

We encourage all couples **PLANNING ON GETTING MARRIED** in St. Eunan's Cathedral or any other Church during 2020 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.

### **PILGRIMAGES FOR 2020**

11 Day Pilgrimage to the **HOLY LAND ~ 12th - 22nd February**. Cost: €1,475 - deposit €450. Spiritual Director: Canon Paddy McGinn, A small number of places available. Please contact Brenda on 041-6863390 or Philip on 087-2508043.

**RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** with Bishop Alan McGuckian will depart on the **24th May**. Please phone the Lourdes Office on 9125090 for further information.

**RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA** with Fr. Michael McKeever VG, will depart on the **14th July** ex Dublin for seven nights. Cost: €769 (€100 off if paid in full by 13th December). Free bus Letterkenny/Dublin Airport return. Spiritual Director: Fr. James Sweeney. Complimentary travel insurance. Single Room supplement €25 per night. For further details please phone Mena on 9121748.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 8th September**. Cost: €735 (early booking offer: €100 off if paid in full by 13th December). Phone 9121641/086-3721962.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE ~ The Annual Donegal N/W Pilgrimage** with Marian Pilgrimages will leave Letterkenny on the **30th September**. **FLIGHT EX KNOCK TO MOSTAR**. A discount will occur if a deposit is paid before mid February. Other dates can be organised. For bookings and further information please ring Michael on 087-2922499. Gift vouchers are available.

### **Advance Notice**

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for Christmas**

**Monday 16th December: 8 pm**

**Wednesday 18th December: 10.30 am to 12 noon and 8 pm**

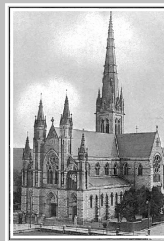
**Thursday 19th December: 10.30 am to 12 noon and 8 pm**

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

**Saturday 21st December: 10.30 am to 5.30 pm and 8 pm**

**Sunday 23rd December: 3 pm to 5.30 pm**

**Monday 23rd December: 10.30 am to 12 noon and 8 pm**



## **ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 17th November 2018**

*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### **WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS**

Today, gives us an opportunity to remember those who have died on our roads and the families, friends and communities who have been devastated by their loss. We also remember those who have survived with life altering injuries. For thousands of families around the country, their lives are forever changed as a result of a collision.

#### **PRAYER AT THE DAY'S END**

O Lord, support us all the day long,  
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging,  
and a holy rest, and peace at last;  
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

(St. John Henry Newman)

#### **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 and from the Parochial House. **Any profit will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Your support is much appreciated.



#### **ADVANCE NOTICE ~ ADVENT WREATH MAKING**

Everyone is very welcome to the **Divine Mercy Centre** on Friday Evening, **29th November** after the 7.30 pm Mass to learn how to make Advent Wreaths.

**Priest on Duty: Fr. Damien Nejad**

**Sunday 17th 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

**Pro-Life Rosary** ~ After the 6.30 pm Mass

**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 18th November ~ Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul**

**8 am Mass** ~ Willie Crawford RIP

**10 am Mass** ~ Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary RIP

**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Pat and Nancy Gallagher, Barbara Molloy and Patsy Anne Joyce RIP

**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

**Tuesday 19th November**

**8 am Mass** ~ Miriam Gallen RIP

**10 am Mass** ~ ®

**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Adrian Hughes RIP (**First Anniversary**)

**St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is open**

**Holy Face Devotions** in the Cathedral ~ 6.30 pm

**Legion of Mary Meeting** in the Divine Mercy Centre after 10 am Mass

**Legion of Mary Meeting** in the Parochial House 7 pm

**Baptism Preparation** in the Parochial House on Tuesday 26th November at **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

**Evening Prayer**  
(7.10 pm)  
Monday to Friday

**Wednesday 20th November**

**8 am Mass** ~ John Lagan RIP

**10 am Mass** ~ Frank Duff RIP

**7.30 pm Mass** ~ ®

**St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is open**

**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

**TRÓCAIRE'S GIFT OF LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS**

Gifts from as little as €5 are available from Veritas, Lower Main Street or online at: [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts). A gift this Christmas, no matter how small, can make a huge difference to families and communities.

**SOAP: €5** ~ A bar of soap can stop the spread of deadly disease and even save a life.

**CHICKS: €8** ~ They grow up to be one of the most useful resources for a family in need. This is a gift that keeps on giving.

**SOLAR LAMP: €15** ~ A light in the darkness that is safe to use and free to run.

**SEEDS AND TOOLS: €15** ~ These will help to prepare ground & produce food.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES: €20** ~ Hot, nutritious and plentiful, a school lunch is a lifeline for many children.

**SCHOOL KIT: €30** ~ Your Gift of a School Kit will send a child to school, pay for school fees, teachers' salaries, and books and pencils too.

