

DATES FOR YOUR 2016 DIARY

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (6th January)

Mass Times: 7.30 pm (vigil), 8 am, 10 am, 5.45 pm and 7.30 pm

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

HOLY HOUR for Ministers of the Eucharist

Wednesday 13th January at 8 pm

HOLY HOUR for ALL WHO MINISTER ~ Thursday 14th January at 8 pm

Ash Wednesday ~ 10th February

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

Palm Sunday: 20th March

Easter Sunday: 27th March

Divine Mercy Sunday: 3rd April

CONFIRMATION DATES

Thursday 25th February ~ St. Fiachra's, Illistrin ~ 5 pm

Saturday 27th February ~ Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál ~ 11 am

Saturday 27th February ~ Scoil Cholmcille ~ 3 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Saturday 23rd April ~ St. Fiachra's, Illistrin ~ 11 am

Saturday 7th May ~ Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal ~ 11 am

Saturday 14th May ~ Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin ~ 11 am

Saturday 21st May ~ Scoil Cholmcille ~ 11 am

Feast of Corpus Christi: Sunday 29th May ~ Procession at 3 pm

GRAVEYARD SERVICES

Sunday 10th July ~ Conwal Graveyard ~ 4 pm

Monday 11th July ~ Aughaninshin Graveyard ~ 7 pm

Sunday 17th July ~ Old Leck Graveyard ~ 4 pm

Sunday 17th July ~ New Leck Graveyard ~ 5 pm



*Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this Chaplet;
the very depths of my tender Mercy are stirred for the sake of those
who say the Chaplet.*

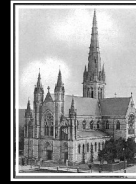
Jesus' Words to St. Faustina



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13th December 2015

Third Sunday of Advent



AFTERNOON OF PRAYER IN THE CATHEDRAL

We will have an Afternoon of Prayer to mark the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Cathedral this afternoon, Sunday 13th December from 4 pm to 6 pm. This time of Prayer will consist of a Holy Hour; Stations of the Cross and Blessing with the Relic of St. Faustina.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

We invite you during this Year of Mercy to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 pm either in the Cathedral or in your own home each day.

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed followed by 'You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.'
2. (Repeat three times) 'O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You.'
3. Then on the Our Father Beads pray the following: 'Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.'
4. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads pray the following: 'For the sake of 'His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world'. (Repeat step 3 and 4 for all five decades).
5. Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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.

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEK: Fr. Philip Kemmy

Sunday 13th 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 Prayer Group in the Conference Room ~ 7.30 pm
Al-Anon Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8 pm
AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 11 am and 8.30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet
will be recited
everyday
at **3 pm** in the
Cathedral

Monday 14th December ~ St. John of the Cross

8 am Mass ~ Kathleen and Jimmy Cuddihy
10 am Mass ~ John Devine
7.30 pm Mass ~ Kay and Tommy Gallagher
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

Morning Prayer each
morning at
9.40 am
Evening Prayer each
evening at 7.10 pm
in the Cathedral
Monday to Friday

Tuesday 15th December

8 am Mass ~ Brendan O'Boyle
10 am Mass ~ Mark and Bridget McLaughlin and Deceased Family Members
7.30 pm Mass ~ Redmond and Mary McMonagle
St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open
Legion of Mary Meeting in the Conference Room after 10 am Mass and 6.30 pm
Baptism Preparation in the Parochial House tonight, 15th December at 8 pm
Divine Mercy Holy Hour in the Cathedral ~ 8 pm
Gamblers' Anonymous Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.15 pm
Al-Anon Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm
AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

Wednesday 16th December

8 am Mass ~ Celia Tinney and Deceased Members of the Gallagher Family
10 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Davidson Family
7.30 pm Mass ~ Al McKenna
8.15 pm Mass ~ Hannah Gaffey (**Month's Mind Mass**)
St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open
Mother's Prayer Group Meeting in the Conference Room - 7 pm
Youth 2000 Prayer Group for Young Adults in the Parochial House - 7.30 pm
Cathedral Choir Practice in the Conference Room - 8 pm
Narcotics Anonymous Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

PILGRIMAGES FOR 2016

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - You are invited to come and follow in the footsteps of two great missionaries of mercy, Pope Francis and St. Francis from 5th - 12th April. Cost: €899 per person sharing. Please contact Amanda on 01-8794600 (Marian Pilgrimages). Spiritual Director: Fr. Eamonn McLaughlin.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will depart on the 22nd May. Cost: €699 per person. Please phone the Lourdes Office on 9125090 for further information.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA will depart on 12th July. Cost: €734 per person. For further information please phone Mena on 9121748.

