Donaghey RIP)

Drumkeen: 9.30am Mass

Raphoe: 11am: Mass (Colm Hamilton RIP)

Raphoe: 12pm: Baptism

Drumkeen: 1pm Latin: Mass

The Sacrament of Confessions holds many keys to unlocking happiness.

It is good practice to read a chapter of the Bible every day.

WARNING OR CONSOLATION (13)

In St Paul's first letter to Timothy, we read "you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself eternal life."

The onus is on us. Eternal life is our responsibility. The burden does not belong to God, but God has handed it over to us. We are in control of our destiny. When Christ opened the passageway to eternal life he gave us the greatest gift of all time. But like any gift it can be left behind and unopened.

The challenge to live the gospel values is real. It is not good to put it off 'for another time' or 'until I get older'. Now is the only time that we have. God invites us to live in close friendship. We often want to hand over the responsibility to another or to others. But St Paul makes it clear. In that clarity it would be good to make wholesome decisions.

Income: Raphoe collection €905; candles €215 Drumkeen collection €530; candles €75; Convoy collection €1080; candles €145

The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 21 July. Mass at 3pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine.

Tax Relief: The Parish of Raphoe has received €31,141 from the Charitable Donation Scheme for the years 2020 to 2024 (Convoy €12,186; Drumkeen €5,768; Raphoe €13,187). Thank you to all who support our parish financially and thanks to all who returned the forms.

As you can see this is a massive benefit to the parish. The Parish can claim tax relief on your donation of €250 or more within a calendar year. Tax relief on contributions is an important source of funding for the Parish at no extra cost to the contributor. If you have donated €250 to the Parish of Raphoe in any tax year 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and have not already completed an Enduring Certificate Form and would like to do so, please request an Enduring Certificate Form from the parish office. The parish sent 252 CHY for to parishioners. 42% of these were returned i.e. 107 out of 252 (45 Raphoe; 42 Convoy; 20 Drumkeen).

Letterkenny Community Centre are having a Fundraising Craft Fair on 28 July (12 noon - 4pm)

We will celebrate Mass at Convoy Mass Rock on Tuesday 23 July at 7pm. We would appreciate some help in tidying up at the Mass Rock of Thursday 18 July (5.30pm-7.30pm.)

Patricia Porter, St Eunan's Terrace, Raphoe is hosting a Tea Party on Saturday 20 July (2pm-5pm) for Mary's Meals. Your support is deeply appreciated.

I used to be afraid of painting, but eventually I brushed it off.

The Diocese of Raphoe Annual Pilgrimage to Knock is on Saturday 17 August.

St Mary' GAA: Congratulations to John Cannon, winner of this weeks 50/50 prize of €200. The schedule for games, training etc is on the St Mary's Facebook page.

My Father made a car that had logs instead of wheels but it wooden go.

The Tidy towns have a number of vacancies on their CE Project for general Tidy Towns workers and 1 secretarial/administration staff member in September. Training available. 19.5 hrs per week. Government criteria for CE will apply for these posts. Please contact 074 9145692 or email martin@raphoetidy.com for an application form. Thank you.

The RAPHOE DIOCESAN SOCIETY: We are encouraged to have our deceased relatives enrolled in the Society and we are encouraged to become living members. Any person wishing to become a member of the R.D.S. may apply to any of the Diocesan Clergy. (a once-off membership fee is €15) An annual Diocesan Mass will be offered for the Raphoe Diocesan Society. Four Masses shall be offered in each parish every year, two for the Living and two for the Deceased Members and Benefactors of the Society. Recently added to the RDS from Raphoe Parish was Kathleen Margey McBride RIP.

The following courses are presented by the Raphoe Pastoral Centre, Monastery Avenue, Letterkenny.

- Sycamore: There will be an online webinar for the parishes of the Diocese of Raphoe on Thursday 12 September at 7pm regarding the 'Sycamore' programme. Dr. Susan Longhurst will give a presentation as to what it is about, how to use it in parish etc. It will conclude with a Q&A. Should you wish to explore more about Sycamore in the meantime, visit <https://www.sycamore.fm/>. Log in details, etc will be sent nearer the time.
- RCIA: The RCIA for those wishing to be formed for entry to the Catholic Church will begin on Monday 16 September 2024 at the Pastoral Centre in Letterkenny and will continue each Monday evening for 23 weeks.
- Online Faith Formation Programme: From Wednesday 4 September, we will continue the online adult faith formation programmes on Zoom. This was a great success back in May and there has been increased demand for it from more parishes and parishioners around the Diocese. We will run this on a continuous basis throughout the year exploring various courses.

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare (15 to 18 August). This is the largest Catholic youth event in the country and is for those between the ages of 16 to 35 years. There will be a free bus departing from Letterkenny on the 15 August and returning on 18 August. For further information, visit <https://youth2000.ie/free-buses-to-the-summer-festival-2024/>

The time has arrived when sitting on the fence will no longer be an option as the fence is being removed by people who want to destroy faith, Christ, hope, joy and salvation. The time has come to be a disciple of the one who was not afraid to accept the cross to give us the opportunity to serve God.