

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

Sunday 6th December ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Masses: 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon

Monday 7th December ~ St. Ambrose

8 am Mass ~ Fr. Frank McHugh RIP (First Anniversary)
10 am Mass ~ Kathleen and James Adams RIP **7 pm Mass ~ VIGIL MASS**

Tuesday 8th December ~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception

MASS TIMES: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 7 pm

Wednesday 9th December ~ St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8 am Mass ~ Sr. Concepta Murphy and Deceased Family Members RIP
10 am Mass ~ Sr. Rose Harkin and Deceased Family Members RIP
7 pm Mass ~ P.J. Blake RIP (First Anniversary) **8 pm ~ Youth 2000**

Thursday 10th December ~ Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto

8 am Mass ~ Paddy Curran, Kian Curran, Lizzie Curran, Hugo Travers and Joey Travers RIP
10 am Mass ~ Margaret Bonner RIP
7 pm Mass ~ John and Joe Harley and Deceased Family Members RIP

Friday 11th December ~ St. Damasus I

8 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving
10 am Mass ~ Fred McCann, Charlie and Margaret Collins, Josie Collins, Rosaleen Hilferty, John Collins, Charlie Collins and Bida Collins RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Bride Orr, Noel McLoughlin, Lily McLoughlin, Adrienne Kearns (nee Hannigan), Jimmy Kehoe, Annie Kehoe, Michael Kelly, Mary Kelly, Rene Blaney, John McDonagh and Catherine Quinn RIP

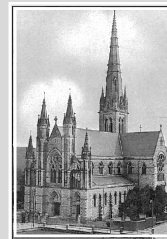
Saturday 12th December ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Finnian

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).

Divine Mercy followed by the Rosary is prayed daily at 3 pm in the Cathedral.



**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
LETTERKENNY
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 6th December 2020**
Second Sunday of Advent

Amidst the relief and excitement of being released from the restrictions experienced since September 25th, we nevertheless remain aware that this Christmas will be “different”. We cannot visit friends and family as freely as we would wish; we must have smaller gatherings in our homes on Christmas Day; many find that their income is greatly reduced, with all the worries that can bring. The old adages come to mind: “necessity is the mother of invention”, and “make the most of a bad situation”.

With this in mind, our circumstances allow us to really make our Christmas “different”; we should make this Christmas different! Different in all those ways we may always have wanted. For those who have faith, this difference surely will be found in preparing for Christmas and living Christmas Day liberated from so many things that we find burdensome, that we do because we “have to”, and that we find hard to change from year to year. It allows us to have a simpler Christmas, a prayerful Christmas, a Christmas that turns its attention again to the child placed in a manger.

Many of us will arrange the crib in the coming weeks. Make it the focus of your home again; take time to pray before it. If you wait for Christmas Eve to place the figure of the Christ Child, then make a short prayer of hope before the waiting manger each evening: hope that we need so much; hope that draws the heart; hope that builds courage and takes away anxiety; hope that lets us look beyond ourselves to see Christ in those around us, especially in the suffering, the poor, the downtrodden, at home and away.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASS BOOKINGS

We have received a large number of ‘Booking Forms/Emails/Phone Calls’ in relation to attendance at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Unfortunately, the majority of Masses are now completely **booked** out. We currently have a number of seats available for the Midnight Mass. For anyone who has a seat for the weekend Masses, you are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible, if you wish to use this seat for Christmas.

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

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL APPEAL

This year in Letterkenny, St. Vincent de Paul will be helping almost 700 families. Christmas is particularly busy with many families being forced to prioritise between food, fuel and presents. Due to covid restrictions, there were very few Church Collections during 2020 and other fund-raising activities were also curtailed. As a result, St. Vincent de Paul are now urgently in need of monies so we can continue to assist families that need our help. We have organised a 'DRIVE-BY' fund-raising appeal to be held on **Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December between 11.30 am and 4.30 pm.** Volunteers will be available to accept donations at the following locations: **Pinehill Industrial Estate, Mountain Top; St. Eunan's GAA Club and the Church of the Irish Marytrs Car Park.** We are asking that people donate either Cash or Vouchers for local businesses (no food or clothes due to restrictions). All monies collected will be distributed locally and in time for Christmas. People in Letterkenny have always been very supportive of the St. Vincent de Paul and we look forward to your continued support in this difficult year for everyone.

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** (please phone in your order to 9124814); **Vincent's**, Lower Main Street (please phone in your order to 9124937). Cards are also **ON SALE** in the **County Dry Cleaners**, Lower Main Street; **Mac's Mace**, High Road; **Jones Oil**, Port Road and **Tinney's Oil**, Bonagee. If any other business around Town, would like to take cards to sell, we would be delighted to hear from you. **Any profit, after printing costs, will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.** Your support is much appreciated.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are being heard on the open sanctuary at present. **CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK:** Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 11 am - 12 noon. Saturday: 12 noon - 1 pm.



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 ~ 29th November 2020 - €4,355

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €2,673

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support