

During our **10am FAMILY MASS** next 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 families to participate. The gift can be anything you like; a book, a small toy, a small item of clothing or sweets etc. Please indicate 'boy' or 'girl' on the wrapping and a guide to age for which the gift would be appropriate.

**MONTH'S MIND MASS** for the late Thomas Gallagher, Ash Meadows, Drumboe, Stranorlar and formerly of Oldtown, Letterkenny will be celebrated on Friday 6th December in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Stranorlar.

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

There will be a talk on the **DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS:** in the community room of the Church of the Irish Martyrs on 1st December at 3.30pm.

**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL** (Letterkenny) **Annual Church Gate Collection** will be taken up on **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December**. Your generosity would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

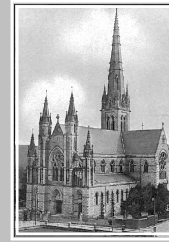
**LETTERKENNY COMMUNITY HERITAGE GROUP** will host a night in memory of our colleague Colm Ferry in the Station House, Letterkenny on the 2nd December at 8 o'clock. All welcome to join us as a tribute to our friend, colleague and community activist. Refreshments will be served.

**IF SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT HAS A DRINKING PROBLEM,** you can see what it is doing to them. Can you see what it is doing to you? There is an **OPEN ALANON** meeting on December 5th in Dungloe Hospital at 7.30pm. All welcome.

The monthly meeting of **LETTERKENNY PIONEER ASSOCIATION** takes place on **Friday, 6th December** at 8.10p.m. There will be a member outside the sacristy after Mass on Saturday, 7th and all Masses on Sunday 8th to give out pins or information about the Association. We would also encourage members to attend these meetings to help keep our local centre vibrant.

**KNOCK ALL-NIGHT VIGIL** ~ A bus will leave the Cathedral Car Park at **6.30pm** 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.

**DOREEN KENNEDY** wishes to acknowledge and thank all those who helped her on the occasion of her retirement from Scoil Naomh Fiachre to raise money for Mary's Meals and the Parish Youth Ministry Team. **€535** was presented to both charities last week.



## ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 1st December 2019**

*First Sunday of Advent*

### RETREATS AT DIVINE MERCY CENTRE, LETTERKENNY

We invite whole families to our **FAMILY DAY RETREAT** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 10am – 4pm. Some of our activities will be held in age groups (children, teens, adults), others we will have all together. We want this time to be an occasion to strengthen the family bonds and our relationship with the Merciful Lord. **Bookings are required**, so please contact us at [dvmletterkenny@gmail.com](mailto:dvmletterkenny@gmail.com) or telephone 91 6 9934.



As Christmas draws near we invite you to prepare better for this great feast by taking part in a retreat in **PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm – 9pm. Our aim is to deepen our understanding of the great mystery of the Incarnation. Please let us know that you will attend at [dvmletterkenny@gmail.com](mailto:dvmletterkenny@gmail.com) or telephone 91 6 9934.

### OH COME LET US ADORE HIM:

**ADVENT** is a time for us to prepare for the **Celebration of the Birth of Christ**. A good way to spiritually prepare for Christmas might be to pay a weekly visit during the next 4 weeks to our Adoration Chapel and spend some time in worship of the Eucharistic Lord. In the busyness of the coming weeks it would be good to spend some calm and quiet time with Jesus; so that when Christmas arrives we will have prepared our hearts to better receive all the blessings of that Season. **Every week the Adoration Chapel is open day and night from Sunday afternoon until Friday Evening.**



*“ADVENT is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God” ~ Pope Francis*

