

DATES FOR YOUR 2018 DIARY

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (6th January)

Mass Times: 7.30 pm (vigil), 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon

HOLY HOUR for ALL WHO MINISTER in the CATHEDRAL

Thursday 25th January at 8 pm

Ash Wednesday ~ 14th February

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

St. Patrick's Day ~ Saturday 17th March

Mass Times: 7.30 pm (vigil), 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon

Palm Sunday: 25th March

Easter Sunday: 1st April

Divine Mercy Sunday: 8th April ~ Divine Mercy Devotions ~ 2.30 pm

CONFIRMATION DATES

Thursday 22nd February ~ Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin ~ 5 pm

Saturday 24th February ~ Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál ~ 12 noon

Saturday 24th February ~ Scoil Cholmcille ~ 4 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Saturday 28th April ~ Scoil Cholmcille ~ 11 am

Saturday 12th May ~ Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál ~ 11 am

Saturday 19th May ~ Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin ~ 11 am

Saturday 26th May ~ Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin ~ 11 am

Feast of Corpus Christi: Sunday 3rd June ~ Procession at 3 pm

Parish Mission: Saturday 9th June - Sunday 17th June

GRAVEYARD SERVICES

Sunday 1st July ~ Conwal Graveyard ~ 4 pm

Tuesday 2nd July ~ Aughaninshin ~ 7 pm

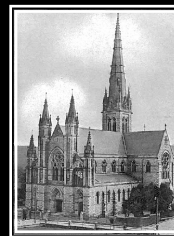
Sunday 8th July ~ Old Leck Graveyard ~ 4 pm

Sunday 8th July ~ New Leck Graveyard ~ 5 pm

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN

Tuesday 21st - Sunday 26th August

Live 'Webcam' Streaming from the Cathedral ~ www.mcnmedia.tv



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT

This is a special opportunity to prepare yourself and your family for the coming of Christmas - to welcome the child Jesus among us. You are invited to 'An Advent Twilight Retreat' in preparation for Christmas on **Wednesday 13th December** from 7 pm - 9.30 pm in the Pastoral Centre, Monastery Avenue, Letterkenny. The Advent Retreat will take place in a relaxing atmosphere in the Pastoral Centre. Retreat Director: Brother Eddie Dowley, Capuchin Friar. Light refreshments will be served. No Charge. To book a place, please contact the Pastoral Centre on 9121853. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

The **10 am MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN IRISH** on Sunday 17th December. This Mass will be broadcast live on Radio na Gaeltachta. Celebrant will be Bishop Alan McGuckian.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY ~ *Blessing the Christ Child*

Please join us in St. Eunan's Cathedral to celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday' at our **12 noon Mass** next Sunday 17th December. Children/Adults are invited to bring along their 'Baby Jesus' crib figure from their homes to Mass for a Special Blessing.

ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

We extend a warm welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors to Letterkenny to come and join in the singing of your favourite Carols, next **Sunday 17th December at 8 pm.**

'Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.' Pope Francis

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEK: Fr. Kevin Gillespie

Sunday 10th December

Masses ~ 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 4 pm (Polish) and 6.30 pm
Baptisms - 1.30 pm
St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open at 1 pm
Polish Prayer Group in the Conference Room ~ 4 pm - 7 pm
Cathedral Junior Youth 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

Monday 11th December

8 am Mass ~ Kathleen McGinty
10 am Mass ~ Jackie Collins
7.30 pm Mass ~ Bridie Orr
St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open
CONFESSIONS in the Cathedral - 8 pm
Grow Mental Health Meetings in Pastoral Centre - 7.30 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 12th December

8 am Mass ~ Rory O'Donnell
10 am Mass ~ ®
7.30 pm Mass ~ Packie and Bridget O'Donnell
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 on Tuesday 19th December - 8 pm
Divine Mercy Holy Hour in the Cathedral - 8 pm
Gamblers' Anonymous Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm
AA Meeting and Al-Anon in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

Wednesday 13th December

8 am Mass ~ Dan Collins
10 am Mass ~ Eugene Brennan
7.30 pm Mass ~ Dessy Kelly (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 Meeting in the Cathedral - 8 pm
Cathedral Choir Practice in the Conference Room - 8 pm
Narcotics Anonymous Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny 9129503/9122366

