

PILGRIMAGES

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place on the **22nd May** departing Belfast for 5 nights. €704 per person sharing. Please contact Brenda on 9125090.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE will take place from **Wednesday 13th June** for seven nights. Cost: €689 p.p.s. Spiritual director Fr. Paul Montague Adm., Holy Redeemer Church, Dundalk. For more information please call James 087-2202173.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE will be held from the **20th - 27th June**. For further information please contact Breedge on 086-2725875.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA will take place on the **9th July** (7 nights) with a Spiritual Director. €749 per person. Contact Mena on 9121748.

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

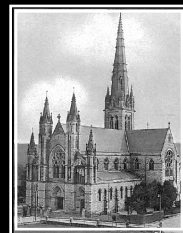
PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE will take place from the **5th September for 7 days** with a Spiritual Director. €729 per person. For further information and to book please contact Kathleen on 9121641 or 086-3721962.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE ~ The Donegal N.E. Group will leave on the **30th September** from Letterkenny. For further information and details, please phone Michael on 087-2922499.

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Letterkenny Area)** wishes to **THANK** most sincerely everyone who bought and sold **St. Eunan's Cathedral Christmas Cards** in 2017. A cheque for €4,155 was presented to the SVP Area President recently. With the recent spell of very cold weather, SVP had huge demands from families for fuel and food and this money will assist them to continue their work.

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Letterkenny Area)** wishes to **THANK** all who donated so generously to the **St. Eunan's Cathedral Crib** with all donations going to the local SVP. Crib Donations amounted to €1,960 and a cheque for this amount was presented recently to the SVP Area Manager.

LOUGH DERG ~ One Day Retreats: MAY ~ 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 12th 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 26th, 27th and 28th. **AUGUST** ~ 18th, 19th, 20th, 27th, 28th and 29th. **SEPTEMBER** ~ 1st, 2nd 4th, 5th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 22nd 23rd and 30th. **Three Day Pilgrimages:** will begin from the 1st June to the 13th August. Cost: for One Day Retreat - €45 and cost of Three Day Pilgrimage - €75. Group discounts are available. Please phone the Lough Derg Office on 9861518 for bookings and further information.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER Sunday 25th March 2018 *Palm Sunday*



CONFESSION TIMES DURING HOLY WEEK

This afternoon, **Sunday 25th March (Palm Sunday)** ~ 1 pm to 4 pm
Monday 26th March ~ 10.30 am to 12 noon and 8 pm
Tuesday 27th March ~ 10.30 am to 12 noon and 8 pm
Wednesday 28th March ~ 10.30 am to 6 pm and 8 pm

MASSES AND SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - 8 am, 10 am and 7.30 pm

HOLY THURSDAY

11 am ~ Chrism Mass
5 pm ~ Children's Mass of the Lord's Supper
8 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

12 noon ~ Stations of the Cross
3 pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7 pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

9 pm ~ Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 4 pm (Polish) and 6.30 pm



Please **RETURN** your Trócaire Boxes on Good Friday.

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEK: Fr. Eamonn Kelly

Sunday 25th March

Masses ~ 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 4 pm and 6.30 pm

Baptisms - 1.30 pm

St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is open at 1 pm

Polish Prayer Group in the Cathedral ~ 4 pm - 7 pm

Cathedral Junior Youth Prayer Group in the Conference Room - 7.30 pm

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

Al-Anon Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8 pm



Monday 26th March

8 am Mass ~ Rose Griffin

10 am Mass ~ Patsy Quinn

7.30 pm Mass ~ Trevor McBrearty

St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open

Confessions in the Cathedral ~ 10.30 am - 12 noon and 8 pm

Grow Mental Health Meetings in the Pastoral Centre - 7.30 pm

AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

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

Tuesday 27th March

8 am Mass ~ Corney Shanahan

10 am Mass ~ Maureen Kelly (Month's Mind Mass)

7.30 pm Mass ~ Veronica Gallagher and Bridget Peoples

Holy Face Devotions in the Cathedral - 6.30 pm

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 3rd April - 8 pm

Divine Mercy Prayer Group in the Crib Room – 8 pm

Gamblers' Anonymous Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

Al-Anon Meeting and AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

CONFESSIONS
10.30 am - 12 noon
and 8 pm

Wednesday 28th March

8 am Mass ~ James and Molly McDermott

10 am Mass ~ Bernard and Annie Crerand

7.30 pm Mass ~ ® and Penitential Service

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 in the Pastoral Centre ~ 8.30 pm

CONFESSIONS
10.30 am - 6 pm
and 8 pm

The **FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** will take place on **Sunday 3rd June**. We will begin in the Cathedral at 3 pm with prayers and our Procession to Rodger's Burn, Glencar will follow.