**GOATS: €50** ~ A goat provides food/milk and money for families.

**MOTHER AND BABY CARE KIT: €55** ~ A healthy baby and a happy healthy mother are the greatest gifts any family can receive.

**BEEHIVES: €65** ~ Your gift will provide a family with training, bees, hives, flowering plants and water and hopefully money from selling honey and beeswax.

**TREES: €85** ~ Trees not only provide a fantastic source of food and nutrition they can also help to generate an income.

**WATER: €100** ~ Irrigation systems, including water conservation, harvesting, and recycling, which provides a better harvest.

**FAMILY HOME: €150** ~ Your Gift of Shelter will help families to hold onto their land, grow food and put a roof over their heads.

**OX PLOUGH AND FARMING TOOLS: €200** ~ Will provide a family with everything they need to start a self-sufficient farm.

**FIX A WELL: €1,000** ~ This amazing gift can bring clean, safe water to an entire community.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER** for people living on their own will be held in the **Conwal Parish Hall**, behind the Church of Ireland on New Year's Day (1st January) 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 and 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.

**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.

**JOB VACANCY: Community Employment Supervisor – Temporary Cover.** Based in Letterkenny. Essential Qualifications: Major Award at 3rd Level of NFQ Level 6 or higher, preferably in Business/Financial Administration, Training, Human Resources, Project Management. Previous supervisory and people management experience relevant to post (3 years minimum). Detailed job description available on [www.jobsireland.ie](http://www.jobsireland.ie) Ref No: 2129786 or email [admin@letterkennytogether.ie](mailto:admin@letterkennytogether.ie)

The **Irish Cancer Society's 'Action Breast Cancer Campaign' collection** took place in Letterkenny on 4th October. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed on the day and a special thank you to the Loreto Transition Year Students and to all the Volunteers who gave of their time. The amount raised was €7,137.84.

### **FAMILY MASS ~ 8th December**

During our 10 am FAMILY MASS on Sunday 8th December, we will bring up presents which will be given to St. Vincent de Paul to distribute during the Christmas Season to those in need of a little extra support. We encourage all families to participate and help make Christmas special for our neighbours. The present, can be anything you like: a book, a small toy, a small item of clothing, a box of sweets etc. Please write 'boy' or 'girl' on the wrapping paper/gift label, and a rough guide as to the age for which the present would be appropriate.

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY ~ A beautiful Advent Tradition ~** Please join us in St. Eunan's Cathedral to celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday' at our **12 noon Mass on Sunday 15th December.** Children/Adults are invited to bring along their 'Baby Jesus' crib figure from their homes to Mass for a Special Blessing. They will then take them back home in preparation for placing them in the Crib on Christmas Eve.

**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 15th December at 8 pm.**

**CATHEDRAL CLEANING** will take place in preparation for Christmas on **Tuesday 17th December** after the 7.30 pm Mass. *Can you spare a little time to help?*

The **LETTERKENNY CAROL TRAIL** will take place on **Friday 20th 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 14th 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 and 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.

## **Thursday 21st November ~ The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8 am Mass ~** Charles Butler RIP

**10 am Mass ~** ®

**7.30 pm Mass ~** Deceased Members of the Sweeney Family

**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

**Encountering the Divine Mercy Image** in the Divine Mercy Centre - 8.15 pm

## **Friday 22nd November ~ St. Cecilia**

**8 am Mass ~** Eilish Nee (Knapp) RIP (Recently Deceased in America)

**10 am Mass ~** Barry Owens RIP

**7.30 pm Mass ~** Sean Scanlon (**First Anniversary**), Kathleen Ruddy, Gary Doyle, Margaret Kelly, Patrick Kelly, James Kelly, Mary O'Donnell, Teresa Kelly, Michael Curran, Mary McMenamin, Una McNelis, Cassie McCafferty, Anna Carmen, Brendan Conaghan, Anthony McGinty, Caroline McCosker, Roberto Logica and Troy Morris, Seamus O'Donnell, Patrick McDermott, Shane McLaughlin, Leo 'Toots' McGranaghan, John McDaid and Cassie McDaid RIP

**St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is open ~ Mass at 8.30 pm**

**Cathedral Senior Youth Prayer Group** in the Conference Room ~ 7.30 pm

**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

**Gamblers' Anonymous** in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

## **Saturday 23rd November ~ St. Columban**

**10 am Mass ~** ®

**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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**Website: [www.steunanscathedral.ie](http://www.steunanscathedral.ie)**  **St. Eunan's Cathedral**

Live **Web Streaming** from the Cathedral ~ [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION ~** 10th November - €6,129

**PARISH EXPENDITURE: €14,458.03**

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

Lines are currently **ON SALE** for our **CATHEDRAL YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DRAW**. Lines are €2 each. Raffle Cards are available from the Parish Office. Lines can be purchased both in the Sacristy or Parish Office. Prizes: 50 inch Flat Screen TV; €300 Voucher; €250 Liberty Travel Voucher; €200 Cash; €150 Gift Card; €125 Spar Voucher; €100 Tinney's Oil Voucher; €100 Voucher; €75 Voucher and €50 Voucher. The draw will take place in the Cathedral Conference Room on Saturday 14th December after the 10 am Mass. A sincere **WORD OF THANKS** to the local businesses who have sponsored prizes: Duds n Suds, Dunnes Stores, Liberty Travel, Letterkenny Post Office, Spar Glencar, Marks & Spencers, McDonald's and McCallion's Jewellers. Your support would be appreciated.

