

## CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

### Sunday 23rd August

**Masses:** 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm and 6 pm  
**Baptisms** ~ 2 pm and 3.30 pm

### Monday 24th August ~ St. Bartholomew, Apostle

**8 am Mass** ~  
**10 am Mass** ~ Pat Tobin RIP

### Tuesday 25th August ~ St. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz

**8 am Mass** ~  
**10 am Mass** ~ ®

### Wednesday 26th August

**8 am Mass** ~  
**10 am Mass** ~ Brendan Fanneran RIP  
**Confessions** ~ 7.30 pm

### Thursday 27th August ~ St. Monica

**8 am Mass** ~  
**10 am Mass** ~ ®  
**7 pm Mass** ~ Maria Butler RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

### Friday 28th August ~ St. Augustine

**8 am Mass** ~  
**10 am Mass** ~  
**7 pm Mass** - Dan Gallagher (First Anniversary), Bried McGettigan, Owenie McGinley, Ellen Marie Sweeney, Danny Cullen, Cassie Crossan, Peggy Crossan, Margaret Coyle, Eileen O'Doherty and James Ferry RIP

### Saturday 29th August ~ The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**10 am Mass** ~ ®  
**Confessions:** 12 noon - 1 pm

**Vigil Masses:** 6 pm and 7.30 pm  
**Baptisms:** 3 pm and 4.30 pm

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** ~ 16th August 2020 - €3,989  
**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €22,786.25 (Includes third instalment of €17,613.90 for Diocesan Dues)  
 Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LETTERKENNY** ~ 9129503/9122366

**CONFESSIONS:** Confessions are being heard on the open sanctuary at present.



## ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY

## NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 23rd August, 2020**

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In the context of the recent limitations imposed on public freedom, and on the basis of current guidance, there is no interruption to public Masses at this time. Naturally, that situation could change in the coming weeks, and at various times in the year to come, especially the winter. It is a good time to encourage our community to take seriously the simple precautions we have been asked to take, and to be prepared for others in the future: wear a mask; keep at least two metres distant from those not of your household; sanitise your hands upon entry and exit of buildings; along with the particular restrictions announced this week about gatherings. We very much appreciate the cooperation and goodwill we have received to date to get people back to Mass and to resume as much of our parochial activity as practicable at this time. Particular thanks to our cleaning and stewarding volunteers, to our parish secretary and to our sacristans, without whom it would not be possible to have the Cathedral open for Mass, and to all involved in our various ministries who have generously continued to assist us. We all find the pandemic a terrible disruption to so much in life, and to the life of faith in particular. It has impinged on our basic democratic freedoms. However, we are responsible collectively as citizens to make these sacrifices for the time being, whilst awaiting the day when we can resume the practices of the life of faith and wider community life without impediment or imposition. Thank you for your patience and understanding, especially regarding Sunday Masses.

*Fr. Kevin Gillespie Adm.*

### ST. AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit,  
 that my thoughts may all be holy.  
 Act in me O Holy Spirit,  
 That my work, too, may be holy.  
 Draw my heart O Holy Spirit,  
 that I love only what is holy.  
 Strengthen me O Holy Spirit,  
 to defend all that is holy.  
 Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
 That I always may be holy. Amen





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

**Please note the following for attending Mass on Sundays under current Covid-19 government restrictions:**

- Because of the limited number of places, it is necessary to signal your Sunday Mass preference to the parish office. **There is availability for the following Sunday Masses:** Saturday 7.30 pm; Sunday: 12.30 pm & 6 pm.
- **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 families 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.

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 4.30 pm)

**Phone:** 074 - 9121021

**Parish Email:** office@steunanscathedral.ie

**Website:** www.steunanscathedral.ie  St. Eunan's Cathedral

Live **Web Streaming** from the Cathedral ~ churchservices.tv/letterkenny

- **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. (Mass offerings can be handed into the Parochial House)
- Signed Mass Cards are available from the Parish Office, please request by phone and cards will be ready for collection.



**UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING BAPTISMS**

Due to the recently increasing numbers of Covid positive cases around the country, baptisms at St. Eunan's Cathedral will continue to be allowed, but on the following basis:

- Numbers at Baptisms are restricted to Parents and Godparents **plus a maximum of six guests - total: 10.**
- In the event of further restrictions, this may be reduced to parents and godparents only. If baptisms are postponed due to a ban on public gatherings, parents must contact the Parochial House to reschedule.
- **All present must wear a mask** to enter the Cathedral: Parents must inform their guests of this requirement.
- Guests should arrive and take their seats without delay - **they should not stand in the entrance areas.** Guests must remain in their place until they leave.
- No group photography is allowed in the Cathedral or its grounds at this time.

**For those who have booked the 3 pm Baptism slot on the Saturdays of September - the time has now been changed to 3.30 pm.**

A new pilgrimage on Lough Derg's lakeshore. **WALK AND PRAY** in the **Lough Derg tradition** on the **26th & 30th August**. At times in the 1600s and 1700s when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps. Contact 071 9861518 or info@loughderg.org for details. **Numbers are limited. Advance booking essential.**



Supporting older people to age at home

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** ~ ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**MARY'S MEALS DONEGAL** would like to **THANK** everyone who contributed in any way to the success and safety of the walk in these difficult times. We sincerely thank the walkers who took part; the drivers and support cars; all who donated and those who prayed for the safety and success of the walk. We thank the people we met along the way who were so kind and welcoming to us and provided accommodation, food, drinks and use of their facilities during these challenging times. Finally, we thank all those who took part in the local walks around the county, those who arranged raffles and other fundraising events.