The **LETTERKENNY REUNION MASS** will take place on **Sunday 5th August** at 6.30 pm in the Cathedral.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies - all commercial free – Listen via FREE App “RADIO MARIA IRELAND”, streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling 01-4373277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family

The **Letterkenny Community Centre** recently set up a new ‘**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP**’. Classes are to help people interact and socialise more. Classes include a Chess and Games Club, Fit Classes for Adults 50+ and Seniors Line Dancing Classes. For further details please phone the Community Centre on 9122761.

Cara House Family Resource Centre wishes to recruit more **BEFRIENDERS** for their service due to increased demand. Befrienders all do a safeguarding vulnerable adults training, have Garda vetting, are matched to people who have similar interests and are under the care of our Befriending Supervisor. Volunteers need to call to Cara House with two forms of ID and two character references in order to get vetting set up. Please contact Cara House FRC, 108 Lower Main Street, Letterkenny on 9123986.

The Irish Wheelchair Association would like to **THANK** those who sponsored prizes at their recent quiz and raffle at Nora's bar Kilmacrennan on Friday 9th March. A special thanks to the Manager at Nora's bar, to the Quiz Masters and to all who attended. A total of €1,200 was raised on the night.

VINCENT'S (SVP – CHARITY SHOP), Lower Main St, Letterkenny ~ We are in urgent need of more clothes (especially gents), bric-a-brac, cosmetics, handbags and small items of furniture suitable for sale. We also need carrier bags which we can reuse. We are open Monday to Saturday - 10 am to 5.15 pm. Thanks for your continued support.

GRAVEYARD SERVICES

Sunday 1st July ~ Conwal Graveyard ~ 4 pm

Monday 2nd July ~ Aughaninshin Graveyard ~ 7 pm

Sunday 8th July ~ Old Leck Graveyard ~ 4 pm

Sunday 8th July ~ New Leck Graveyard ~ 5 pm



Letterkenny Gaels and Lónra Leitir Ceanainn are running evening **IRISH CLASSES** for those preparing for Leaving Cert exams starting on Tuesday 10th April in Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin, (for five Tuesdays). Places must be booked in advance. For further information please phone Bairbre on 089-4218215.

On **Thursday 3rd May** we will have an **AFTERNOON OF PRAYER AND PRAISE** in the Cathedral from 1.30 pm to 5 pm. We will resume at 7.10 pm with Evening Prayer followed by Mass at 7.30 pm and Prayer until 10 pm.

On **Friday 11th May**, Bishop McGuckian will celebrate Mass at 6 pm for the 100th Anniversary of the **LETTERKENNY (BRANCH) OF THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION**

On **Saturday 12th May** we will have an **AFTERNOON OF HEALING** with Eddie Stones in the Cathedral from 3 pm to 5 pm.

On **Sunday 27th May** we will have a **MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL** at **1.30 pm** in the Cathedral for the **NET Ministries Team** who have been working in our Parish since September 2017.

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

Saturday 26th May ~ Little Angels ~ 11 am ~ (Church of the Irish Martyrs)



JESUS VISITS HIS PEOPLE ~ Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament will visit a number of areas around Letterkenny between the **21st May - 1st June** (excluding Saturday and Sunday). If you would like the Blessed Sacrament to come to your area during this time, please contact the Parish Office on 9121021.

The Original **HOLY FAMILY ICON** commissioned for the World Meeting of Families began its journey to each Diocese in Ireland in August 2017 to encourage reflection and prayer as part of the journey of preparations to WMOF2018. **This Icon will visit St. Eunan's Cathedral from the 7th - 11th June.** The icon is accompanied by petition boxes, where families can write their intentions and prayer. Contemplative communities around Ireland will pray for the intentions collected during this time. Petitions will be brought to the World Meeting of Families.

We will have a **PARISH MISSION** from **Saturday 9th to Sunday 17th June** in St. Eunan's Cathedral. The Mission will be given by Priests of the Dominican Order.

We will celebrate Letterkenny's **'World Day of the Sick'** in the Cathedral as part of our Parish Mission on **Saturday 16th June** with Mass and anointing of the Sick at 11 am.

Thursday 29th March ~ Holy Thursday

11 am ~ Chrism Mass

5 pm ~ Children's Mass of the Lord's Supper

8 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is open until 6 pm

AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 5.30 pm

Charismatic Prayer Meeting in the Conference Room - 8 pm



Friday 30th March ~ Good Friday

12 noon ~ Stations of the Cross

3 pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7 pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Al-Anon Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 10.30 am

AA Meeting for Women in the Conference Room - 1 pm

AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 5.30 pm



Saturday 31st March ~ Holy Saturday

9 pm ~ Easter Vigil

AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 11 am

Narcotics Anonymous in the Pastoral Centre - 5.30 pm

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



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Live **WEB STREAMING** from the Cathedral is available ~ churchservices.tv

Parish Pastoral Council Email: conwalandleckpc@gmail.com

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS ~ 18th March - €5,449
EDUCATION OF STUDENTS FOR PRIESTHOOD COLLECTION ~ €4,740

PARISH EXPENDITURE: €6,528.76

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny ~ 9129503/9122366

RECENT BAPTISMS ~ *We welcome into God's Community*
Odhrán Paul Neary

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA (30th March - 8th April)
(Leaflets will be available at the back of the Cathedral)
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS ~ 8th April ~ 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

A **CAKE SALE** will take place in the Cathedral Conference Room after Masses this weekend, **24th/25th March** in aid of our Youth travelling to Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Your support would be appreciated.