WORLD YOUTH DAY will take place in Krakow, Poland from 25th July - 2nd August with Pope Francis.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place on Saturday 19th August.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO TUBBERNAULT HOLY WELL, SLIGO will take place on Saturday 27th August

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will depart on the 28th August with Fr. James Gillespie as Spiritual Director. Please phone Kathleen on 9121551 or Fr. James on 9122608 for further information.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOUG DERG ~ Saturday 3rd September.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND will take place on 7th September. Cost: €869 per person. Please phone Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410800 for further information.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE on 7th September. Cost: €699 per person. For further information and to book contact Kathleen on 9121641/086-3721962.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE ~ The Annual Donegal N/W Pilgrimage with Marian Pilgrimages will leave Letterkenny on the 28th September. A discount in price will occur if a deposit is paid before mid February. For bookings and further information please ring Michael on 087-2922499.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGE: Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B: €267. Phone: 01-4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com for further information and for flight details.

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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul ~ Parish of Aughanishin ~ 9122366

Next Saturday (December 19th) Fr. Kemmy will hold a **COFFEE MORNING** in the Conference Room after the 10 am Mass in aid of the **Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to World Youth Day**. Money raised will help fund young people from the Diocese who are going on this pilgrimage. We will also have our Christmas Draw and if anyone would like to buy a line (€2 each or three for €5) please call into the Sacristy or Parochial House throughout the coming week.

The Organisers of the recent sale of Jewellery, Cards etc. in aid of **Fr. Kelly's Charities** would like to **THANK** most sincerely all who helped and supported in any way. The amount collected was €845.

Sr. Consilio, Directors, Management, Staff and Residents of **Cuan Mhuire, Newry** would like to **THANK** sincerely all who donated to them recently. The amount collected was €1,820. This money will help Cuan Mhuire to continue to deliver its life changing services.

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 www.trocaire.org/gifts

Set the table for **ONE MORE FOR CHRISTMAS** and set a child up for a whole school year (€14.50) visit: www.onemoreforchristmas.com or www.marysmeal.ie

ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL is located in the grounds of Loreto Convent, beside the Cathedral. You are invited to drop in to pray in silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament, or to commit to a regular hour's adoration. To know more please phone Brigid on 9122641.

Pieces of **ORIGINAL STONE** from the Cathedral Spire are available from the Parochial House or from Veritas, Lower Main Street. Cost: €17.50. This beautiful keepsake was sculpted in Letterkenny and would make a lovely Christmas gift for family and friends at home or abroad.

We encourage all couples **PLANNING ON GETTING MARRIED** in St. Eunan's Cathedral or any other Church during 2016 to contact the Civil Registration Office, Tirconaill 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.

The Priests visit the sick, elderly and housebound on the **FIRST FRIDAY** of each month. If you know of any Parishioner who is housebound and who would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office and we will arrange this for you.

Thursday 17th December

8 am Mass ~ Felicia, Elizabeth, Marsuel and Yoland

10 am Mass ~ ®

7.30 pm Mass ~ Jerry and Annie McGarrigle

St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open

AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 5.30 pm

Charismatic Prayer Meeting in the Conference Room - 8 pm

Friday 18th December ~ St. Flannan

8 am Mass ~ Michael and Susan O'Boyle

10 am Mass ~ James McNulty (**First Anniversary**), Sarah McNulty, John McNulty and Sadie McNulty

7.30 pm Mass ~ Paddy Etherson (**Month's Mind Mass**), Owen McMonagle, Eileen Dalton, Brian Dalton, Elizabeth Drein, Terry McDermott, Paddy Curran, Joey Travers, Hugo Travers, Cian Curran, Albert Sweeney, Willie Sweeney, Horace Friel (Jnr.), John Logue, Bridget Logue, Joseph Dorrian (Jnr), Michael Kelly and Mary Kelly

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 19th December

10 am Mass ~ Sophie Bonner (**Month's Mind Mass**), Michael Bonner and Michael Bonner (Jnr.)

