



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 25 mourners.

(**Weddings** are **LIMITED** to 6 guests.)

**Baptisms** ~ Please contact the Parish Office on 9121021.

### SUNDAY ENVELOPES & DONATIONS ~ 18th April - €2,753

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €25,922.33 (this includes €17,065.93 Diocesan Dues)

**DONATIONS** ~ 3x €200, 2 x €50, 1 x €30 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 50cent! 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*

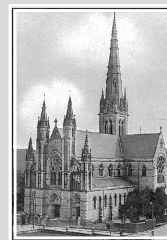
Below 'Live Broadcast' on the Cathedral Website you have the following:

PLAYER	SCHEDULES	RECORDING	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. VINCENT DE PAUL LETTERKENNY ~ 9129503/9122366**



## ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 25th April 2021**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter each year is the Day of Prayer for Vocations. Each year, the Gospel is the passage in which Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd is not a hireling; the sheep belong to him; he is invested in them; he will defend them, even if his wellbeing or life is placed in danger. He searches out the lost sheep; he heals the wounded. This is the scriptural and rather poetic description of the ministry of priests.

There can be considerable ambivalence, however, amongst the faithful when it comes to encouraging someone to present themselves for priesthood. We perhaps feel reluctance in encouraging sons, grandsons, nephews or friends to give themselves to this vocation. We should remember, first of all, that for those who discern a vocation to the priesthood, the decision to try this vocation is not in itself the moment of final commitment: that comes after a period of lengthy preparation, when human and spiritual maturity must grow as the young man studies, engages in the various formative experiences and grows as a man of prayer. The Church, in the person of the Bishop, (who relies on the estimation of those responsible for their formation), decides at the appropriate moment if the young man's manner of life and his human and spiritual maturity allows his vocation to be ratified and for him to be ordained for the service of God's people.

But perhaps there are more young men than we might imagine among us who simply need, not even a word of encouragement, but an atmosphere within the parish community whose tenor is: this is a way of life that is good and needed; if you feel God's call towards it, have the courage to take the first steps and we will support you.

Different factors can hold us back interiorly from creating this supportive atmosphere of vocational discernment. Our focus is so often naturally on the 'normal' human story of study, work, progress in life, beauty, marriage and family, and even success. But if we are people of faith, this outlook must be tempered even for the usual course of life: these aspirations must be tempered by the greater spiritual purpose of our life; for if we do not aspire first of all to

goodness, virtue, uprightness, and ultimately to eternal life, how will our young people live their aspirations to love, progress and happiness; will they not live them in a worldly way? Is this not what we have done, in fact, in recent decades – living life with the mind-set of the world, leaving aside the Gospel, its calling for everyone, and its demands?

Perhaps, in seeking to encourage the young to give themselves to the service of God in priesthood and religious life, we must first of all take stock of what vision of life we hold out for ourselves generally; in what context do we live the natural human aspirations to love, progress and happiness? If this context is the Gospel, it will seem much more natural that a young man from our number will feel he can step forward and say: for me to love, for me to live, for me to find happiness, I must respond to what God has stirred in my heart by faith. Such a man will find this journey is lighter if he lives within a community that understands, approves and supports his discernment, and, when he has been trained and formed, it will with confidence stand with him as he steps forward from the community to be returned as a minister to the community. These young men are indeed among us, even today: let us examine our hearts whether we want to encourage and support them.

**The Year of St. Joseph: 2020 – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
**The Sleeping St. Joseph**

Pope Francis has made popular the devotion of the sleeping St. Joseph. A few years ago he told that, when people ask him for prayers, or when he has a difficult problem to consider, he places the intention on a slip of paper under a little statue of St. Joseph asleep. He recalls that God spoke to Joseph by dreams: when he reassured him to take Mary home as his wife, for she carried the Son of the Eternal Father; when He warned him to flee with Mary and the child Jesus to the safety of Egypt; and when He spoke to Joseph that he could return to Galilee after Herod had died. In the Scriptures, God often speaks in dreams to his chosen instruments. This probably needs careful discernment, but perhaps when all our control is set aside in sleep He can at times speak more freely to us. Pope Saint John XXIII, it is said, used to pray before going to sleep: Lord, it's your Church: you look after it; I am going to sleep!

**This week, a statue of Sleeping St. Joseph will be placed at Our Lady's feet and any petitions placed in the basket beneath will be included in Mass on Saturday next, May 1st, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.**

**MARY'S MEALS ONLINE QUIZ** ~ Mary's Meals feeds 1.83m children in 19 countries every school day. An Online Quiz to support its work takes place on the last Friday of each month at 8pm. To register go to [www.bit.ly/QuizforMM](http://www.bit.ly/QuizforMM) or contact Martin on 087 2596159 .

**Sunday 25th April**

**Masses: 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon**

**Monday 26th April**

**8 am Mass** ~ Priest's Intention

**10 am Mass** ~ Martha McGuinness, James Doyle (Snr.) and James Doyle (Jnr.) RIP

**7 pm Mass** ~ Kathleen Kelly RIP **(First Anniversary)**

**Tuesday 27th April ~ St. Asicus**

**8 am Mass** ~ Mass of Thanksgiving

**10 am Mass** ~ Sean Curran RIP

**7 pm Mass** ~ JJ Gallagher and Deceased Members of the Gallagher and Doherty Families RIP **8 pm ~ Holy Hour**

**Wednesday 28th April ~ St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Marie Grignon de Monifort**

**8 am Mass** ~ Mass of Thanksgiving

**10 am Mass** ~ Deceased Members of the Ryan and Langan Families RIP

**7 pm Mass** ~ Madge and Anton Gallagher RIP **8 pm ~ Youth 2000**

**Thursday 29th April ~ St. Catherine of Siena**

**8 am Mass** ~ Sue McCormack RIP

**10 am Mass** ~ Kevin McNamara RIP

**7 pm Mass** ~ James Sweeney RIP

**Friday 30th April ~ St. Pius V**

**8 am Mass** ~ Neil and Ellen Doherty RIP

**10 am Mass** ~ James and Mary Grieve RIP

**7 pm Mass** ~ Alice O'Donnell, Peggy Barclay, Duncan Barclay, Celina Barclay and Nora Mulligan RIP

**Saturday 1st May ~ St Joseph the Worker**

**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](http://churchservices.tv/letterkenny)

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