

A **SPECIAL DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER** for **Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** will be held in Ards Retreat Centre on **Saturday 15th February** from 10 am - 4 pm. The aim will be to enrich peoples understanding of their particular Ministry. Cost: €25 per person (includes a three course lunch). To book places please email: info@ardsfriary.ie or phone: 9138909.

PREPARATION FOR LENT RETREAT will take place in the Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny on Tuesday 25th February from 6.15 - 9pm. Prayer, talk, Mass and a cuppa. If anyone would like to participate please telephone 9169934 or sign up at dvmletterkenny@gmail.com

The next meeting of the **CURSILLO UETREYA** will be held in the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Sunday 9th February at 8pm.

A **CEILI** will be held in Bonagee Community Centre on Sunday 9th February from 8pm - 11pm. Admission €7 (including supper). Everyone welcome.

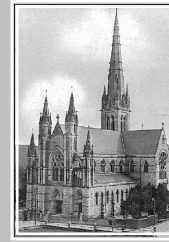
An **8 week MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION PROGRAMME** for family and friends of people experiencing schizophrenia or bipolar illness will commence in The Women's Centre, Letterkenny on Thursday 13th February from 6.30 - 8pm. Contact Paul on 087 6753453 or Jacinta on 087 2798412.

The next meeting of **LETTERKENNY ACTIVE RETIRED ASSOCIATION** will be held on Thursday 13th February at 2.30pm in the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny. All members should attend and new members are welcome.

JOB VACANCY - General Operative based in Manorcunningham: Duties to include general caretaking indoor / outdoor: grass cutting, litter control, light maintenance and cleaning etc. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Contact Letterkenny Together CES CLG on 9120654 or cregan@letterkennytogether.ie

A **FUNDRAISING BAZAAR** in aid of **Down Syndrome Ireland** will take place in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town on Saturday 15th February. Doors open 7.30pm - door entry €10. All welcome.

MIC's **DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES** is delighted to announce a **new PhD Assistantship in Catholic Education scholarship grant**. The scholarship grant comprises a MIC assistantship plus a Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education (GRACE) scholarship. It will be for a stipend and fees of ca. €18,000 per annum for three years with a fee waiver for one further year of study. The appointee will undertake her/his research as part of the GRACE project to which s/he will provide administrative support in accordance with the terms and conditions of MIC department assistantships (120 hrs per academic year). Closing date for applications: Friday 1st May. For further details contact Prof. Eamonn Conway, on 061 204 353 or e-mail: eamonn.conway@mic.ul.ie w: www.mic.ie



**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
LETTERKENNY
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 9th February 2020
*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE
28th WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - 11th February 2020
*FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES***

Pope Francis is urging the human warmth and personalised approach of Christ, the Good Samaritan, in healthcare professionals, workers and volunteers. He makes the call in his message for the 28th World Day of the Sick. The theme of this year's celebration is "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest," taken from Matthew's Gospel (11:28).

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labour and are burdened", and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me". In him, you will find strength to face all the worries and questions that assail you during this "dark night" of body and soul. Christ did not give us prescriptions, but through his passion, death and resurrection he frees us from the grip of evil.

A key role in this effort to offer rest and renewal to our sick brothers and sisters is played by healthcare workers: physicians, nurses, medical and administrative professionals, assistants and volunteers. Thanks to their expertise, they can make patients feel the presence of Christ who consoles and cares for the sick, and heals every hurt. Yet they too are men and women with their own frailties and even illnesses. They show how true it is that "once Christ's comfort and rest is received, we are called in turn to become rest and comfort for our brothers and sisters, with a docile and humble attitude in imitation of the Teacher"

To the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all those who bear the burden of illness, along with their families and all healthcare workers. With the assurance of a remembrance in my prayers, **I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.**

Priest on Duty: Fr. Damien Nejad

Sunday 9th February

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm
Baptisms ~ 1.30 pm
St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open from 1 pm
Pro-Life Rosary ~ After the 6 pm Mass
AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 11 am and 8.30 pm
Al-Anon Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8 pm

Cathedral Junior Youth Prayer Group in the Conference Room
7 pm - 8.30 pm

Monday 10th February ~ St. Scholastica

8 am Mass ~ Deceased members of the Neary & Caulfield families RIP
10 am Mass ~ John Bonar RIP
7.30 pm Mass ~ Mary Ronaghan 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 11th February - Our Lady of Lourdes

8 am Mass ~ Liam O'Donnell RIP
10 am Mass ~ ®
7.30 pm Mass ~ James McGroarty 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 **Tuesday 18th February - 8 pm**
Divine Mercy Prayer Group in the Crib Room - 8 pm
Gamblers' Anonymous Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.15 pm
Al-Anon Meeting and 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

Wednesday 12th February

8 am Mass ~ Fionnuala Collins RIP
10 am Mass ~ Michael Gallen RIP (1st Anniversary)
7.30 pm Mass ~ Mausheen Elliott 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

The **AGM** of the **Letterkenny Community Heritage Group** will take place on Monday the 17th of February at 8pm in the Station House Hotel, Letterkenny.

Thursday 13th February

8 am Mass ~ Shaun Crawford RIP
10 am Mass ~ ®
7.30 pm Mass ~ Michael Duffy RIP (1st Anniversary), Anton Rodgers & Donnelly Duffy 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 14th February ~ St. Cyril and St. Methodius

8 am Mass ~ Tommy Dillon RIP
10 am Mass ~ Brendan & Patricia Macklin RIP
7.30 pm Mass ~ Annie McGinley (Month's Mind Mass), Hugo Doherty, Danny McKeever, Eileen O'Donnell, Rose McHugh 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 15th February

10 am Mass ~
1 pm ~ Nuptial
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass
Confessions ~ 12 noon to 1 pm and after the 6 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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ~ 2nd February €5824.00

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €4800.77

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LETTERKENNY ~ 9129503/9122366

A Social for the **YOUNG AT HEART** (hosted by Celtic Supporters Club) will be held in the Day Centre Oliver Plunkett Road on Tuesday, 11th February at 8pm.