PILGRIMAGES FOR 2018

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES with Bishop Alan McGuckian will depart on the **22nd May**. Cost: €704 per person. Please phone the Lourdes Office on 9125090 for further information.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA under the patronage of Bishop Alan McGuckian will depart on the **9th July** ex Dublin for seven nights. Cost: €749 (plus insurance €29 per person - free bus Letterkenny/Dublin Airport return). **€100 off** if booked before the 15th December. Spiritual Director: Fr. James Sweeney. For further details please phone Mena on 9121748.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place on Saturday **18th 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE will take place on the **5th September** for 7 days with Spiritual Director. Cost: €729 per person. **€100 off** if booked before the 15th December. Please contact Kathleen on 9121641/086-3721962 for details.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOUG DERG ~ Saturday **1st September**.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE ~ The Annual Donegal N/W Pilgrimage with Marian Pilgrimages will leave Letterkenny on the **30th September**. Flight ex Belfast. 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.

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.

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.

Br. Brian Johnson on behalf of the Franciscan Brothers, Clara, Co. Offaly, would like to **THANK** everyone for your outstanding kindness and generosity in helping some of the neediest people on the earth. We will use wisely and effectively, every cent given to us, in the elimination of poverty and hunger among the people with whom we work in Kenya and Uganda.

The 12th Annual **CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER** for people living on their own will be held in the Conwall 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.

NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER for people/families who feel lonely at this time of year, will take place on **Monday 1st January** at 2 pm in SONDER Restaurant, Rossvie Business Park, Port Road, Letterkenny courtesy of Chef Martin Anderson.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are **AVAILABLE** from the Parochial House the Sacristy, Veritas, Lower Main Street and Esso, Port Road. The pack of five costs €5. 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.

TRÓCAIRE is hoping for your support for the **Trócaire Gifts and Christmas Appeal**. The gifts make a huge difference to the lives of families and communities in some of the world's poorest countries and start from as little as €7 for chicks in Kenya and Ethiopia. To find out more, buy a gift or make a donation please log on to trocaire.org or call 01-6293333.

Set the table for **ONE MORE FOR CHRISTMAS** and **FEED** a child at a place of education in some of the world's poorest communities for an entire school year for only **€15.60**. Please visit: www.marysmeal.ie - after all, there's always room for one more at Christmas.

ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL is located in the grounds of Loreto Secondary School, 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.

We encourage all couples **PLANNING ON GETTING MARRIED** in St. Eunan's Cathedral or any other Church during 2018 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.

Fr. Eamonn McLaughlin's address in Rome is as follows: Domus Internationalis Paul VI, Via Della Scrofa 70, 00186, Roma, Italia.

Thursday 14th December

8 am Mass ~ Redmond and Mary McMonagle
10 am Mass ~ Michael, Nora, Steve and Margaret Lehane
7.30 pm Mass ~ Lily McLoughlin
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 15th December

8 am Mass ~ Brendan O'Boyle
10 am Mass ~ Fr. Harry Allison
7.30 pm Mass ~ Molly Campbell, John Harley, Joe Harley, John Devine, Eddie McGlynn, Sr. Mercedes Lynch, John McDonagh, Molly Coyle, Michael Kelly and Mary Kelly
St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open
Al-Anon Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 10.30am
AA Meeting for Women in the Cathedral Conference Room - 1 pm
AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 5.30 pm
Cathedral Senior Youth Prayer Group in the Conference Room - 6 pm
Women's Friendship Prayer Group in the Conference Room - 8 pm

Saturday 16th December

10 am Mass ~ ® **1 pm** - Nuptial
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 Meeting 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 ~ 3rd December 2017 - €5,876

Parish Expenditure: €6,969.41

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

RECENT BAPTISMS ~ We welcome into God's Community

Drey McDonald-Lafferty

BOXES OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES for 2018 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 2018 or set up a standing order, please contact the Parochial House on 9121021. **For anyone living outside the Cathedral Parish who receives a Box of Cathedral Envelopes usually by POST, please COLLECT your box from the Sacristy.**

A **CURSILLO ULTREYA** will be held in the Church of the Irish Martyrs tonight, **Sunday 10th December** at 8 pm.

