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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 7th January - €6,078

Feast of the Epiphany COLLECTION ~ €2,710

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €3,152.96

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support.

To **BOOK A BAPTISM** please phone the Parochial House on 9121021. Please remember: Godparents: (1 male and 1 female over the age of 16).

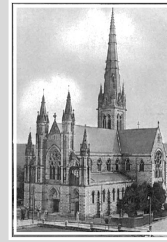
BAPTISM PREPARATION ~ We have uploaded a number of videos under 'Featured Videos' for Parents, in Preparation for their child's Baptism on our website: www.steunanscathedral.ie

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE! 1 in 4 of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime . . . and 1 blood donation can save 3 lives. You are invited to the **Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town** on **Wednesday 17th January** from 3 pm - 5 pm and from 7 pm - 9.30 pm. Also on **Thursday 18th January** from 2.30 pm - 6.30 pm. Call **1800731137** to book an appointment. Check your eligibility at giveblood.ie

LETTERKENNY AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND are holding their annual **Burns Night Variety Concert and supper** in Conwal Parish Hall on Friday 27th January starting at 7.30 pm. Acts include Amy Meehan, Tara Howley', Letterkenny Ukulele Orchestra, Donegal Youth Orchestra. Supper of mince stew with traditional neaps and tatties and haggis will be served at the interval. Tickets are €15 and available from any member or call 0877698650. Money raised from this event will be used to purchase equipment necessary for the running of the band throughout the year. It is a family show and children accompanied by adults are free.

CARA HOUSE FRC - 2 hand dancing every Friday in the Regional Cultural Centre at 11 am - €5 per class; **Free Nourish & Wellbeing course for families affected by Mica** starting **Tuesday 16th January** at 7 pm; **Bereavement group available.** For more details please contact Janet on 0749123986.

DONEGAL ETB'S 2024 FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING FAIR will be held in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny on **Wednesday 28th February**, from 7 pm - 9 pm and on **Thursday 29th February** from 10 am - 2 pm. The Fair is free and open to everyone who would like information on the wide range of full time, part-time, evening and online education and training opportunities offered by Donegal ETB's FET Service. Tutors and advisers will be available to talk through the ETB's comprehensive range of opportunities.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14th January
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mass – The Liturgy of the Word **Cycle of Readings for the Seasons: The Easter Season**

After Divine Mercy Sunday, there are a further five Sundays in the Easter Season – therefore, seven in all if counted from Easter Sunday. The feast of the Ascension is celebrated in Ireland on the seventh Sunday of Easter, and the following Sunday is Pentecost, which concludes the season of Easter. The Sunday readings for the Easter season follow a three year cycle. The gospel readings are chosen to reflect a particular thematic cycle, although the Gospel of Saint John is used more frequently on the Sundays of Easter since it is written from a particularly conscious Easter perspective. These Gospels are arranged thematically. The first readings in the Easter season are taken from the Acts of the Apostles, since this document recounts the first years of the life of the Church, from the experience of the risen Christ to Pentecost to the missionary expansion of the Church. The second readings are chosen to reflect Easter themes in the epistles, particularly the nature and consequences of baptism.

Therefore, in Year A, the following is the thematic arrangement for the gospel readings: Sunday 2 [Divine Mercy Sunday]: The first apparition of the risen Christ on Easter Sunday afternoon in the Upper Room [John 20:19-31]; Sunday 3: the journey to Emmaus [Luke 24:13-35]; Sunday 4: Jesus, the gate of the sheepfold (the only way to salvation) [John 10:1-10]; Sunday 5: Jesus, the way, the truth and the life [John 1:1-12]; revealing the Ascension and the promise of the Advocate [John 14:15-21]. In Year B, the following is the thematic arrangement of the gospel readings: Divine Mercy Sunday: the apparition of the Risen Christ in the Upper Room [John 20:19-31]; Sunday 3: St. Luke's account of the appearance of the Risen Christ in the Upper Room, emphasising that the apostles are chosen witnesses to his death and resurrection [Luke 24:35-48]; Sunday 4: Christ the Good Shepherd [John 10:11-18]; Sunday 5: Christ the Vine [John 15:1-8]; Sunday 6: the disciple participates in Christ's relationship with the Father – the commandment of love [John 15:9-17]. In Year C, the thematic arrangement is as follows: Divine Mercy Sunday: the appearance of the Risen Christ in the Upper Room [John 20:19-31]; Sunday 3: the appearance of the Risen Christ by the Sea of Galilee [John 21:1-19]; Sunday 4: Christ who protects his sheep [John 10:27-30]; Sunday 5: the New Commandment – "love one another as I have loved you" [John 13:31-35]; Sunday 6: preparation for the Ascension and the promise of the Holy Spirit, who will live within the disciple [John 14:23-29].

BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2024

If you attend the Cathedral on a regular basis and would like to receive a Box of Cathedral Envelopes (boxes are available from the back of the Cathedral or from the Parochial House). If you would like to set up a Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office on 9121021. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

SCOIL MUIRE GAN SMÁL ~ Enrolling Girls and Boys in Junior Infants for September 2024: Closing date for applications: Friday 19th January. Application Forms available to download at: www.smgsletterkenny.ie - by emailing: letterkennysmgs@gmail.com - by phoning: 0749121171 or by writing to: The Secretary, Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, Sentry Hill, Letterkenny F92 CK27. Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate (where applicable) and PPS Number are required.

FINDING HOPE & HEALING AFTER SUICIDE – HUGG, the national suicide bereavement charity is hosting a free information event on suicide grief, supported by Connecting for Life Donegal, on **Saturday 20th January**, from 12 noon – 3 pm in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. Bryan Nolan, Grief Loss Specialist will speak at the event as well as Marie McKeon, HUGGS Group Manager. The voice of lived experience will also be represented, and we will hear a personal story of suicide loss and what has helped them along their grief journey. The HUGG team and volunteers will be on hand to provide information on what suicide bereavement supports are available and local support services will be present on the day. Followed by coffee, cakes and compassionate conversations. This event is open to anyone bereaved by suicide, professionals who work with the public and support people bereaved by suicide, including Family Resource Centre staff, Library Staff, Social Prescribers, GPs, Primary Health Care Staff, Funeral Directors, Chaplains, Gardai, Citizen Information Staff, Teachers and Educators, and many more. If you have any questions please email arlene@hugg.ie

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD: ‘Adult Silent Retreat’, Ards Friary, St Bridget's bank holiday weekend, Friday 2nd February – Monday 5th January. The Servant Brothers from the Home of the Mother will lead us in a series of guided spiritual exercises each day along with rosary, adoration and Holy Mass. Cost: €240 this includes private room accommodation in the Friary and all meals and drinks. To book or more information please contact: Rory 086 8231717.

RAPHOE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES led by Bishop Alan McGuckian will take place from the **27th May for four nights**. Direct return flights from City of Derry Airport to Lourdes; Airport transfers and assistance in Lourdes; Hotel Agena €835 pps; Hotel Panorama €879 pps; 4 nights' hotel accommodation - full board, breakfast, lunch and dinner; Airport taxes; Sanctuary Levy; 20kg check in luggage; full service of Joe Walsh Tours representatives throughout; full religious programme; optional return airport transfers from Letterkenny to City of Derry Airport €20 pp. **For bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours: 01-2410800; email: info@hoewalshstours.ie ASSISTED SECTION: Apply in writing to Fr. Stephen Gorman, Parochial House, Milford, Co. Donegal. F92W5C8; email: lourdes@raphoediocese.ie or phone: 0749153236**

Sunday 14th January ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm

Monday 15th January ~ St. Ita

8 am Mass ~ Patrick Brolly RIP

10 am Mass ~ Private Intention

Tuesday 16th January ~ St. Fursa, abbot and missionary

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Peadar and Maureen Murphy RIP

6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

7 pm Mass ~ Eugene (Tootsie), Rose, Liam, Phyllis and Tony Hegarty, Frances McGinley and Declan Holian RIP

Wednesday 17th January ~ St. Anthony, abbot

8 am Mass ~ James and Mary Ellen McGhee RIP

10 am Mass ~ Danny Browne RIP

7pm Mass ~ Margaret and Barney Winston RIP

Confessions: After 7 pm Mass

Thursday 18th January

8 am Mass ~ Kate Leavy RIP

10 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Doherty and McMenamin Families RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Special Intention

7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre

Friday 19th January

8 am Mass ~ Living Members of the Raphoe Diocesan Society

10 am Mass ~ Josephine Connaughton RIP (First Anniversary)

7 pm Mass ~ Noel Laughlin (Month's Mind Mass), Ann Scanlon, Hugh Kelly, Eamonn Harvey, Carrie Harvey, Nigel Harvey, Rose Gallagher, Josephine Gallagher, John McGlynn, Bridie McGlynn, Bridget McLaughlin, Margaret Winston, Thomas Creevy, Pat McArt, Kathleen Cannon, Annette Gallagher, Nellie O'Donnell, Bobby O'Donnell and Ella Duffy RIP

Saturday 20th January ~ St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

2.30 pm Mass ~ Josie Friel RIP (Died recently in America)

Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm

Baptisms: 4 pm

Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm

Sunday 21st January ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm

Baptisms: 2.30 pm