

**BOXES OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES** for 2015 are ready for distribution. If you distributed them last year, it would be great if you would do so again this year. If you are living in the Cathedral Parish and would like to receive a box of Sunday envelopes for 2015, please contact the Parochial House on 9121021 as soon as possible and we will arrange this for you.

NET MINISTRIES IRELAND is a non profit making organisation that brings the Catholic Faith to our youth. A fundraising **CAKE SALE AND COFFEE MORNING** will take place on **Monday 8th December** after the 8 am, 10 am and 5.45 pm Masses.

You are warmly invited to **MASS** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Thursday 11th December at 8 pm. This Mass will be offered in gratitude for the **GIFT OF LIFE** through all its stages of development and we pray for all whose life was unduly ended.

To mark **16 Days of Action Opposing Violence Against Women**, Letterkenny Women's Centre will host a **COFFEE MORNING** on Monday 8th December from 10.30 am until 12 noon Everyone welcome

**ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** meet in St. Conal's Chapel every Second Thursday of the Month with Mass, Rosary, Benediction, Veneration and blessing with first class relics at 7.30 pm.

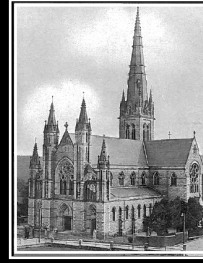
**CHRISTMAS DINNER** with all the trimmings will be served in Cara House on Thursday 11th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th December from 12 noon to 1.30 pm. Cost €5. All Welcome.

**St. Vincent de Paul ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 13th & 14th December**  
The SVP's knowledge of conditions 'on the ground' is unsurpassed. Early in the present crisis, it noted with alarm the sharp increase in poverty. It also drew attention to what, for many of the young, was a new phenomenon - the middle-class poverty. Next weekend the SVP will hold their Annual Christmas Collection. Your support would be deeply appreciated. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

At the 10 am **FAMILY MASS** next Sunday (14th December) in the Cathedral we will bring up in the Offertory Procession GIFTS that will enable St. Vincent de Paul to make Christmas a little better for local families. We encourage **all families to donate** one present to this Christmas Appeal. The present can be anything like a book, a small toy, a box of sweets etc. Please mark 'Boy' or 'Girl' and a rough guide as to the age.

The **LETTERKENNY CAROL SINGERS** will be performing in the Letterkenny Shopping Centre on Thursday 11th and Saturday 13th December from 4 pm to 5 pm. All proceeds on behalf of the Care of the Aged. Come along and hear your favourite Christmas Carols.

**LETTERKENNY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION** ~ The next meeting is on Thursday 11th December in the Regional Cultural Centre at 2.30 pm. All members and new members are very welcome.



# ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 7th December 2014**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

An **ALL-NIGHT PRAYER LED VIGIL** will be held in St. Eunan's Cathedral from 9 pm tonight, Sunday 7th December until 7.45 am tomorrow morning, Monday 8th December.

TIME	GROUP/LEADER	TIME	GROUP/LEADER
9 pm - 10 pm	Fr. Kelly	10 pm - 11 pm	Fatima Prayer Group
11 pm - Mid-night	Mary's Meals	Midnight - 1 am	Fr. McLaughlin
1 am—2 am	Legion of Mary	2 am - 3 am	Divine Mercy Prayer Group
3 am - 4 am	Fr. Gorman	4 am - 5 am	Cathedral Choir
5 am - 6 am	Legion of Mary	6 am - 7 am	Charismatic Prayer Group
7 am - 7.45 am	Sr. Susan Evangelist	<b>Everyone is welcome for any length of time</b>	

Each Group/Leader will focus one or two of the following Prayers: Divine Mercy, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Scripture, Hymns etc.

**Monday 8th December ~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Mass Times: 8 am, 10 am, 5.45 pm and 7.30 pm

**'FOLLOW THE STAR'**

**ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT**

In all the rush and bustle of pre-Christmas shopping, gift-buying and parties, it's easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas. Why not take some time out and come along to this Advent Retreat as we prepare spiritually for Christmas in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. The Twilight Retreat will provide time and space for quiet Prayer, Reflection, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass. The Retreat will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Thursday 11th December from 7.30 pm - 10.15 pm.

