

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for Christmas

Saturday 15th December: 12 noon to 1 pm and 8 pm

Monday 18th December: 8 pm

Wednesday 19th December: 10.30 am to 12 noon and 8 pm

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

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

Saturday 22nd December: **10.30 am to 6 pm** and 8 pm

Sunday 23rd December: **1 pm to 6 pm**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE IN THE CATHEDRAL

CAROL SERVICE ~ Sunday 16th December ~ **8 pm**

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

MIDNIGHT MASS ~ Monday 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 21st December** at 9 pm at the usual time and will reopen at 7 pm on **Christmas Day**.

PILGRIMAGES FOR 2019

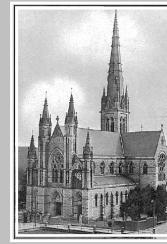
RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES with Fr. Michael McKeever VG will depart on the **22nd May**. Please phone the Lourdes Office on 9125090 for further information.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA under the patronage of Bishop Alan McGuckian will depart on the **15th July** ex Dublin for seven nights. Cost: €769 (plus insurance €29 per person - free bus Letterkenny/Dublin Airport return). **€100 off** if booked before the 14th December. Spiritual Director: Fr. James Sweeney. For further details please phone Mena on 9121748.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place on Saturday **17th August**.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE will take place on the **5th September** for 7 days with Spiritual Director. Cost: €735 per person. **€100 off** if booked before the 10th December. Please contact Kathleen on 9121641/086-3721962 for details.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE ~ The Annual Donegal N/W Pilgrimage with Marian Pilgrimages will leave Letterkenny on the **29th September**. Flight ex Belfast. A discount will occur if a deposit is paid before mid February. For bookings and further information please ring Michael on 087-2922499. Gift vouchers are available.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th November 2018

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PROTECTING OUR HERITAGE, BUILDING UP THE FAITH

Two projects are ongoing at the moment to improve facilities for Parishioners and to ensure the future conservation of the Cathedral. Firstly, car parking is being provided adjacent to the Adoration Chapel. This will be for the sole use of those using the Adoration Chapel, and to provide car parking for the Divine Mercy Centre.

Secondly, work is now commencing on strengthening beams within the bell tower. This will require placing scaffolding to the back of the bell tower. The work is preventative rather than remedial, and will ensure the stability of the floors within the bell tower. **PLEASE OBSERVE THE SAFETY NOTICES.**

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Everyone is very welcome to the Cathedral Conference Room next Sunday afternoon, **25th November** from 1 pm to 2 pm to learn how to make Advent Wreaths.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Cathedral have produced a **pack of five CHRISTMAS CARDS** (€5 per pack). The Recipient's intentions are included in all Masses in the Cathedral from 24th December until 1st January. The cards are **ON SALE** in the Sacristy after all Masses, Veritas, Lower Main Street, Jones Oil, Port Road and from the Parochial House. **Any profit will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.** Your support is much appreciated.

DONEGAL HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Donegal Hospice Bereavement Support offers support - not counselling - to those who have been bereaved: accepts those who are bereaved as they are; provides the bereaved the opportunity to talk in confidence with a trained listener; helps the bereaved to come to terms with death; helps the bereaved to learn to live without the deceased; helps the bereaved to move on with their lives and offers help with the liturgy at the time of death. Please contact them on 089-4402787.

Priest on Duty: Fr. Damien Nejad

Sunday 18th November

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

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 19th November

8 am Mass ~ Willie Crawford

10 am Mass ~ Sarah and John McNulty

7.30 pm Mass ~ Mary McMenamin

St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open

Confessions ~ 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 Saturday
Evening Prayer
(7.10 pm)
Monday to Friday

Tuesday 20th November

8 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

10 am Mass ~ ®

7.30 pm Mass ~ Michael Curran

St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is open

Holy Face Devotions in the Cathedral ~ 6.30 pm

Legion of Mary Meeting in the Conference Room after 10 am Mass

Legion of Mary Meeting in the Parochial House 7 pm

Baptism Preparation in the Parochial House on Tuesday 27th November at 8 pm

Divine Mercy Holy Hour in the Cathedral - 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

Wednesday 21st November ~ The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am Mass ~ Charlie \McMenamin

10 am Mass ~ Barry Owens

7.30 pm Mass ~ ®

St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is open

Mother's Prayer Group Meeting in the Conference Room - 7 pm

Youth 2000 Prayer Group in the Cathedral - 8 pm

Cathedral Choir Practice in the Conference Room - 8 pm

Narcotics Anonymous in the Pastoral Centre ~ 8.30 pm

Home Instead Senior Care are currently **RECRUITING** Caregivers throughout Donegal. Duties include assisting clients with all aspects of day to day living. We offer: Flexible working hours, Full Training, QQI qualification desirable but not essential. Own transport required. Please email your CV to donegal@homeinstead.ie or phone 9113050.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY ~ *Blessing the Christ Child*

Please join us in St. Eunan's Cathedral to celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday' at our **12 noon Mass on Sunday 16th 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, on **Sunday 16th December at 8 pm**.

