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MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE ~ The Donegal North East Group will leave on the **29th September 2021** from Letterkenny - a limited number of seated are available. **Flight: Knock to Mostar.** Other dates also available. For bookings and enquiries, please phone Michael on 087-2922499.

NEW SPRINGTIME is a community who actively respond to the great commission of Jesus and the Catholic Church's call for a New Evangelisation. The following course will take place during September. 'Prayer, Holiness and the New Evangelisation' with Fr. Pat Collins C.M.; 'The Apostles Creed' with Fr. Billy Swan and 'Apologetics for Everyday Catholics' with Gary Michuta. If finance is a consideration, you are welcome to discuss it with the NewSpringtime community. If you would like to sign up for any of these courses, please visit: www.newspringtime.ie/shop or please see the Cathedral Noticeboard.

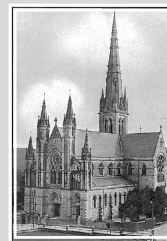
"Pray ~ Hope ~ Don't Worry" A **TRIDUUM** in preparation for the **Feast of St. Padre Pio** will take place at the **Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh from Monday 20th September until Thursday 23rd September.** There will be Mass, Homily and Blessing of Relic at 7.30 pm each evening. The preacher will be Fr. Pius McLaughlin, O.F.M. who met Padre Pio. All are very welcome for these prayerful events.

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

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

PLAYER	SCHEDULES	RECORDINGS	FEATURED VIDEOS
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**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
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Sunday 5th September 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE MASS – GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

The offerings of the Mass are simple gifts of bread and wine. These were two staples of the diet of Palestine in Our Lord's time, but they are also full of significance in the history of the People of Israel, which we encounter in the Old Testament. Bread and wine were the offering of the Melchizedek in the Book of Genesis, with which he fed Abraham (cf. Genesis 14:17-24). Abraham himself offered bread as an offering to the three angelic visitors (a sign of the Trinity) (cf. Genesis 18:6).

Bread is a sign both of hospitality and of worship: we welcome God's visitation and we worship him. God would feed the People of Israel with manna – bread from heaven - as they wandered for long years in the desert, before being led into the Promised Land (cf. Exodus 16).

In the Temple, God's presence was signified by the bread of the presence placed in the tabernacle (Exodus 39:36). Similarly, the vine and its fruit was a symbol of Israel and its fruitfulness. How often the prophets spoke in these terms to reprimand the People of God when they wandered from the Lord and practiced injustice (Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 2; Ezekiel 15; 17:19; Psalm 60:8-16).

Saint John records the first miracle in Jesus' public life as the turning of water into wine at the Wedding Feast of Cana, a symbol of the greater miracle of the Eucharist that was to come (John 2:1-12). He taught us that He is the vine and we the branches; cut off from Him we can produce no fruit (cf. John 15). He also multiplied the loaves and the fishes (Matthew 14:12-21), and taught us that the grain of wheat must die to produce a rich harvest (John 12:24); from that harvest, wheat is crushed into fine flour to make bread for the hungry, spiritually and physically.

Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God as a wedding feast, where all who acknowledge Christ and live accordingly will be gathered in, and he will seat them at table, put on an apron and serve them (Matthew 22:1-14). Little wonder, then, that he should have taken bread and wine as the means of his communion with us and his continuing presence with us (Mark 14:22-25). He feeds us with finest wheat and gives us the Bread of Life to eat.

Parishioners will realise that the Cathedral has operated a greatly expanded schedule since June 2020, in order to facilitate the return to Mass of as many as possible and to follow public health guidelines. This is not sustainable in the long run. As Government imposed restrictions are lessened in accordance with public health advice over the coming weeks, the following will be the pathway followed by the Cathedral as we return to greater degrees of normality.

For the month of September, the current system will remain in place: seating assigned for Sunday Masses with every third pew available.

- **Depending on the situation in the locality at that time**, on the weekend of the 2nd/3rd October, we will move to 50% capacity, which will mean every second pew will be available. At that stage, we will no longer have assigned places for Sunday Mass and people can sit where they please.
- During the month of November, when the situation in October has been reviewed, it is hoped to return to our previous Mass schedule. This will be communicated in good time.
- For the month of September, we ask that no more than **10 guests attend a baptism**. From 2nd/3rd October, there will be no restriction on guests. Individual baptism will continue for the time being. This will be reviewed in the New Year.
- Confessions will continue on the open sanctuary for now. This will be reviewed as the pandemic eases; we are anxious to return to the privacy of the confessionals!

Throughout the coming months, it is important that we all continue to behave with caution to prevent the vulnerable from contracting Covid-19. Those attending the Cathedral will be encouraged to continue the use of face masks after it becomes optional. Hopefully, the pandemic will continue to ease so that this becomes unnecessary.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH

Please be seated at least 10/15 mins prior to commencement at 7 pm

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September ~ Scoil Naomh Fiachre, Illistrin

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th September ~ Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th September ~ Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th September ~ Scoil Cholmcille

(Maximum of six per family)

Sunday 5th September

Masses: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm and 6 pm

Monday 6th September

8 am Mass ~ Thomasina and James McManus and Deceased Family Members RIP
10 am Mass ~ Peg Allison RIP (First Anniversary)

Tuesday 7th September

8 am Mass ~ Dolores McIntyre RIP
10 am Mass ~ Liam McGrath RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

Wednesday 8th September ~ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am Mass ~ Barney McGeever RIP
10 am Mass ~ Joe O'Donnell RIP

Thursday 9th September ~ St. Ciaran

8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
10 am Mass ~ Kathleen and Martin Logue RIP

Friday 10th September ~ St. Peter Claver

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ John McDermott RIP **Confessions** ~ 12 noon
7 pm Mass ~ Ellen McBride, William Stewart, Monica Collier, Peadar Higgins, Anna Boyle, Charlie Boyle and Patrick Boyle RIP

Saturday 11th September ~ St. Mac Nissi

10 am Mass ~ Nuala McCrossan RIP (Month's Mind Mass) **Nuptial** ~ 1 pm
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass **7.30 pm** ~ Vigil Mass

Sunday 12th September

Masses: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm and 6 pm

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH

Please be seated at least 10 mins prior to commencement at 7 pm

Saturday 4th September ~ Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál ~ 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm

Saturday 11th September ~ Scoil Cholmcille ~ 11 am and 3 pm

Saturday 18th September ~ Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin ~ 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm

Saturday 25th September ~ Scoil Naomh Fiachre, Illistrin ~ 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm

(Maximum of six per family)