## Sunday 7th December

**Masses** ~ 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 5 pm (Polish) and 6.30 pm  
**Baptisms** - 1.30 pm  
**St Pius X Adoration Chapel** is open at 1 pm  
**LifeTeen Youth Group** in the Conference Room - 7.30 pm  
**Al-Anon Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 8 pm  
**All Night Vigil** in the Cathedral ~ 9 pm to 7.45 am  
**AA Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 11 am and 8.30 pm

## Monday 8th December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

**Masses** ~ 8 am, 10 am, 5.45 pm and 7.30 pm  
**St Pius X Adoration Chapel** is open  
**CONFESSIONS:** 8 pm - 8.30 pm  
**Grow Meeting** in Loreto Convent - 8 pm  
**AA Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

Morning Prayer (9.40 am)  
(Monday to Saturday)  
Evening Prayer (7.10 pm)  
(Monday to Friday)

## Tuesday 9th December

**8 am Mass** ~ James Adams  
**10 am Mass** ~ ®  
**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Bridie Orr (First Anniversary)  
**St Pius X Adoration Chapel** is open  
**Legion of Mary Meeting** in the Conference Room after 10 am Mass  
**Legion of Mary Meeting:** Room 112, Loreto Secondary School - 7 pm  
**'The Footprints of God' Holy Land Course** in the Conference Room - 8 pm  
**Divine Mercy Holy Hour** in the Cathedral - 8 pm  
**Al-Anon Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm  
**Gamblers' Anonymous Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 8.15 pm

## Wednesday 10th December

**8 am Mass** ~ Bernard Hagamayer  
**10 am Mass** ~ Annie and Gerry McGarrigle  
**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Lily McLaughlin  
**8.15 pm Mass** ~ Karen Cullen (Month's Mind Mass)  
**St Pius X Adoration Chapel** is open  
**Cathedral Choir Practice** in the Conference Room - 8 pm  
**Mother's Prayer Group Meeting** in Loreto Convent - 8 pm

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**St. Vincent de Paul** ~ Parish of Conwal and Leck ~ 9129503  
**St. Vincent de Paul** ~ Parish of Aughanishin ~ 9122366

## Thursday 11th December

**8 am Mass** ~ Catherine McGinty  
**10 am Mass** ~ ®  
**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Packie and Bridget O'Donnell  
**St Pius X Adoration Chapel** is open  
**AA Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 5.30 pm  
**Baptism Preparation** in the Parochial House on Thursday 18th December - 8 pm  
**Charismatic Prayer Group** in the Conference Room - 8 pm

## Friday 12th December

**8 am Mass** ~ John Toner  
**10 am Mass** ~ Jackie Collins  
**7.30 pm Mass** ~ John Harley, Joe Harley, Michael Kelly, Mary Kelly and Jennie Gallen  
**St Pius X Adoration Chapel** is open  
**Al-Anon Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 10.30 am  
**AA Meeting for Women** in the Cathedral Conference Room - 1 pm  
**AA Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 5.30 pm  
**Gamblers' Anonymous Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 8.15 pm

## Saturday 13th December

**10 am Mass** ~ ®  
**Baptisms** - 5 pm  
**7.30 pm** ~ Vigil Mass  
**Confessions:** 12 noon to 1 pm and after the 7.30 pm Mass  
**AA Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 11 am

**RECENT BAPTISMS** ~ We welcome into God's Community  
Jakub Ziarko ~ Amy Alice Buchanan ~ Emma Rose McLaughlin

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** - 30th November 2014 - €5,580  
Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

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**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** (€6 per pack of six) **ARE ON SALE** from the Parochial House, Veritas and **after all the weekend Masses.**

**MASS IN HONOUR OF BLESSED ALEXANDRINA** will be held in Termonbacca, Derry on Sunday 4th December at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** are on sale after weekend Masses, from the Parochial House and also from Veritas, Lower Main Street. The pack of six costs €6. The recipients of these cards will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful at Masses in St. Eunan's Cathedral from the 24th December to the 1st January. Any profit will go to St. Vincent de Paul.

A Dance in Bonagee Hall will take place on Wednesday 10th December with Music by Eddie Gallagher and Tirconail Country. Dancing from 8.30 pm to 11.30 pm. Admission €7 including supper. Everyone welcome.

The Relay for Life Donegal Committee are delighted again to host their Annual **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** at Conwal Parish Church on Sunday 14th December at 4 pm. The event will allow all those in attendance to: CELEBRATE the lives of people who have overcome cancer, to show support to those currently undergoing treatment, REMEMBER people lost to the disease and offer support and strength to families that have lost their loved ones. FIGHT BACK through inspiring people to take action against a disease that has taken too much. Admission is free. ANY DONATIONS received on the day will be made to St. Vincent de Paul and Donegal Down Syndrome Association. Please come along and enjoy what promises to be another fantastic and memorable Carol Service.