The **LETTERKENNY CAROL TRAIL** will take place on **Friday 21st December** starting at 7.30 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, arriving into the Cathedral after the 7.30 pm Mass and will then continue to Conwal Parish Church.

The 13th 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.

THE PRIESTS (Fr. Eugene O'Hagan, Fr. Martin O'Hagan and Fr. David Delargy) will celebrate the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' in **St. Mary's Church, Stranorlar on Friday 28th December**. Tickets are available in the Book Centre, Ballybofey, Villa Rose Hotel and from Andies Supermarket, Stranorlar.

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 2019 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.

A **30 DAY PRAYER BOOK** entitled 'A month with our friends the Souls in Purgatory' is available from the Parochial House in Termon. The booklet is priced at €2 each. Copies will also be on sale in St. Columba's Church, Termon.

The **Ulster University Choir** will give **A PRESENTATION OF SACRED MUSIC** on **Monday 3rd December** in St. Eunan's Cathedral at 8.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

SPECIAL NEEDS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY STUDIES COURSE ~ This new course will begin in Buncrana on **Monday 3rd December**. Course duration: 44 Weeks which includes 12 weeks of work placement. Class time: Monday to Friday with half day on Friday (8.30 am to 3.45 pm). Entry Requirement: Ideally minimum NFQ Level 4 Major Award/Junior Cert or its equivalent. Further information please visit: www.donegaletb.ie. Registration: If you are in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment – contact your local DEASP Office to register your interest. If you are not in receipt of a DEASP payment Contact: Donegal ETB course recruitment on 9120542.

The annual **ALL-NIGHT VIGIL** will take place at **Knock Shrine on Friday 7th - Saturday 8th December**. The Vigil Ceremonies will commence with Confessions from 10 pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation and Vigil at 12 midnight on Friday 7th in the Basilica with Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour with Fr. Brendan Walsh SCA. Con-celebrated Mass will take place at 4 am with His Excellency Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio. Con-celebrants are Fr. Brendan Walsh, Pallotine, Thurles and Fr. Lawrence CFR, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Information on organised coaches travelling to the vigil can be found at www.knockshrine.ie

CATHEDRAL CLEANING will take place in preparation for Christmas on **Wednesday 19th December** at 3.30 pm. Can you spare a little time to help?

A **CARE AND REPAIR PROGRAMME** carried out by TUS Workers and staff of Letterkenny CDP provides the following services to older people, people on low income or with a disability etc. environmental work in community and minor outdoor repairs to fences, gates etc. Please phone the Letterkenny CDP office on 9120633 for further information.

The **SENIOR ALERT SCHEME** is for People over 65 years. Staff/Volunteers visit older people in their home and help them fill in application forms for their personal Buzzer Alarms which they can use if they are in danger or have a fall. Please contact the Letterkenny CDP office at 9120633.

Thursday 22nd November ~ St. Cecilia

8 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Raphoe Diocesan Society
10 am Mass ~ Kathleen Ruddy
7.30 pm Mass ~ Patrick, Nancy & Pattie-Anne Gallagher and Barbara Molloy
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 23rd November ~ St. Columban

8 am Mass ~ John McCarter
10 am Mass ~ William and Francis Duggan
7.30 pm Mass ~ Maureen McCafferty (**First Anniversary**), Rosie Crerand (**First Anniversary**), Thomas McGinty, Margaret Kelly, Teresa Kelly, James Kelly, Pat Kelly, Mary O'Donnell, Una McNeilis, Cassie McCafferty, Deceased Members of the Sweeney Family, Kevin McNamara, Patrick McDermott, Seamus O'Donnell, John McDaid and Cassie McDaid
St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is open
Cathedral Senior Youth Prayer Group in the Conference Room ~ 7.30 pm
8.30 pm ~ Mass in St. Pius X Adoration Chapel
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
Narcotics Anonymous in the Pastoral Centre ~ 7 pm - 8 pm

Saturday 24th November ~ Ss. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions & St. Colman

10 am Mass ~ James Doherty (**First Anniversary**)
Baptisms ~ 5 pm **7.30 pm** ~ Vigil Mass
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and after the 7.30 pm Mass
AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 11 am

