

An Tobar Domhain (Rosary & Exam) with Bishop Alan will run on the Saturdays of Advent at 9.15pm.

Sunday 13th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Masses: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm and 6 pm

Monday 14th December ~ St. John of the Cross

8 am Mass ~ Brendan and Kathleen O’Friel RIP

10 am Mass ~ Donal, Catherine & James O’Donovan RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Kay and Tommy Gallagher and Deceased Members of the Gallagher and Nee Families RIP

Tuesday 15th December

8 am Mass ~ Brendan O’Boyle RIP

10 am Mass ~ Priest’s Intention

7 pm Mass ~ James Duffy RIP

Wednesday 16th December

8 am Mass ~ Cecelia Tinney and Deceased Members of the Gallagher Family RIP

10 am Mass ~ Priest’s Intention

7 pm Mass ~ Trisha Lynch RIP

8 pm ~ Youth 2000

Thursday 17th December

8 am Mass ~ Charlie & Kathleen McMenamin RIP

10 am Mass ~ Priest’s Intention

7 pm Mass ~ John, Mary, John Jnr., Frances and Paula Brennan RIP

Friday 18th December ~ St. Flannan

8 am Mass ~ Departed Loved Ones and Neglected Souls RIP

10 am Mass ~ Patrick and Ellen Gallagher RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Owen McMonagle, Elizabeth Bradley, Nair Nunes Dila Boas, Fr. Michéal Martin, Terry McDermott, May McCaul, Martin Corduff, Willie Sweeney, Thomas Sweeney, Albert Sweeney, Brendan McDaid, Dan McDaid, Betty McDaid, Rosha Callan, Hugh Duffy, Mae McFadden, Horace Friel Jnr., Molly Coyle, Elizabeth Drein and Frank Drein RIP

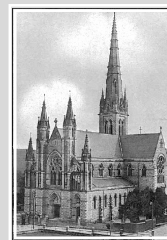
Saturday 19th December

10 am Mass ~ Priest’s Intention

Vigil Masses ~ 6 pm and 7.30pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LETTERKENNY ~ 9129503/9122366

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Hour daily at 3pm on the Divine Mercy Facebook Page/Cathedral Website, (Click the ‘Mobile’ button).



**ST. EUNAN’S CATHEDRAL
LETTERKENNY
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 13th December 2020**

Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas traditions are so important for us. We find in it the beauty of our faith: the disarming embrace of God in the Child of Bethlehem; the gentleness of the Virgin Mother who is trustingly intrepid; the upright man, Joseph, who undertakes to protect, to love and to nurture mother and child. Joseph is a beautiful figure for us. There is in him something particularly attractive. In his silence, he remains a presence of strength and perseverance. He is the man who observes the Law of the Old Testament. From this place of dedicated service to God, Joseph draws his strength and his steadfastness.

Pope Francis has placed him before us for particular attention this year by dedicating this year from 8th December 2020 – 8th December 2021 as a Year of Saint Joseph. Joseph stands out as a man of the Law and of the Gospel. Hastening to the Temple in Jerusalem to make the offering of the poor in thanksgiving for the birth of Jesus (two turtle doves), he raised Jesus, and taught him (who was his is creator and redeemer) in the ways of maturity. As Jesus took his flesh from Mary, it is surely reasonable for us to mediate on what he took from Joseph, regarded as his father (cf. Mt. 13:35; Lk 3:23). It was certainly more than the carpenter’s craft, the cutting and shaping of wood. In considering that Jesus, the only-begotten Son of God, grew in wisdom and maturity in accordance with his human nature (Lk 2:52), we may consider that the traces of Joseph’s adoptive fatherhood were part of this mysterious relationship between the human and divine in Jesus (cf. Lk 2:51).

In a time of confusion about the vocation and calling of a man, Joseph is a model for fathers, for fatherhood, for sons and sonship, for all who are formed as children of God by baptism. As we regard him in the crib, and consider his discreet presence in the Scriptures, let us reflect over this model set before us, particularly before husbands and fathers, brothers and sons, for Joseph’s righteousness and uprightness give rise to goodness, strength and steadfastness: “the upright man will bloom like the lily (Hos 14:5).

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

As far as possible ~ **please do what you can over the PHONE or by EMAIL**

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Cathedral have produced a **pack of five CHRISTMAS CARDS (€5 per pack)**. The Recipient's intentions are included in all Masses in the Cathedral from 25th December until 1st January. The cards are **ON SALE** in the **Parochial House** (please phone in your order to 9121021); **Veritas , Vincent's and the County Dry Cleaners**, Lower Main Street also **Mac's Mace**, High Road; **Jones Oil**, Port Road and **Tinney's Oil**, Bonagee. **Any profit, after printing costs, will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are being heard on the open sanctuary at present. **CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 11 am - 12 noon. Saturday: 11 pm - 5 pm; Sunday: 2 pm - 5 pm.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are FULLY BOOKED at this stage. **If you had a seat allocation at weekend Masses**, we ask you to confirm/cancel your seat for **Christmas ASAP** to the Parish Office on 9121021, **if you have not already done so.** We currently have a large volume of applications for people wishing to attend Christmas Masses but we have no seats available!

HELP NEEDED FOR SANITISING SEATS IN THE CATHEDRAL - If you are willing to help with sanitising Seats after Masses, please text 086-3161376 leaving your name and number. Your help will be appreciated.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES 2021

Our Boxes of Sunday Envelopes are now READY FOR DISTRIBUTION. If you delivered them in previous years, we would appreciate your assistance this year again! If you are resident in the Parish and interested in receiving a Box for 2021, please give the Parish Office a call on 9121021. **If you live outside our Parish Area but use our Box of Envelopes**, please call to the Parochial House to collect your box.



Please do not attend the Cathedral if you have a high temperature, cough, sneezing or any signs of Covid-19.

Modified Level 3 Covid-19 Restrictions from 1st December 2020

The faithful may be present for Mass and other liturgies from 1st December. The same limits and protocols apply as when we opened on 29th June:

• N.B.: **SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**

Vigil: Saturday 6pm; 7.30pm. Sunday 8am; 9.30am; 11am; 12:30pm, 6pm

- Because of the limited number of places, it is necessary to register for attendance at Sunday Masses. Please contact the Parish Office directly by phone. If you registered in the summer, that still holds, but if you have decided not to come to Mass at this time, please inform the parish office so your place can be given to another.
- **It is not necessary to have a seat allocated for weekday Mass.** Please leave **10 am Mass** to the elderly and those with underlying conditions.
- Please **LEAVE Friday Evening Mass** to the **IMMEDIATE FAMILY** of the deceased.
- Please **LEAVE Month's Mind Masses** to the family of the deceased.
- Please follow this simple principle when taking a seat: **TWO PEOPLE PER PEW, OR ONE HOUSEHOLD.**
- Please observe the two metre rule when entering the Cathedral, going for Holy Communion or exiting the Cathedral, and at all times both inside and in the grounds of the Cathedral.
- Please **wear a mask in the Cathedral** unless a medical condition prevents you from doing so. This is for your own protection and out of consideration for those in the Cathedral with you.
- Please **sanitise your hands upon entrance and exit.**
- Please **do not** congregate at the doors or in the Cathedral grounds.
- **Sacristy Access:** To minimise risk to our Sacristy and Volunteers, **it will not be possible to allow general access to the Sacristy** for the time being.
- Please **arrange Masses** through the Parish Office and arrange to meet with a Priest at the Parochial House - 9121021.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES & DONATIONS ~ 6th December 2020 - €9,145

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €1,246.92

Sincere thanks to all who accumulated their offerings during the lockdown.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support