

## CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

### Sunday 30th August

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

### Monday 31st August ~ St. Aidan of Lindisfarne

**8 am Mass** ~  
**10 am Mass** ~

### Tuesday 1st September

**8 am Mass** ~ Brian and Mary Grant RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ ®

### Wednesday 2nd September

**8 am Mass** ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ ®  
**Confessions** ~ 7.30 pm

### Thursday 3rd September ~ St. Gregory the Great

**8 am Mass** ~ Living Members of the Raphoe Diocesan Society  
**10 am Mass** ~ Fiona Doherty (nee Gallagher) RIP

### Friday 4th September ~ St. Mac Nissi

**8 am Mass** ~ **10 am Mass** ~  
**7 pm Mass** ~ Linda McKenna (Month's Mind Mass), Peggy O'Donnell (First Anniversary), Shaun Kyles (First Anniversary), Jim Price, Margaret Price, Willie John Price, Maggie Price and Kathleen Doogan, Anna Boyle, Charlie Boyle and Patrick Boyle RIP

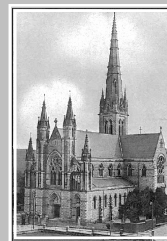
### Saturday 5th September

**10 am Mass** ~ **Confessions: 11am - 12 noon**  
**12.30 pm** ~ Scoil Cholmille First Holy Communion  
**2 pm** ~ Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin First Holy Communion (1)  
**Baptisms:** 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm **Vigil Masses:** 6 pm and 7.30 pm

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** ~ 23rd August 2020 - €3,743  
**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €7,297.99  
 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 30th August, 2020**

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### DIOCESE OF RAPHOE MISSION TEAM

Would you like to meet like-minded people, who are passionate about promoting mission awareness and making a difference? Mission Team volunteers come from all walks of life and have a desire to make a positive contribution to the life of the church.

Whether you are returned volunteers, missionaries, parishioners, teachers, pastoral workers, sisters, priests, charity workers, or just someone who has a desire to contribute to the missionary activity of the Church, you are welcome to find out more.

Our next Mission Team meeting takes place via Zoom video on **Thursday 3rd September** at 7 pm. For more information, please contact Fr. Damien Nejad on 074 9121021 or email: [damien.nejad16@gmail.com](mailto:damien.nejad16@gmail.com)

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Given the increasing incidence of Covid-19 in the county and the country, it is necessary to remind the faithful that Holy Communion will be given only in the hand, as determined by the national protocols issued by the Irish Episcopal Conference. Regrettably, it will not be possible to administer the Sacrament on the tongue for the time being. We ask you to understand this and to make this sacrifice in cooperation with the clergy for the common good in this particular circumstance.

All of us must all have great sensitivity to how this touches on the religious conscious of a great many of our faithful parishioners and appreciate the sacrifice they make in a matter that touches on a most sensitive area of religious practice and faith.

Coeliacs or those with gluten intolerance should come to the priest during Holy Communion time and place one arm across their chest to indicate that they wish to receive the low gluten host.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next weekend sees the beginning of First Holy Communion for the Children in our Parish. It's been a most difficult number of months for Children, Parents and Teachers. We pray for the well-being of all as Schools re-open.



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.**

The Priory Institute, Tallaght, Dublin - run online **COURSES** on 'THEOLOGY, SPIRITUALITY AND RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE'. Please visit: <https://prioryinstitute.com/> for further information.

**WISE** offer a FREE training and employment service to women living in Donegal. This is co-funded by the Department of Justice & Equality & The European Social Fund. If you are looking for personal/career development, to get into work or set up your own business. Please call Michelle on 086-1452249 for more information.

**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2020 ~ The Grandparents Pilgrimage will be streamed online on Sunday 13th September at 3 pm.** We invite grandparents and their families everywhere to join us online at: [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch)

**A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. (Season of Creation ~ 1st September/4th October)