A **CEILÍ** will be held in the Bonagee Community Centre tonight, **Sunday 10th December**. Dancing 8 pm - 11 pm. Admission (including supper): €7.

SANCTUARY CLEANING for Christmas will take place on **Monday 11th December** at 2 pm. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

The **ULSTER UNIVERSITY CHOIR** under the direction of Dr. Shaun Ryan will visit the Cathedral on **Monday 11th December** at 8.15 pm. They will present Vivaldi Gloria as their main work. Other music will include Faure Cantique de Jean Racine and some Christmas music. Free admission with a retiring collection. All welcome.

Fr. Frank McHugh will be signing copies of his book **'GLEANINGS FROM GLENDOWAN, GARTAN AND GLENVEAGH'** in Veritas, Lower Main Street on **Tuesday 12th December** from 11 am - 1 pm.

CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS WITH THE CONWAL SINGERS will take place on **Wednesday 13th December** at 8 pm in Conwal Parish Church. Under the musical direction of Conductor Karen Patton the Singers will perform seasonal carols with special guests the Donegal Chamber Orchestra, Eamonn Bonner, music students from Donegal Music Education Partnership and Organists Nicky Morton and Louis Fields. Voluntary retiring collection. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS in the Central Library, Letterkenny on **Thursday 14th December**. Music by "The Hazels", The Polish School in Letterkenny. Special Guests: The Church of the Irish Martyrs Folk Choir under the direction of Patrick Doherty and a Russian Folk Group 'Matreshki'. We will also have a Christmas Fair. All proceeds will go towards costumes for 'The Hazels'.

St. Padre Pio Prayer Meeting is on second Thursday of every Month (**14th December**) in the Letterkenny University Hospital Chapel. Starting at 7.30 pm with Mass, Rosary, Benediction, Veneration and blessing with first class relic. All are very welcome.

'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 **15th, 16th, 17th and 20th December**. Pre-booking is essential. For times, tickets and further information contact the IOSAS Centre 9384866 or visit: celticprayergarden.com or find us on facebook IOSAS Centre Christmas Trail.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for Christmas

Saturday 16th December: 12 noon to 1 pm and 8 pm

Monday 18th December: 8 pm

Wednesday 20th December: 10.30 am to 12 noon and 8 pm

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

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

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

Sunday 24th December: 1 pm to 3 pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE IN THE CATHEDRAL

CAROL SERVICE ~ Sunday 17th December ~ **8 pm**

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

MIDNIGHT MASS ~ Sunday 24th December ~ 12 midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES ~ 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 4 pm (Polish)

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

The **ADORATION CHAPEL** will close on **Friday 22nd December** at 9 pm at the usual time and will reopen at 7 pm on **Christmas Day**.

The Letterkenny Carol Singers will be performing in the Letterkenny Shopping Centre on **Friday 15th December** from 4 pm - 5 pm and on **Saturday 16th December** from 4 pm - 5 pm. Please come along and hear your favourite Christmas Carols. All proceeds will go to the 'Care of the Aged'.

MASS IN HONOUR OF BLESSED ALEXANDRINA will be held in Termonbacca, Derry next Sunday **17th December** at 7.30 pm.

LETTERKENNY CAROL TRAIL ~ We **INVITE** all the members from our Choirs and Singers to join with Choir Members from the other Churches on **Wednesday 20th December** at 7.30 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church where we will begin our Carol Trail with Christmas Carols and Scripture Readings, stopping at Church Lane, Mountsouthwell, St. Eunan's Cathedral (8.10 pm) and Conwall Parish Church with a candlelit procession. We will have refreshments in Conwall Parish Hall afterwards. Everyone is very welcome.

The **Staff and Pupils from Scoil Cholmille** warmly invites everybody to their annual **CAROL SERVICE** on **Wednesday 20th December** at **1 pm** in St. Eunan's Cathedral.

Hoovering, Dusting, Polishing etc. will take place in the Cathedral on **Wednesday 20th December** at 4 pm. **Can you spare a half hour/hour to lend a hand?**