

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for Volunteers to help with **Weekend/Holyday Collections** in the Cathedral - in particular the Sunday morning 10 am Mass.

We are also looking for Volunteers to join the **Cathedral Altar Society** and in particular, those interested in **Flower Arranging**. Please contact the Parish Office on 9121021 if interested.

Please join us to celebrate '**BABINELLI SUNDAY**' at our **12 noon Mass** next **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.

**CATHEDRAL YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DRAW** ~ Lines are **ON SALE** (€2 each) for our Christmas Draw which will take place in the Cathedral Conference Room next **Saturday, 14th December** after the 10 am Mass. Everyone is invited to come along and join us for a cuppa. Lines available in the Sacristy or Parish Office.

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.

**CATHEDRAL CLEANING** will take place in preparation for Christmas on **Tuesday 17th December** after the 7.30 pm Mass. **All help appreciated.**

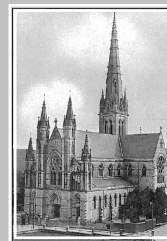
**BOXES OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES** for **2020** will be ready for distribution/collection by **Friday 13th December**. If you distributed them last year, it would be great if you would do so again this year. If you are living in the Parish and would like to receive a box of Sunday envelopes for 2020 or set up a standing order, please contact the Parochial House on 9121021.

**ERRIGAL COLLEGE ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR** ~ Takes place this afternoon, **Sunday 8th December**, from 1 pm - 4 pm. Over 30 stalls displaying their goods. All are welcome to come join us for our Annual Christmas Crafts Fair. Bring the kids along to visit **SANTA IN IS HIS GROTTTO**.

**CURSILLO ULTREYA** will be held in the Church of the Irish Martyrs tonight, **Sunday 8th December** at 8 pm. All members welcome. **THANK YOU** to all who contributed to our recent Church Gate Collection. Amount from Cathedral: €828.85

**Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny** cordially invites you to their '**CHRISTMAS TRADE FAIR**' on **Tuesday 10th December** from 9.30 am to 1 pm in the School Gym. Complimentary Tea/Coffee available to all Guests in the Constance Centre.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS** will be held in the Central Library on **Wednesday 11th December** at 6 pm. Music by 'The Hazels', the Polish School in Letterkenny and the Church of the Irish Martyrs/Cathedral Folk Choir. Everyone welcome.



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

**Sunday 8th December 2019**

*Second Sunday of Advent*



### **REMEMBERING WITH RESPECT**

A short **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE** will be held at the St. Conal's Plot at New Leck Cemetery this afternoon, **Sunday 8th December** at 2.30 pm. A new memorial will be unveiled during in the Ceremony, remembering Patients buried there between 1902 to 1980.

### **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, next **Sunday, 15th December** at 8 pm.

### **CHANGE OF MASS TIMES**

The result of the consultation about the change of Mass Times was as follows. Of the ballots cast:

**Saturday Evening Mass:** For 6 pm: 520 (75%); For 7.30 pm: 170 (25%).

**Sunday Evening Mass:** For 6 pm: 511 (83%); For 6.30 pm: 103 (17%).

A small number expressed an opinion for other times, some earlier and some later than those proposed.

On the basis of the strong opinion in favour of an earlier Mass time on Saturday and Sunday evening, after consultation with the Pastoral Council, and having talked to many Parishioners directly, I have come to the conclusion that the Mass times should change to 6 pm on both Saturday and Sunday evenings.

I am very conscious that this will not suit some Parishioners, and that a number will be significantly inconvenienced. I very much regret this and apologise in advance for any change in their personal schedule or routine that this may require for them. I hope that we can "bring everyone with us" in making this decision, as each Parishioner, and everyone who worships at the Cathedral is important to us and forms part of the Cathedral Community.

**This change will be implemented on the weekend of 4th/5th January next.**

**Until then, the schedule continues as normal.**

*Fr. Kevin Gillespie, Administrator*

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

**Sunday 8th December**

**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 9th December ~ The Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.**

**8 am Mass** ~  
**10 am Mass** ~ Jackie Collins RIP  
**7.30 pm Mass** ~ John and Joe Harley and Deceased Family Members 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

**Tuesday 10th December**

**8 am Mass** ~ **10 am Mass** ~ ®  
**7.30 pm Mass** ~ James Duffy 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 11th December — St. Damasus I**

**8 am Mass** ~  
**10 am Mass** ~ Brid Devine RIP  
**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Rene Blaney RIP (First Anniversary)  
**St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is open**  
**Cathedral Choir Practice** in the Conference Room - 8 pm  
**Narcotics Anonymous** in the Pastoral Centre ~ 8.30 pm

**Morning Prayer:**  
9.40 am  
Monday to Saturday  
**Evening Prayer:**  
7.10 pm  
Monday to Friday

**ALTAR SOCIETY - SANCTUARY CLEANING - Monday 16th December at 2 pm**

**Thursday 12th December ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**8 am Mass** ~ Daniel Collins RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ ®  
**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Packie and Bridget O'Donnell 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 13th December ~ St. Lucy**

**8 am Mass** ~ Brendan O'Boyle RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ Eugene Brennan RIP  
**7.30 pm Mass** ~ Adrienne Hannigan - Kearns (**First Anniversary**) Collette Browne (**First Anniversary**), Cornelius Murray (**First Anniversary**), Lily McLoughlin, Mary O'Malley, Donal O'Gara, Patrick Grant, John McDonagh, Paddy Curran, Kian Curran, Lizzy Curran, Joey Travers, Hugo Travers and Joe Wilkie RIP  
**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 14th December — St. John of the Cross**

**10 am Mass** ~ Bridie Kelly RIP (**Month's Mind 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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**Website: www.steunanscathedral.ie**  **St. Eunan's Cathedral**  
Live **Web Streaming** from the Cathedral ~ [churchservices.tv/letterkenny](http://churchservices.tv/letterkenny)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** ~ 1st December: €5,910  
**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €25,574.33 (includes Diocesan Dues: €18,320.65)  
Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

Donegal Pro Life invite you and your families to their **ANNUAL PRO-LIFE MASS** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Friday, 13th December at 8 pm.