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

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



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OFFERTORY COLLECTION ~ 6th December 2015 - €5,637

Parish Expenditure: €9,062.91

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

RECENT BAPTISMS ~ We welcome into God's Community

Ciáran Michael Cullen - Barrett ~ Mia Ella Price

James Eli Bonner ~ Makayla Kathleen Philomena Ward

ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE will take place next Sunday, 20th December at 7.30 pm. We extend a warm welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors to Letterkenny to come and join in the singing of your favourite Carols.

BOXES OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES for 2016 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 Parish and would like to receive a box of Sunday envelopes for 2016 or set up a standing order, please contact the Parochial House on 9121021.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are AVAILABLE 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. We sincerely thank everyone who sold Christmas Cards and in particular those who stood outside the Cathedral in all kinds of weather.

The **CURSILLO ULTREYA** will be held tonight, Sunday 13th December in the Church of the Irish Martyrs at 8 pm. Everyone welcome to this Ultreya, old and new members and non-members.

A **CEILÍ** will be held in the Bonagee Community Centre on Sunday 13th December with Dancing from 8 pm to 11 pm. Everyone welcome.

The 10th Annual **CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER** for people living on their own will be held in the Conwal Parish Hall, behind the Church of Ireland on Christmas Day from 1 pm until 4 pm. This event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Radisson Hotel. The purpose of the day is to help people who are living on their own to break through isolation and loneliness on the day, to provide company and celebration. Transport can be provided if required. If you wish to avail of a dinner or have any enquiries please contact Kathy on 086-8676565.

'FOLLOW THE STAR' to the Celtic Garden Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Centre, Muff. An interactive family experience to recapture the true spirit of Christmas and learn about some of the Christian stories behind our favourite Christmas traditions. Taking place on the 13th, 16th, 18th, 19th and 20th December at 4 pm, 5.30 pm and 7 pm. Pre-booking is essential. For tickets and further information contact the IOSAS Centre 9384866 or email: goldenagecentre@hotmail.com

Youth 2000 invites all young adults between the ages of 16-35 to a **CATHOLIC WEEKEND RETREAT** taking place from the 18th - 20th December at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. Booking is essential. For more information please phone 01 6753690 or visit www.youth2000.ie or see Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook Page.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for Christmas

Saturday 19th December: 12 noon to 1 pm and 8 pm

Sunday 20th December: **1 pm to 6 pm**

Monday 21st December: 10.30 am to 12 noon and 8 pm

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

Wednesday 23rd December: **10.30 am to 6 pm** and 8 pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE IN THE CATHEDRAL

CAROL SERVICE ~ Sunday 20th December ~ 7.30 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ Thursday 24th December ~ Family Mass ~ 7.30 pm

MIDNIGHT MASS ~ Thursday 24th December ~ 12 midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES ~ 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon

and 5 pm (Polish)

(There will be **NO** 6.30 pm Mass on Christmas Day)

The **ADORATION CHAPEL** will close at 7 pm on Christmas Eve and will reopen at 1 pm on Sunday 27th December.



There is a new **DIOCESAN FACE BOOK** page for the Year of Mercy called yearofmercyraphoe. Get information on events, inspiration, and prayers here!

CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS WITH THE CONWAL SINGERS will be held on Wednesday 16th December at 8 pm in Conwal Parish Church. Karen Patton will conduct this Christmas Carols Concert with special guests Ryan Quinn and St. Joseph's Brass Ensemble, Soloist/Duet Aisling Ni Fhionnáin and Cecelia McColgan, Libretto, Niall Hannigan. Voluntary retiring collection. All are welcome to Conwal Parish Hall thereafter for festive fare and mince pies.

The **Staff and Pupils from Scoil Cholmcille** warmly invites everybody to their annual **CAROL SERVICE** on Friday 18th December at 1 pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral.

LETTERKENNY ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY CAROL TRAIL

We **INVITE** all the members from our Choirs and Singers to join with Choir Members from the other Churches on Friday 18th December at 7.30 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church where we will begin our Carol Trail with Christmas Carols and Scripture Readings, stopping at the Gospel Hall, Methodist Church, 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.