

ALTAR SOCIETY ROTA

6th & 13th March ~ B. Gallagher, J. Curran, A. Shevlin and M. McHale

20th & 27th March ~ M. Sweeney, C. O'Donnell, K. Ward and M. Shanahan

A **MISSIONARY GROUP FROM BETHLEHEM** will visit the Church of the Irish Martyrs this weekend **29th February/1st March** to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles (Crucifixes, Rosary beads and Plaques) made out of olive wood to help and support the poor Christians families .

The **Donegal Daffodil Day Committee** will launch their 2020 **FUNDRAISING EFFORTS** in the Mount Errigal Hotel on **Monday 2nd March** at 7 pm. Everyone welcome. Speakers include: a Night Nurse/Volunteer Driver and Ena Barrett.

GAELSCOIL ADHAMHNÁIN will host a **3K and 5K walk/run** on **Thursday 5th March** at 7.30 pm starting at Divers Hyundai Garage, Canal Road to raise funds for their Astro pitch development. Registration is from 6 pm at Divers Hyundai or from 1.45 pm - 3.15 pm on Tuesday 3rd/Wednesday 4th March at the school.

Letterkenny Gaels Ladies GAA, in conjunction with Lónra Letterkenny, are having a **TABLE-QUIZ** at 8.45 pm through the medium of Irish in Arena 7 on **Thursday 5th March** during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Tables of four: €20. Quiz questions will be learner friendly - for all levels of Irish and for all ages!

The **AGM of LETTERKENNY PIONEER ASSOCIATION** takes place on **Thursday 5th March** at 8.10 pm in the Pastoral Centre. A member will be outside the Sacristy after Masses next weekend 7th/8th March to give out pins/information.

BEREAVEMENT RETREAT will be held in Ards Friary Retreat Centre from **Friday 6th - Sunday 8th March**. A weekend retreat at reflecting on the pain of loss and how to cope with it. Facilitator: Fr. Philip Baxter OFM. Please phone 9138909.

The Carmelite Fathers will celebrate **MASS** on **Sunday 8th March** at **7 pm** in Termonbacca, Derry, praying that the Church will recognise **the heroic virtues of Sr. Clare Crockett**, while serving the poor in Ecuador. Everyone is very welcome.

H.S.E. RETIRED MEMBERS A.G.M. ~ Will take place in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town on **Tuesday 10th March** at 12 noon. Phone Angela on 086-0812354.

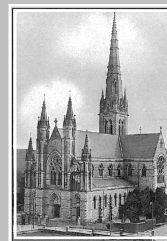
A **6 week ANGER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME** will be held in the Pastoral Centre from **Thursday 26th March - Thursday 30th April**. Topics include: how to maintain general well-being; techniques of anger management; keeping mentally fit etc. Facilitator: Kathy O'Connor. Phone: 9121853 for further information.

SILENT RETREAT for Ladies ~ Will take place in the Carmelite Monastery, Termonbacca, Derry on the 3rd, 4th and 5th April guided by Fr. Stephen Quinn O.C.D. Please phone 04871262512 for further information.

SALVATION RETREAT - '2 DAY JOURNEY OF FAITH AND RENEWAL' will be held in the Station House Hotel presented by **James Brown** on **Saturday 28th March/Sunday 29th March** with registration at 9 am. For further information and to book please phone: Anne on 086-2437848 or Grace on 087-7997170.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA will depart on the **14th July**. For bookings and further information, please phone Mena on 9121748.

LENT ONLINE RETREAT ~ Do a free three day online retreat focusing on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Register now: prioryinstitute.com or phone: 01-4048124.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1st March 2020

First Sunday of Lent

The **'NO GREATER LOVE'** Lenten programme, continues on **Saturday 7th March** from 11 am - 12.30 pm in the Cathedral Conference Room. If anyone would like to participate in this programme, please submit your name to the Parish Office on 9121021 as soon as possible.

LENTEN MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a "face to face" relationship with the crucified and risen Lord "who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20). That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved.

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26th to 28th March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14). *Francis*

