#### THE YEAR OF MERCY

The motto 'Merciful Like the Father' taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36, serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father, who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (Luke 6:37-38).



The logo represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul, demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption.

We welcome Grandparents, Parents, Sons, Daughters, Brothers and Sisters who have travelled for Christmas and New Year to be with family and friends. May you have a very peaceful, blessed and relaxed holiday. And when the time comes to leave, may you travel in safety.

> **RECENT BAPTISMS** ~ *We welcome into God's Community* Max Roy Colhoun

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ~ 20th December 2015 - €6,309 Parish Expenditure: €8,260.44 Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

Boxes of **SUNDAY/HOLYDAY ENVELOPES** for 2016 available from the back of the Cathedral after Christmas. Simply fill in the little card inside the box and return it with your first envelope. Thank you for your continued financial support to the upkeep of the Cathedral and the day to day running of the Parish.

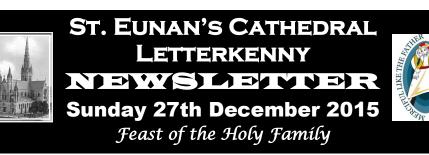
WE CARE LK FOOD BANK ~ Will be open on Friday 8th January - 11 am to 2 pm.

If you would like the **PILGRIM IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY** to visit you home during this Year of Mercy? Please phone the Parochial House on 9121021 and leave your name, address and phone number.

The Carers Association are providing the **QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Communications** in Buncrana (07/01/2016) also **Safety and Health at Work** in Donegal Town (30/01/2016). For more information please contact the Training Unit on 057-9370221.

Letterkenny Social Services gratefully **THANK** the Letterkenny Singers who raised €887 in the Letterkenny Shopping Centre recently on behalf of the Care of the Aged.

**CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin, Leitir Ceanainn** ~ We would like to thank all our volunteers in 2015 for giving their time so generously to the club. Thanks also to all our sponsors for their most generous support. We would like to pass on our condolences to all our members that lost loved ones in 2015. We would like to wish everyone in Letterkenny a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.



### DEDICATION OF ONE'S FAMILY TO THE HOLY FAMIY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Most loving Jesus, by Your sublime and beautiful virtues of humility, obedience, poverty, modesty, charity, patience, and gentleness, You blessed with peace and happiness the family which You chose on earth. In Your mercy look upon my family. We belong to You, for we have received Your many blessings over many years and we entrust ourselves to Your loving care.

Look upon my family in Your loving kindness, preserve us from danger, give us help in time of need, and grant us the grace to persevere to the end in imitation of Your holy Family, so that having revered You and loved You faithfully on earth, we may praise You eternally in heaven.

Mary, dearest Mother, to your intercession we have recourse, knowing that your Divine Son will hear your prayers. Glorious patriarch, Saint Joseph, help us by your powerful prayers and offer our prayers to Jesus through Mary's hands. Amen.

### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR



O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following Your Son, Jesus. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and

friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this new year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year, the Year of Mercy, that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You. Amen.

#### PLEASE CHECK IF MEETINGS ARE ON THIS WEEK BEFORE ATTENDING

# PRIEST ON DUTY ~ PLEASE PHONE ~ 9121021

## Sunday 27th December ~ The Holy Family

**Masses** ~ 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6.30 pm **Baptisms -** 1.30 pm

**St Pius X Adoration Chapel** is open at 1 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 8 pm



Morning Prayer

9.40 am

**Evening Prayer** 

7.10 pm

Monday to Friday

AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 11 am and 8.30 pm

## Monday 28th December ~ The Holy Innocents

NO 8 am Mass 10 am Mass ~ James Dean Alcorn 7.30 pm Mass ~ Sean McGrath St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open Confessions: 8 pm - 8.30 pm Grow Meeting in Cheshire Apartments, Long Lane - 8 pm AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

# Tuesday 29th December ~ St. Thomas Becket

8 am Mass ~ Patrick Gallagher
10 am Mass ~ ®
7.30 pm Mass ~ Paddy Doherty
St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open
Legion of Mary Meeting in the Conference Room after 10 am Mass
Legion of Mary Meeting in the Parochial House at 7 pm
Baptism Preparation in the Parochial House tonight at 8 pm
Divine Mercy Prayer Group in the Crib Room ~ 8 pm
Gamblers' Anonymous Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.15 pm

## Wednesday 30th December

8 am Mass ~ Seamus McCann, William Murtagh and Margaret Murtagh
10 am Mass ~ Priests of the Parish
7.30 pm Mass ~ Tony McGlynn
St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open
Mother's Prayer Group Meeting - Conference Room - 7 pm
Cathedral Choir Practice in the Conference Room - 8 pm
Narcotics Anonymous Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

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

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#### Thursday 31st December ~ St. Sylvester

8 am Mass ~ Mary McAuley	10 am Mass ~®	1 pm ~ Nuptial
7.30 pm Mass ~ Geraldine Griffin		
Midnight Mass ~ 12 midnight		
St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open		
Confessions: 12 noon - 1 pm and after 7.30 pm Mass		
AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 5.30 pm		
Charismatic Prayer Meeting in the (	Conference Room - 8	pm

# Friday 1st January ~ Mary, Mother of God ~ First Friday

#### NO 8 am Mass

10 am Mass ~ Mary Carr

**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Aaron Roulston, Mary Margey, James Patrick Murphy, Fr. Michéal Martin, Bridie McBride, Brendan McDaid, Betty McDaid and Tony Boyle

#### St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open

**First Friday Calls** ~ Fr. Kelly and Fr. Kemmy will visit the Sick, Elderly and Housebound today (1st January). Fr. McLaughlin will visit the Sick, Elderly and Housebound on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th January.

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

G.P.'s Rosary and Benediction in the Cathedral - 8 pm

Gamblers' Anonymous Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.15 pm

## Saturday 2nd January ~ St. Basil and St. Gregory

10 am Mass ~ Hugh Mailey (Month's Mind Mass) 7.30 pm ~ Vigil Mass Confessions: 12 noon - 1 pm and after 7.30 pm Mass Baptisms ~ 5 pm AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 11 am Narcotics Anonymous Meetings in the Pastoral Centre - 5.30 pm

**Morning Prayer** 9.40 am

**Parish Office Hours**: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 4.30 pm)



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