**LETTERKENNY COMMUNITY CAROL TRAIL** ~ We INVITE all the members from our five Choirs and Singers to join with Choir Members from the other Churches on Friday 19th December at 7.15 pm in the Cathedral Car Park. We will walk to Trinity Presbyterian Church where we will begin our Carol Trail at 7.30 pm with Christmas Carols and Scripture Readings, stopping at the Methodist Church, Gospel Hall, St. Eunan's Cathedral (8.10 pm) and Conwall Parish Church. We will have refreshments in Conwall Parish Hall afterwards. We welcome everyone to come along and make this an evening of friendship and unity.

Cara House Family Resource Centre runs a **BEFRIENDING SERVICE IN LETTERKENNY** for people who are lonely or isolated in the Community. If you know a person who would benefit by someone calling once a week for an hour, on a regular basis, please phone 9123986. Volunteers are Garda vetted.

The depths and wonder of the **GOSPEL OF JOHN** with Fr. James Friel continues on Thursday evenings during the winter months at 8 pm in the Pastoral Centre.

**WE CARE LK FOOD BANK** is a voluntary organisation whose aim is to deliver services to those who are most in need in the Letterkenny/Donegal area. We urgently need tinned meat, fish, fruit, pasta, rice, cereal, sugar, tea, coffee, dried milk and jars of pasta sauce. Food can be left at the Letterkenny Community Centre and at Gormley's Centra, Glencar for collection. All food donations are appreciated.

The Irish Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Children (I.S.P.C.C.) **THANK** most sincerely all who helped and supported in any way with the Church Gate Collection taken up recently at St. Eunan's Cathedral. The amount collected was €767.17.

The Philippines based child right charity PREDA, founded by Fr. Shay Cullen, has an exciting photo competition for International Human Rights Day on December 10th. Primary and Secondary School Students are invited to take part in PREDA's '**FREEDOM DAY**' competition by taking a photo of what freedom means to you. Simply upload to <http://www.predaireland.org> competition page.

**'FOLLOW THE STAR' CHRISTMAS TRAIL** at the IOSAS Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff. An interactive family experience to recapture the true spirit of Christmas taking place on Friday 12th, Sunday 14th, Wednesday 17th, Friday 19th and Sunday 21st December. Pre-booking essential. For tickets and further information contact the IOSAS Centre on 9384866.

Billy Patterson will give a **TALK** followed by discussion on the **little known connection between Napoleon and Donegal**. This will be the first of a Series of Multimedia Evenings on music and history commencing Friday 12th December at 8 pm in The Plaza, Buncrana. Adm.: €10. Phone: 087- 4196045 for information.

**RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will depart on the 22nd May 2015. Please phone Brenda in the Lourdes Office on 9125090 for further information.

The **RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA** led by Bishop Boyce will depart on the 10th July 2015. Cost: €724 per person - €100 off if paid in full by 2nd February or €50 off if deposit €200 paid by 2nd February. Please contact Mena on 9121748 for further information.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2015** will take place in Krakow, Poland during July with Pope Francis. Any young person wishing to take part in this Pilgrimage are asked to contact Tim by emailing: [youthministryraphoe@gmail.com](mailto:youthministryraphoe@gmail.com) or by calling 087-6457302 as soon as possible. Pilgrims must be 18+ by 25th July 2016.

**RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** will take place on Saturday 15th August.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will depart on the 28th August 2015 with a Spiritual Director. Please phone Kathleen McKeague on 9122551 for further information.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE**: 9th - 16th September 2015 with a Spiritual Director. Cost: €699 per person - €100 off if paid in full by 2nd February or €50 off if deposit €200 paid by 2nd February. Please contact Kathleen on 9121641 or 086-3721962 for further information.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE** ~ The Annual Donegal N/W Pilgrimage with Marian Pilgrimages will leave Letterkenny on the 30th September 2015. A discount in price will occur if a deposit is paid before the end of February. For bookings and further information please ring Michael on 087-2922499.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Loug Derg ~ Saturday 5th September 2015**

**DECORATE YOUR HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS** ~ Ideas for simple homemade decorations with Gina McGarvey will take place in Cara House on Wednesday 10th December from 10 am to 12 noon All are welcome.