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

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Live **Web Streaming** from the Cathedral ~ churchservices.tv

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ~ 11th November - €6,202

PARISH EXPENDITURE: €9,569.88

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

RECENT BAPTISMS ~ *We welcome into God's Community*

Casey Alexander Lynch-Jacob ~ Ollie Aiden Friel

TICKETS are currently **ON SALE** with all proceeds going towards **Parish Youth Ministries**. Tickets cost anything from €0.01 to €10.00! The Draw will take place during a **Coffee Morning** (8 am - 1.30 pm) in the Conference Room on **Sunday 2nd December**. A number of tickets are still available in the Sacristy. We encourage all Tickets Sellers to return their tickets before **Tuesday 27th November**. We thank all Sellers, all who bought tickets and a special word to thanks to all who donated prizes to this fundraiser.

MASS for Deceased Members of St. Eunan's G.A.A. Club will be celebrated on **Wednesday 21st November** at 7.30 pm in the Clubhouse. All are welcome.

Lionra Leitir Ceanainn are holding their **AGM** on **Thursday 22nd November** at 7 pm in Mc Gettigan's Hotel. Tea/coffee and refreshments will be served. Pop up Gaeltacht afterwards in Cottage Bar. Everybody welcome to attend and find out more about the work of Lónra.

There will be a **CHRISTMAS FAYRE FOR MARY'S MEALS** in the Trinity Hall, Letterkenny (beside Cathedral Car Park) on **Saturday 24th November** from 12 noon - 5 pm (admission free). There will be many items for sale including - Christmas decorations, flowers, gifts, crafts, home bakes, a professional photographer for family portraits or photographs with Santa and much more. Come along and pick up something nice for Christmas and also help a worthy cause.

MUSIC JAM at the **IOSAS Centre**, Lenamore Road, Muff on **Saturday 24th November** from 2 pm - 5 pm. All musicians, singers, folk groups are welcome to join in our Music Jam including prayer and praise. For more information or to register attendance please contact the Centre on 9384866.

MIC, St. Patrick's Campus, Thurles is set to hold its 2018 Open Day on **Saturday 24th November** (10 am - 2 pm). This is a must attend event for all aspiring post-primary teachers and will include information on our full suite of degrees, including our new BA in Education, Mathematics and Gaelige. On the day, information will also be available on MIC's undergraduate entrance scholarships, worth €2,000 each, on offer to first year students undertaking study at MIC, St. Patrick's Campus, Thurles. In addition, attendees can find out about the range of accommodation options, student supports, and the linkages to MIC Campus, Limerick. Full details at www.micopenday.ie

Donegal Pro Life invite everyone to a **WOMEN'S COUNSELLING NETWORK TRAINING DAY** in the Cathedral Conference Room on **Saturday 24th November** from 10.30 am to 5 pm' to learn how thousands of babies have been saved by abortion - the do's & the don'ts. Learn how you can help. Contact Mary on 087 7586350

MASS IN HONOUR OF BLESSED ALEXANDRINA will be held in Termonbacca, Derry on **Sunday 25th November** at 7.30 pm.

Craoibhin Community Enterprise Centre, Termon. A **WALKING GROUP** in conjunction with Get Ireland Walking meet **every Friday morning** at 9.30 am at Craoibhin. All are welcome to join them. Craoibhin's annual **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** will take place in the Centre on **Sunday 25th November** with doors open from 2 pm – 6 pm. (No admission charge).

Blackstaff Press has released a new book entitled '**A LEAP OF FAITH**', which recounts the remarkable friendship between Martin McGuinness and Reverend David Latimer. All royalties will be given to the North West Cancer Centre. **Rev. Latimer** will be in **Veritas Bookshop**, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny on **Thursday 29th November** from 11 am to sign his book.

BOXES OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES for 2019 will be ready for distribution from Monday 26th November. 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 2019 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 from the first weekend in December.**

A new **LOCAL HISTORY WEBSITE** has been launched by the Letterkenny Historical Society. Old photos, videos and stories of the history of Letterkenny are available to view at www.letterkennyhistory.com

National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) requires **VOLUNTEERS** for their shop on Upper Main Street, Letterkenny. Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 9.30 am - 5.30 pm. Any help given will be greatly appreciated.

The amount collected at the recent Church Gate Collection at St. Eunan's Cathedral in aid of the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was €859.90. **THANKS** to all who collected or helped in any way.

JOB VACANCY - CARETAKER: Duties to include general caretaking indoor/outdoor: grass cutting, weeding, edging, litter control, light maintenance and cleaning. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. For further information contact Letterkenny Together CES CLG on 9120654 or email: cregan@letterkennytogether.ie