



St. Eunan's Church,
Raphoe



St. Patrick's Church,
Drumkeen



St. Mary's Church,
Convoy

RAPHOE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 21 July 2024

Monday

Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer
Raphoe: 9am: Mass (Kathleen Power RIP)
Convoy: 2pm: Rosary
Raphoe: 7pm: Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Raphoe: 8pm: Holy Hour
Raphoe: 9pm: Mary's Meals Raphoe Meeting

Tuesday

Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer
Raphoe: 9am: Mass
Drumkeen: 10am: Mass
Drumkeen: Adoration: Noon– 9pm
Convoy Hall: 6.15pm onwards: Bus to Mass Rock
Convoy: Mass Rock: 7pm: Mass

Wednesday

Raphoe: 7.30am Morning Prayer
Convoy: 9am Mass
Raphoe: 9.30am: 24 Hours of Adoration in thanksgiving for the gift of family
Convoy: Mass: 2.15pm: Brindley NH

Thursday

Raphoe: 7.30am: Morning Prayer
Raphoe: 8.50am: End of 24 Hours Adoration
Raphoe: 9.00am: Mass (Kathleen Power RIP)
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
Convoy: 10.30am: Confessions
Convoy: 6pm: Mass (James, Lena and Madeline Kelly, Ina Monaghan, Kathleen Donaghey, Oliver Keavney, Brendan Ryan RIP)
Drumkeen: 7.30pm: Mass (John and Margaret Deery, John Reid RIP)
Drumkeen: after Mass: Confessions
Raphoe: 7.30pm: Mass
Raphoe: after Mass: Confessions

Sunday

Convoy: 9.30am: Mass
Drumkeen: 9.30am Mass
Raphoe: 11am: Mass
Convoy: 12pm: Baptism
Drumkeen: 1pm Latin: Mass
Drumkeen: 4pm-6pm: Prayers for healings and opening of Shrine for the intercession of Blessed Alexandrina Maria Da Costa.

We can say we have faith and hide or we can show we have faith by participating.

Today is the day of salvation

Three Major Events for us

- There will be Mass at the Mass Rock, Priestown, Convoy on Tuesday at 7pm. A bus to and from the Mass Rock will be available from 6.15pm from Convoy Hall. Please come along and pray where our ancestors prayed in the threat of being eliminated.
- There will be 24 hours of Adoration in St Eunan's Church starting on Wednesday at 9.30am. Please sign up for an hour and we encourage men to cover the night hours.
- The opening of the Shrine for invoking the intercession of Blessed Alexandrina Maria Da Costa will take place in St Patrick's Church next Sunday (28) with prayers from 4pm until 6pm. Hopefully this simple dignified space will help us realise how close God is.

Income: Raphoe collection €835; candles €170 Drumkeen collection €690; candles €80; Convoy collection €675; candles €180.

The Glencolmille Parish Fundraising Committee is fundraising for the upkeep of three parish churches in their small parish in south-west Donegal. They are hosting a Golf Classic on Friday 9 August 2024 at Bundoran Golf Club. If you are interested in entering a team lease contacting Bundoran Golf Club direct on 071-9841302 and speak to David. (Entry fees are €120 per team of four.

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 at 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.

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 2024 at 7pm regarding the 'Sycamore' programme. One of the directors, 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.

Alpha Day: On Saturday 12 October, there will be an Alpha Day at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Donegal Town from 10.30am to 4pm. This will be open to all parishes in the Diocese. The day will include various talks and workshops etc for any parish that is interested in running the programme from a Catholic perspective.

Anchor Programme: On Tuesday 24 September at 7.30pm, Sr. Coeey Fowler will present the 'Anchor' programme at the Pastoral Centre in Letterkenny. This is a simple and foundational teaching about the essentials of the Faith, Mass and the ways in which we live and pray our Faith. It can be used by any adult and is also valuable for parents, to help them hand on to their children the treasure of the Catholic Faith.

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.

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.

PPC Refresher Courses: Beginning in the Autumn, it has been requested that the Parish Pastoral Council's in each Deanery come together over three evenings (1 evening a week for 3 weeks) for further formation and to learn from experiences so far. The focus of these gatherings will be on:

- 1) The unique role of the parish priest and the PPC's relationship to him.
- 2) The importance of prayer in PPC and how crucial it is in guiding all that we do.
- 3) The meaning of our baptismal calling and identity as priest, prophet and king, and how this applies to us in our lives and how it relates to our roles on the PPC's.

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/>

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

The monthly online quiz for Mary's Meals will take place on Friday at 8pm. To join in: 1) go to play.myquiz.org and 2) enter the code for this month which is 884639. Please feel free to share this access number with anyone.

A six-year-old was very excited when her mother said that Granny would visit. "That is brilliant", the girl said, "I will get to see Daddy's new trick." "What so you mean?" the mother enquired. "Daddy said that he would climb the walls the next time Granny visited!"

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

Cursillo is a movement of ordinary lay women and men who share their faith in their everyday lives, bringing the love and hope of Jesus into ordinary events. The joy of the Good News that God loves us, irrespective of who we are or what we have done, is central to the Cursillo weekend. It is expressed through talks, discussions, prayer, laughter and friendship. The next weekends will be held in Ards Friary in Creeslough under the direction of Fr Laurence Kettle, the men's weekend from Thursday evening 24 October to Sunday afternoon; the women's weekend from 31 October. If you would like more information or to book a place, please contact Martina on 0873749024 or Pat on 0879374001.