

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.

**LETTERKENNY MEMORIES** will take place on **Monday 25th November** in the Station House Hotel at 8pm. Light refreshments served. Everyone is very welcome.

**LORETO COMMUNITY SCHOOL** is holding their **ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR** on Wednesday 27th November between 6-8pm in the school. They have a variety of different stalls by their own students, fresh baked goods, carol singing, a raffle with very good prizes, and of course Santa himself with Mrs Claus.

**COLÁISTE AILIGH Enrolment & Open Evening:** Parents & 6th Class Students are invited to an **OPEN EVENING** at 7pm on **Wednesday 27th November** in Coláiste Ailigh, Knocknamona, Letterkenny for 2020/21 Enrolment.

Thank you to all who contributed to the **St. Eunan's College Church Gate Collection** on 9th and 10th November when a total of €834 was collected. **St. Eunan's College Parents Association** are holding a **COFFEE MORNING** on Saturday 30th November in the school canteen from 9am - 12.30pm

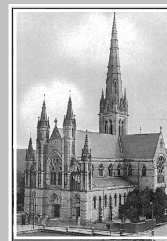
There will be a talk on the **DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS:** History, promises, miracles and relevance for our time in the community room of the Church of the Irish Martyr's, Letterkenny on Sunday 1st December at 3.30pm. Vatican approved relic of the Holy Face miracle of 1849 and blessed oil from the shrine available. For further information please contact 085 2525 612 .

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

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 7.30 pm. All welcome.

**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.

**JOB VACANCY - CARETAKER:** Duties to include general caretaking indoor/outdoor: grass cutting, weeding, edging, litter control, light maintenance and cleaning. Please email: [cregan@letterkennytogether.ie](mailto:cregan@letterkennytogether.ie) or phone: 9120654 for further details.



## ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 22nd November 2019**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

### AN ADVENT REFLECTION

#### Advent prepares us for Christmas; how do we prepare for Advent?

Advent is lost, for the most part, amidst the glitter of the pre-Christmas period. Did you ever notice that the colour of the season is not red, not silver, nor gold, but violet? Violet is the colour of penance, and the Advent season is, in fact, prepared as a season of penance; perhaps not as Lent is penitential in preparation for Easter, but nevertheless, it is a season of penitential preparation. Let us leave aside, for the moment, the question of how well we live Advent in this way, and consider that we are called to prepare for Christ's birth by doing penance. It is a 'strong' thought: in contrast to the eating and drinking, in contrast to the often extravagant expense of buying presents, Advent calls us to a 'sober' and prayerful preparation for the coming of the Saviour. Jesus' birth fills the heart of believers with true joy: our redemption is at hand, the forgiveness of sins is offered to us, and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor – to the little ones, the poor in spirit. How would our Advent be if we lived it with self-restraint - with penance even - and in prayerful awareness of the celebration to come; if bursts of excitement and anticipation were to break through our anticipation, instead of pangs of guilt at overeating, excess and stress? If we are gathered today around the Lord's Table, we have done so deliberately. We may not be the examples of faith, prayer and Christian living that we would wish to be, but we are here very deliberately nonetheless. We come with our fragile faith, aware we have every reason to be humble about it. Let us not, for now, worry about changing the pre-Christmas season. We could, instead, decide that our own Advent will be different in character, a kick against consumption, a quietness in the midst of glitter, a deliberate glance towards a great mystery, that Light which has risen and rises again and again in the hearts of those who seek and love Him. Christ has come into the world, and he will come again in great glory. Let us bring ourselves in faith to the stable, and in adoration prepare for his great advent in time and in eternity.

**Priest on Duty: Fr. Philip Kemmy**

**Sunday 24th November**

**Masses:** 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6.30 pm

**Baptisms** ~ 1.30

**St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open from 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 25th November ~ St. Catherine of Alexandria**

**8 am Mass** ~ Special Intention

**10 am Mass** ~ Sr. May McCarron and Frank McCarron RIP

**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Maura Maguire RIP

**Confessions at 8 pm**

**St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open**

**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 26th November**

**8 am Mass** ~ Brian and Brigid Walsh RIP

**10 am Mass** ~ ®

**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Anton Diver RIP

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

**Holy Face Devotions** in the Crib Room ~ 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 tonight - **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

**Wednesday 27th November**

**8 am Mass** ~ Mary Gallagher RIP

**10 am Mass** ~ Louise Murphy RIP

**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Rose Hegarty RIP (**First Anniversary**)

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

**Cathedral Choir Practice** in the Conference Room - 8 pm

**Youth 2000 Prayer Group** in the Cathedral - 8 pm

**Narcotics Anonymous** in the Pastoral Centre ~ 8.30 pm

**Thursday 28th November ~ St. Fergal**

**8 am Mass** ~ Fr. Padraig Gallagher RIP

**10 am Mass** ~ ®

**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Margaret Doherty RIP

**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 29th November**

**8 am Mass** ~

**10 am Mass** ~ Sarah and John McNulty and Deceased Family Members RIP

**7.30 pm Mass** ~ James Clarke

**St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is open ~ Mass at 8.30 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 Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

**Saturday 30th November ~ St. Andrew of Scotland**

**10 am Mass** ~ ®

**Baptisms** ~ 5 pm

**7.30 pm** ~ Vigil Mass

**Confessions** ~ 12 noon to 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/letterkenny](http://churchservices.tv/letterkenny)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** ~ 17th November - €5188

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €7891.29

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

*“Help us to bring Christ to all those in the world, who are so in need of Him” ~ St Catherine of Alexandria*

*Feast Day: Monday 25th November*