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PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE RETREAT

You are invited to this **SILENT RETREAT** and in it experience a time of listening to God's word. That's the purpose of silence in this retreat - it's not so much a discipline in itself but it is a measure to enable us to hear what God has to say to each of us. We will be praying with the Scripture using an ancient practice of the Church known as *Lectio Divina* (literally: Divine Reading). The retreat is offered **only as a residential one**. All meals will be provided. If you have any dietary requirements please let us know when you sign up. We commence **Friday, 23rd July** at 6 pm and conclude Sunday 25th July after lunch (approximately at 2 pm) in the Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny. Please take your Bible, a notebook, any personal belongings that you need and don't forget a face covering. We're operating with a reduced capacity to ensure the safety of all. To sign up please email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com or call us at 074-9169934

A PRAYER TO ST. MARY MAGDALENE

St. Mary Magdalene! You heard from the loving lips of Jesus that your many sins were forgiven because you loved much.

Pour out your love at His sacred feet on our behalf.

Your tears of repentance and of love won for you the pardon of your sins and the vision of your Risen Jesus on Easter morning. Surely, dear Saint, He who refused nothing to your love on earth, will graciously replenish us with those blessings, for which we implore your prayers. Amen.

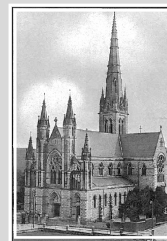
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Below 'Live Broadcast' on the Cathedral Website you have the following:

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 July 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE MASS – THE PASCHAL BANQUET

Jesus instituted the Mass at the Passover meal, the Last Supper. So, the Mass as a sacrifice is in the form of a meal. Jesus gives us his very self to eat, his body and blood given under sacramental signs. Again and again in the Scriptures, we see how the meal is a privileged place of encounter between God and His People. Abraham prepared bread for the three angelic visitors at Mamre (cf. Genesis 18). This episode is read as a 'pre-revelation' of the Trinity, and is evoked by the famous icon of the Trinity by Rublev showing the Trinity seated at table, with a space left for each of us invited into communion with God. The People of Israel were told to roast a lamb and prepare unleavened bread, which they ate in the shelter of their homes as the plague passed over them: the Passover meal. In the desert, God fed His people with manna, bread from heaven, until they entered the Promised Land and could eat the fruits of it. When the Temple was built, the Bread of the Presence was kept there. Jesus fed the five thousand, he performed his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana, he spoke of the Kingdom of God as a banquet to which the redeemed will be gathered at the end of time. He taught us, 'I am the bread of life...I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And this bread, which I will give for the life of the world, is my flesh (Jn 6:48; 51), and, 'Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you cannot have life in you' (Jn 6:53).

He chose to make the abiding memorial of his presence a sacrificial meal, that we might know that we not only offer a sacrifice at something removed and distant, but are gathered by the Spirit to His table. He feeds us, so that his sacrifice becomes part of us. He brings us into union and communion with him and with all those who profess faith in him and share the same feast, the sacrificial meal, the Paschal Banquet. It is a preparation and a pledge of our place at the eternal banquet of the Kingdom, where Jesus will take an apron, sit us down at table and wait on us (Luke 12:35-38).

The antiphon composed by St. Thomas Aquinas puts it succinctly: O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

The following have been enrolled in the **RAPHOE DIOCESAN SOCIETY DECEASED MEMBERS LIST:** Seamus Dorrian, Fanad; Margaret Callaghan, Bracken Lea; Ann Kelly, Killylastin and John McConalogue, Dromore. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.* We are encouraged to have our deceased relatives enrolled in the Society and we are encouraged to become living members. Any person wishing to become a member of the R.D.S. may apply to any of the Diocesan Clergy or contact the Parish Office on 9121021. Membership fee is €15.

Please note the following guidelines for attending Mass under current Covid-19 restrictions:

- **You may come each weekend to your allocated Mass.**
 - **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 Masses/Month's Mind Masses/First Anniversary Masses** to the families 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 **do not attend the Cathedral** if you have a cough, sneezing or any signs of Covid-19.
 - **Please sanitise your hands upon entrance and exit.**
 - Please **do not** congregate at the doors or in the Cathedral grounds.
 - It is **not 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
1. **FUNERALS** will take place from Monday - Saturday at 11 am.
 2. There will be **NO Sunday Funerals** at the Cathedral for the time being.
 3. The congregation should not exceed 50 mourners (**close family and close friends**). Social distancing must be adhered to for entry, exit and seating.
 4. All present should wear masks if at all possible.
 5. At the graveside, it remains important to maintain the two metre rule.
- ◆ **BAPTISMS** are being celebrated separately for each child: Saturday and Sunday: 2.30 pm and 4 pm. (Times may vary according to our schedule).
 - ◆ Presently, Parents, child (children) and two Godparents permitted.
 - ◆ Public health guidance requires that there be no unnecessary movement in public settings. Therefore, it will not be possible to have group photography or movement beyond the baptistery. One person should be asked to photograph the ceremony; these can be shared with others present.

Sunday 18th July	
Masses: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm and 6 pm	
Monday 19th July	
8 am Mass ~ Special Intention	
10 am Mass ~ Peggy Boyce RIP (First Anniversary)	
Tuesday 20th July ~ St. Apollinaris	
8 am Mass ~ John and Mary Maloney RIP	
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention	6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions
Wednesday 21st July ~ St. Lawrence of Brindisi	
8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls RIP	
10 am Mass ~ Susan Travers RIP	
Thursday 22nd July ~ St. Mary Magdalene	
8 am Mass ~ Mary Geoghegan RIP	
10 am Mass ~ Ann and Pat Hoare RIP	
Friday 23rd July ~ St. Brigid of Sweden	
8 am Mass ~ Living Benefactors of the Cathedral and all Names in the Golden Book	
10 am Mass ~ Elizabeth and Michael Logue RIP	
7 pm Mass ~ Ethel Toland (nee McMenamin, High Road & North Carolina), (First Anniversary), Josie Drein, Maisie Gallagher, James Connolly, Mary Connolly, Hugh 'Doe' McCafferty, Thomas Orr, Baby Lisa Gallagher, Barney Winston, Patrick Baxter, Mary Baxter, William Baxter and Annie McGlinchey RIP	
Saturday 24th July	
10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention	
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass	7.30 pm ~ Vigil Mass
Sunday 25th July	
Masses: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm and 6 pm	
DIVINE MERCY CENTRE ~ Sisters of Merciful Jesus	
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THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY, will be celebrated on **Sunday 25th July**. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration is "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20). It expresses the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person. Please join Archbishop Michael Neary from the Basilica at Knock at 2.30 pm (Rosary) and 3 pm (Mass) on www.knockshrine.ie