



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

Thank you

CATHEDRAL OPENING TIMES DURING THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 pm - 6 pm

Monday – Friday: 8.30 am - 9.30 am; 11 am (or after a funeral) - 6 pm

Saturday: 11 am (or after a funeral) - 5 pm

UNDER LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS

Masses will be offered behind **CLOSED DOORS** and can be viewed online or by listening to the Parish Receivers

Funeral Masses are **LIMITED** to 10 mourners (this will increase to 25 after the 26th April).

Weddings are **LIMITED** to 6 guests. **Baptisms** ~ Please contact the Parish Office on 9121021.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES & DONATIONS ~ 11th April - €5,743

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €3,659.34

DONATIONS ~ 1 x €300, 1 x €250, 1 x £100 stg., 5 x €50 and 1 x €20

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support.

SIGNED MASS CARDS are available from the Parish Office (Monday to Friday) for various occasions - Sympathy, First Anniversary RIP, Birthday, Get Well, Thinking of You, Mass for Your Intentions, Wedding Day, Silver/Golden Wedding Anniversary and Exams. The recommended Mass offering in the Diocese is €10 and the card is 50 cent! Please phone the Parish office on 9121021 to place your order for cards.

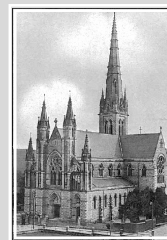
Please **RETURN Trócaire Boxes/Trócaire Donations** to the Parochial House as soon as possible - **DO NOT** leave boxes anywhere in the Cathedral. *Thank you*

Below 'Live Broadcast' on the Cathedral Website you have the following:

PLAYER	SCHEDULES	RECORDINGS	FEATURED VIDEOS
Church	Mobile		

Please 'click' on the **Mobile button** to get live streaming from the Divine Mercy Centre at 3 pm

We have uploaded a number of videos under 'Featured Videos' on our website, for Parents, in Preparation for their child's Baptism.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

A NATIONAL SYNOD FOR IRELAND

On 10th March 2021, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference announced a new "Synodal Pathway" for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a "National Synodal Assembly" within the next five years.

What is a Synod? A Synod, usually at diocesan level, is a gathering of representatives of the diocesan community with the Bishop - priests, religious, lay faithful – to examine how best to advance the Gospel, how best to help the faithful to live according to the Gospel and how best to address problems in the faith community in a particular time and place. A Synod is not for changing the Church's teaching or discipline: it is for finding ways to live that teaching and discipline in the context in which we find ourselves in Ireland today. We need to recalibrate our mission, structures and ways of doing things so that the energy of our parish communities is refocused for more effective outcomes of faith.

Why a National Synod for Ireland? There seems to be a general consensus amongst people of different outlooks on the life of the Church in Ireland that our way of doing things is not fit for purpose and must be revisited. This touches a range of practical aspects of the Church's life in all of the dioceses in Ireland and not just in one particular diocese. Perhaps we need to leave a lot aside that we have been used to - structures, institutions and ways of doing things that once were our pride and joy, but have now become a hindrance to effective faith life both individually and collectively at parish, diocesan and national levels? Perhaps we need to realise the strengths of Irish Catholicism and reassert them in a new context and in a new way.

Areas of concern spring to mind: the collapse in Mass attendance; indifference to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; the manner of preparing children for the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation – and the manner in which their parents engage in a common journey of faith with their children; the nature of a Catholic school and to what degree and in what manner the Church should be involved with schools; the manner in which parishes can provide for their upkeep as congregations and income

decreases – can all our churches be maintained?; What does diocesan identity mean for parishes - can every parish go it alone today?; the identity of parish communities in a mobile culture; how those discerning a vocation to priesthood can be encouraged, supported and guided by their parish communities and by the diocese; faith support and development – can Catholics really live faith without making an effort to grow in prayer, to grow in their understanding of their faith, and to make a real contribution to the parish community of which they are part?; faith guidance, support and development for children, teenagers and young adults: can we find ways to help our young become mature adult Catholics proud to be people of faith in a culture of unbelief?; marriage as a sacrament entered into with faith; faith preparation for Catholic couples; marriage support in the context of a faith journey; building a culture of life in support of those facing challenging pregnancies; re-building a culture of life for the unborn; reflecting on the culture of life for those facing death – what does it mean to speak of Christian death in the context of a culture of euthanasia?

So, what's the first step? What are the Bishops inviting me to do? In 300 words or less, have your say about how best to go about planning a Synod. At this stage, it is not a question of saying what should be discussed, but HOW to identify important common concerns and HOW to bring people together to do this. It is important to have a good process in place; otherwise the issues of common concern will be lost or lack focus; there is no point having a National Synod if it is vague and ineffective. Some examples of how to go about the first phase of consultations: parish hall meetings, focus groups, questionnaires, listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences.

Submissions can be made on www.catholicbishops.ie/synod by 23rd May 2021.

IN CONVERSATION WITH SR. NATHALIE BECQUART ~ Sr. Nathalie Becquart will join the Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB live from Rome next Wednesday, 21st April at 7 pm. Sr. Natalie was appointed as undersecretary to the Synod of Bishops by Pope Francis earlier this year, becoming the first woman to hold this position in Church history. This online event is organised and facilitated by **Blest, Chaplaincy's new group for women students.** Everyone is welcome to join the student-led conversation. **Zoom ID: 89575216842 Passcode: Synod21**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LETTERKENNY ~ 9129503/9122366

Sunday 18th April

Masses: 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon

Monday 19th April

8 am Mass ~ Paddy Tinney RIP
10 am Mass ~ Jim McDevitt RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Patsy James RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

Tuesday 20th April

8 am Mass ~ Rose and Pat Doherty and John and Cissie McMenamin RIP
10 am Mass ~ Tommy McLaughlin RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Mary Diver RIP **8 pm ~ Holy Hour**

Wednesday 21st April ~ St. Anselm

8 am Mass ~ Frank and Teresa Sweeney RIP
10 am Mass ~ Madge and Brigid Gallagher RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Sheila Callaghan RIP **8 pm ~ Youth 2000 Holy Hour**

Thursday 22nd April

8 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving
10 am Mass ~ John Gallagher RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Michael Keenan RIP

Friday 23rd April ~ St. George & St. Adalbert of Prague

8 am Mass ~ Packie Tourish RIP
10 am Mass ~ Bernadette Cullen RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Emily Gallagher, Pat McGettigan, Mark Herron, John Hannigan, Joe McGee, Margaret Brogan, Danny Doogan and Vincent Walker RIP

Saturday 24th April ~ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

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

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

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