*'Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.'* Hebrews 13:16. **TRÓCAIRE CHRISTMAS GIFTS** are now on sale and can make a life-changing difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries. Log on to [trocaire.org/gifts](http://trocaire.org/gifts)

**Paschal Blake** held his Mayors Ball in May 2014 and raised €10,000 for three local charities: Donegal Autism Society, Donegal Down Syndrome Association and the Donegal Mental Health Service. Cheques were presented recently to the groups and Paschal wishes to **ACKNOWLEDGE** the support received from the local community.

If you would like to have a person prayed for on a Friday evening (Shared Mass), please inform a Priest/Sacristan in the Sacristy or phone the Parochial House a week or two in advance of the date you are looking for. Anniversary Masses **can be booked as normal** for all other available Mass Times excluding Saturday Evening and Sundays. Saturday morning Mass is reserved for a Month's Mind Mass or First Anniversary Mass.

During the Restoration Work at St. Eunan's Cathedral, pieces of **ORIGINAL STONE** from the Cathedral Spire was sculpted by local Sculptor, Redmond Herrity. It is a beautiful keepsake for family and friends at home or abroad and would make a lovely Christmas gift. This stone is available from the Parochial House or from Veritas, Lower Main Street. Cost: €17.50.

Anyone wishing to book a **BAPTISM** are asked to give a fortnight's notice. Baptisms take place at 5 pm on a Saturday and 1.30 pm on a Sunday. Please bring your child's Birth Certificate when booking the Baptism.

We encourage all couples **PLANNING ON GETTING MARRIED** in St. Eunan's Cathedral or any other Church during 2015 to contact the Civil Registration Office, Tirconail House, Letterkenny (inside the gates to the St. Conal's Campus), to give notification of their intention to marry. Please remember, you have to give a minimum of **three months notice** to the Cathedral and to the Civil Registration Office.

**ADVANCE NOTICE ~ CHRISTMAS**

**Carol Service** ~ Sunday 21st December ~ 7.30 pm

**Christmas Eve** ~ Wednesday 24th December ~ Family Mass ~ 7.30 pm

**Midnight Mass** ~ Wednesday 24th December ~ 12 midnight

**Christmas Day Mass Times** ~ 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon (No 6.30 pm Mass)

The **ADORATION CHAPEL** will close at 7 pm on Christmas Eve and will reopen at 7 pm on Christmas Day.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for Christmas**

Saturday 20th December: 12 noon to 1 pm and 8 pm

Sunday 21st December: 1 pm to 5 pm

Monday 22nd December: 10.30 am to 12 noon and 8 pm

Tuesday 23rd December: 10.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm

**DATES FOR YOUR 2015 DIARY**

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (6th January)**

**Mass Times:** 8 am, 10 am, 5.45 pm and 7.30 pm

**HOLY HOUR for Ministers of the Word** ~ Monday 12th January at 8 pm

**HOLY HOUR for Ministers of the Eucharist** ~ Monday 19th January at 8 pm

**SERVICE to mark CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK** ~ Sunday 25th January at 7.30 pm

**HOLY HOUR for ALL MINISTRIES** in the Cathedral ~ Monday 26th January

**HOLY HOUR** based on the Apparition in Knock will be held on at 8.15 pm on

Wednesday: 18th and 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March.

**The RELICS OF MATT TALBOT** will be in the Cathedral from the 4th - 12th June

**MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will take place on

Saturday 20th June at 11 am.

**CONFIRMATION DATES**

Saturday 14th February ~ Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin ~ 3 pm

Thursday 5th March ~ St. Fiachra's, Illistrin ~ 5 pm

Saturday 21st March ~ Scoil Cholmcille ~ 11 am

Saturday 21st March ~ Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal ~ 3 pm

**Ash Wednesday** ~ 18th February

**Mass Times:** 8 am, 10 am, 1 pm, 5.45 pm and 7.30 pm

**Palm Sunday:** 29th March, **Easter Sunday:** 5th April

and **Divine Mercy Sunday:** 12th April

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES**

Saturday 25th April ~ St. Fiachra's, Illistrin ~ 11 am

Saturday 9th May ~ Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal ~ 11 am

Saturday 16th May ~ Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin ~ 11 am

Saturday 6th June ~ Scoil Cholmcille ~ 11 am

**Feast of Corpus Christi:** Sunday 7th June ~ Procession at 3 pm

**GRAVEYARD SERVICES**

Sunday 12th July ~ Conwal Graveyard ~ 4 pm

Monday 13th July ~ Aughanishin Graveyard ~ 7 pm

Sunday 19th July ~ Old Leck Graveyard ~ 4 pm

Sunday 19th July ~ New Leck Graveyard ~ 5 pm