**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 cregan@letterkennytogether.ie

**Craoibhin, Termon ~ AGM on Monday 18th November** at 7.30 pm – Everyone welcome. An **IT COURSE FOR FARMERS** will begin in Craoibhin in January phone 9119988 for details. Annual **CRAFT FAIR** in Craoibhin on **Sunday 24th November** from 2 pm – 6 pm.

An **OPEN EVENING** for incoming First Years for September 2020 will be held in **Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny** on Tuesday next, **19th November**, from 4.15 pm - 6.45 pm. All are welcome.

**Mary's Meals 'POP-UP SHOP'** is open on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10.30 am - 4 pm at Greene's, Market Square.

There will be a **CHRISTMAS FAYRE FOR MARY'S MEALS** in the Trinity Hall, (beside Cathedral car park) on **Saturday 23th November** from 11 am - 4 pm (admission free). There will be many items for sale including: Christmas decorations, flowers, gifts, crafts, home bakes, a photographer will be available for family portraits or photographs with Santa and much more. €15.60 - feeds one child for a year in a place of education. Mary's Meals is now feeding 1,504,471 children.

**MASS IN POLISH** followed by short retreat with Fr. Przemyslaw Sawa, (Missionary of Mercy) on **Saturday 23rd November** at 4.30 pm and **Sunday 24th November** at 1.30 pm. Confessions 30 minute before Mass.

**MASS IN HONOUR OF BLESSED ALEXANDRINA** will be held in Termonbacca, Derry on **Sunday 24th November** at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

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 €933.23. **THANKS** to all who collected or helped in any way.

The **Staff of Scoil Cholmcille**, Convent Road. Letterkenny are having an **OPEN AFTERNOON** for Pre-School children with their Parents on **Thursday 28th November** from 1 pm - 2.30 pm. Refreshments will be served and we look forward to meeting with you.

**BOXES OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES for 2020** will be ready for distribution/ collection in the early December. 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 2020 or set up a standing order, please contact the Parochial House on 9121021.

**Ards Friary** are delighted to host a **CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** with the **Colmcille Gospel Choir** on **Friday 6th December** at 7 pm. This will be an evening of Christmas music and readings from the Scriptures relating to the story of Christ's birth. Admission: €10. For phone: 9138909 or email info@ardsfriary.ie

**KNOCK ALL-NIGHT VIGIL** ~ A bus will leave the Cathedral Car Park at **6.30 pm** on **Saturday 7th December** for the All-Night Vigil in Knock for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: 8th December. Please bring a packed lunch. For bookings and further information, please phone Michael on 087-2922499.

**WEEKEND RETREAT IN POLISH** from **6th - 8th December** (starting at 6 pm on Friday and finishing at 2 pm on Sunday) in the Cathedral Conference Room, St. Eunan's Cathedral. A special time to experience God's love for you, freedom through sacrament of Confessions, salvation in Christ and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A great way to prepare yourself for Christmas. Booking is essential, please phone 00447459177751 or 087-6817050. Cost: €40.

**NATHAN CARTER CHRISTMAS CONCERT** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, **Wednesday 11th December** at 8 pm. Supporting St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal plus other Church projects. Tickets €25, on sale now in Swilly Stores, Gortlee; Arena 7, Ballyraine; Georgie Sweeney's, Ballyraine; The Brewery Bar; Veritas, Main Street; Clarke's Newsagents, Main Street; the Parish Office during office hours (9127600) and in the Sacristy after Mass. Unreserved seating!

**JOHN PAUL II AWARD STUDENTS** ~ Have you considered **VOLUNTEERING** to take part in this year's 'Follow The Star' at The IOSAS Centre? We are currently looking for tour guides, story tellers, craft supervisors and hospitality volunteers. The dates are December 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 18th. Food is provided as is transport from Derry. Training Session will take place at the IOSAS Centre on **Monday 2nd December** from 4.30 pm - 7.30 pm at the IOSAS Centre (Eircode F93 F104). Email: goldenagecentre@hotmail.com to reserve a place.

Two dates are available at the **IOSAS Centre's 'Christmas Trail'** for any **INTERESTED CHOIRS:** Saturday 7th December and Sunday 15th December from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm. Please phone: 9384866 for further information.