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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 13th February - €3,996

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €5,334.82 **DONATIONS** ~ 1 x €100

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We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support.

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

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP ~ Cathedral Conference Room

Sunday Evenings: 7 pm - 8.30 pm

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP ~ Cathedral Conference Room

Friday Evenings: 5 pm - 6.30 pm

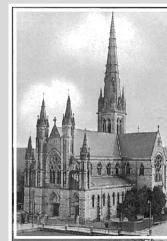
JOB VACANCY: Community Employment - General Operative based in Letterkenny: Duties to include general caretaking indoor / outdoor: grass cutting, weeding, edging, litter control, light maintenance, and cleaning. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. For further information contact Letterkenny Together CES CLG on 9120654 or email: cregan@letterkennytogether.ie

To mark **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022**, you are invited to **Conwal Parish Church on Friday 4th March at 8.15 pm**. This year's theme is: 'I know the plans I have for you'. The text which will be used was written by Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 7th September 2022 for 7 days. Cost €765 per person sharing. Please phone Kathleen on 9121641 or 086-3721962.

BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES ~ Boxes of Parish Envelopes are available from the back of the Cathedral. Please fill in the little card inside the box and return it with your first envelope. Alternatively, if you would like to set up a Standing Order with your Bank, please contact the Parish Office for information on 9121021.

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ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
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Sunday 20th February 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PURPOSE OF SONG IN THE LITURGY

The Mass begins with the Entrance Antiphon, said or sung, preceded by a hymn. The most important thing for us to understand is that the purpose of music at Mass is to praise God – not to entertain us! Certainly, sacred music is frequently beautiful, moving and joyous, but the first aim is to praise and worship God, raising our minds to the mysteries we celebrate.

In fact, the basic texts sung in the Mass are derived from sacred scripture, as we allow the word of God to speak for us and to express what is in our hearts. We will see this fact illustrated as we look at the various texts of the Mass itself, but it begins with the Entrance Antiphon, which is a Scripture verse chosen to indicate the particular mystery that the Mass of a given Sunday or Feast day wishes to place before our attention. For singing at Mass, priority ought to be given thereafter to the various parts of the Mass: to the Great Amen after the Doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer ("Through him, with him and in him..."), the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy..."), the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world..."), the Kyrie ("Lord, have mercy"...), the Gloria (Glory to God in the highest..."), and so on.

Hymns are an addition to the liturgy, although they are used widely, but the Church's liturgy is rooted and based on the text of Scripture, mediated upon over many centuries and directing us to the mystery that is Jesus Christ our saviour. Hymns, when they are sung, help us in a similar way to raise our hearts and minds to God, and to be filled with a sense of the beauty and the majesty and the nearness of God. While almost the whole of the Mass can be sung by the celebrant or the choir, hymns are only used in certain places – as an entrance, during the offertory, at Communion time, and as a recessional.

Any song that does not serve to praise and worship God does not find its proper place in the sacred liturgy. It is important to cultivate a sense of the nature of song in the liturgy, to be sensitive to the liturgy itself and to seek to make of song a real prayer, and not merely an accompaniment to fill the gaps.

The Church has a great tradition of chant and polyphony, enriched in recent decades by compositions in the vernacular; and at the Cathedral we have been fortunate in having a rich musical tradition, both choral and instrumental.

A phrase often attributed to St. Augustine is that he who sings prays twice, if he sings with love.

A **CANCER CONFERENCE** will be held on **Saturday 26th February** from 10am - 1pm in the Mount Errigal Hotel. Everyone Welcome - NO CHARGE with lunch included. The Conference Programme includes: Patient Experience; Update on Cancer treatment and services in the last 10 years; Research Projects at Letterkenny University Hospital and LAUNCH of new support programme for schools. To secure a place please email: relayforlifedonegal@gmail.com

'PRAYER AND PRAISE NIGHT' ~ The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny is excited to launch the first of their Prayer & Praise nights. This will be an evening of adoration, music, prayer, confession and building community. The event is for young adults aged 18-35 from across the Diocese and Priests are welcome to come along also. Commencing: **Saturday 5th March** from 7.30 pm - 10.30 pm (approx.). This is the first of a monthly event running in the Pastoral Centre for young adults. The Pastoral Centre is also working on a Lenten programme which will be shared in parishes shortly. If you would like further information on the 'Prayer and Praise Night'; or you are interested in booking a room/hall in the Pastoral Centre, please contact Connor on 0749121853 or email: pcmanger@raphoediocese.ie

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: 14th - 21st July 2022 Cost: €750 per person sharing. Please phone Mena on 9121748 or 086-1655513.

The **Donegal N.E. Group PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** will take place on the **28th September 2022**. Flight from Knock to Mostar. Gift Vouchers are available for payment of deposit before 31st January. For information and bookings please phone Michael on 087-2922499.

DIVINE MERCY CENTRE ~ Sisters of Merciful Jesus
Phone: 074-9169934 Email: dmcletterkenny@gmail.com

Sunday 20th February ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 21st February ~ St. Peter Damian

8 am Mass ~ Brigid Collins RIP
10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

Tuesday 22nd February ~ The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

8 am Mass ~ Catherine Doherty RIP
10 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the McIntyre Family RIP
6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions
7 pm Mass ~ Sally Kelly RIP (First Anniversary)

Wednesday 23rd February ~ St. Polycarp

8 am Mass ~ Martin Curran RIP
10 am Mass ~ Geraldine and Packie Gillen RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Hugh Kelly (Month's Mind Mass) RIP
Confessions: After 7 pm Mass
8 pm: Youth 2000 Prayer Group

Thursday 24th February

8 am Mass ~ Philip and Mary Ellen Duffy RIP
10 am Mass ~ Annie, Michael, Rita and Teasie McTague and Mary Carlin and Monica Gallagher RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Mary O'Donnell RIP (First Anniversary)
8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Cathedral

Friday 25th February

8 am Mass ~ Sheila O'Boyle RIP
10 am Mass ~ Daniel and Cecelia Bradley RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Hugh Wallace, Margaret Wallace, Brendan McCarthy, John Herron, Mary Burke, Martha Duffy, James Doherty, James McGrath, Willie McNulty, Brigid McNulty, Liam Roarty and Margaret Roarty RIP

Saturday 26th February

10 am Mass ~ Daniel and Damien Duffy RIP (Month's Mind Mass) and Christine Duffy, Caroline Callaghan (nee Duffy) and Alan Graham RIP
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Sunday 27th February ~ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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