MASS IN HONOUR OF BLESSED ALEXANDRINA will be held in Termonbacca tonight, **Sunday 25th March** at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS ~ Please attend on **Monday 26th March** at 2 pm for Sanctuary cleaning in preparation for Easter.

LETTERKENNY MEMORIES will be held in the Station House Hotel on **Monday 26th March** at 8 pm. Light refreshments served and all are welcome.

LETTERKENNY CARE OF THE AGED ~ A SOCIAL will be held on **Tuesday 27th March** at 8 pm in Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road. This Social will be hosted by the Manchester United Supporters Club and music will be provided by Alec and Sinead Black.

EASTER COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE STALL will be held in Fahan Presbyterian Church Hall on **Wednesday 28th March** from 11 am - 12.30 pm. There is no charge for admission or tea. Box for donations at the door. Proceeds in aid of Church Funds. Everyone is welcome.

The Parents Council of Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana will present **“MIME IN TIME”** (lip sync) on **Easter Sunday, 1st April** in The Plaza, Buncrana, starting at 8 pm and followed by a late Disco. Please phone 086-3647680 for further details on how to get tickets. Admission €10. Money raised on the night will go directly to fund items needed to enhance our children's education.

You are warmly invited to an **INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE** which is being held for those who have suffered the loss of a baby through Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Neo-Natal death at Letterkenny University Hospital in **Conwal Parish Church** on **Sunday 8th April** at 4 pm.

We will have **MASS AND A HEALING SERVICE** on **Wednesday 11th April** in the Cathedral at 7.30 pm. Celebrant will be Fr. Richard McAlear, from Boston, who is a member of the religious order of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The Holy Spirit imparts understanding that both heals and renews the wounded heart. Christ, our Healer, frees the heart to love and to trust while renewing the inner spirit, bringing fresh hope and new life.

PAVERPOL CLASSES will commence on **Wednesday 11th April** (5 weeks) in Cara House Family Resource Centre, 108 Lower Main Street. Paverpol allows you to make statues, both for indoor and outdoor, as well as abstract objects, wall decorations, vases, bowls etc. To book please call 9123986.

“Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty.” *Pope Francis*

PRAY FOR IRELAND

We are all encouraged to set-aside **Good Friday (30th March)** as a **DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING** for the Protection of unborn children and for the retention of the 8th Amendment.

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER MEETING is held on the **second Thursday of every Month (12th April)** in Letterkenny University Hospital Chapel commencing with Mass at 7.30 pm followed by Rosary, Benediction, Veneration and Blessing with first class relic. Everyone is very welcome.

The National Council for the Blind of Ireland (**NCBI**) is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** for its fundraising bag pack in Tesco Letterkenny on **Saturday 14th April**. If you can volunteer for a couple of hours please contact Collette on 01-8821970.

PARENTS PLUS EARLY YEARS PROGRAMME - For Parents of children aged 1 - 6 years, will commence in the Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny on **Wednesday 11th April** from 10 am to 12 noon for six weeks.

PARENTS PLUS CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME - For Parents of children aged 6 - 11 years, will commence in Termon National School on **Monday 16th April** from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm for six weeks.

Both of the above Programmes are open to any parent/guardian who would like to do them. **Booking is essential.** For more information or to request a booking form please contact Bairbre on 087-1736667 or email bairbre.parenthub@gmail.com These Parents Plus programmes are about parents and children growing in confidence, learning and thriving. Supporting children's self-esteem, encouraging learning and social skills, establishing daily routines, managing difficult behaviour and understanding the importance of play are all vital aspects and can be of benefit to any family.

The annual **PRESENTATION MASS FOR PIONEER EMBLEMS** and new Young Pioneers will take place on **Tuesday 23rd April** at 7.30 pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral. If you qualify for any of the following please contact Joe on 085-1269238, Michael on 087-6774618 or Geraldine on 087-7962045. (10 year - €15, Silver (25 years) €44, Gold (50 years) €46 or Diamond (60 years) €24 before 10th April.

ATTENTION ALL WALKERS ~ Operation Transformation Walk continues on SUNDAYS at 10 am from the Town Park - for all levels and ages. Variety of routes. No charge. All are welcome.

Would you like a **‘STATUE OF THE HOLY FAMILY’** to visit your home in preparation for the World Meeting of Families? If yes, please call Carmel on 086-2252378 or Margaret on 086-3030287 to arrange a day and time.