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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 3rd October - €3946

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €3588.82

DONATIONS ~ 1 x €100

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support.

The Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith will take place this afternoon, **Sunday 10th October**. As you well know, there is such a great need for prayer for Ireland. **The Rosary will be recited at the picnic area, Big Isle View, Manorcunningham (Just off the main Letterkenny to Derry Road) at 2.30 pm** today, Sunday 10th October. We encourage as many as possible to join us to pray for our country on that day, keeping in mind the covid regulations in place at the time. At present up to 200 can gather outdoors.

ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL

St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is located in the grounds of Loreto Secondary School. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues there night and day from Sunday 1 pm to Friday 9 pm. Committed Adorers spend one hour there for a particular hour each week. If anyone would like to commit to a regular hour's adoration, please contact Cáit on 086-3074435 or Bridget on 086-0630729. **Hours in most need of Adorers presently: 12 midday - 1 pm and night hours.**

Classes will commence at **CARA HOUSE** in October/November. For information contact 0861223029. Courses will be provided in line with current government guidelines and protective measures will be in place.

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 LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th October 2021

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE MASS – THE CHURCH'S PRAYER AND OURS

The Mass is, first and foremost the prayer of the Church. It is also an intensely personal experience that sustains each of one of the faithful. These two aspects – the 'ecclesial' and the 'personal' – are linked to one another intimately. However, it is often the case that we think of the Mass first of all as 'my' desire, 'my' preference, 'my' spiritual practice. This easily extends into considering a particular Mass 'my' Mass, a particular time 'my' time, a particular seat 'my' place, and a particular church 'my' church. Of course, each of these things are valid to a degree: we are creatures of habit, and we find the place, the time, the location where we are at ease, and over time these various things gain a powerful hold over us. Nevertheless, this human inclination to preferences and territory should not displace our understanding of the Mass as essentially something that belongs neither to me, my parish, but to the whole Church; indeed to the Church understood as the Mystical Body of Christ, with all her members both in heaven and on earth, and suffering in Purgatory. The Mass, then, is a 'universal' celebration, a celebration of the whole Church and not of a given priest or community in a given place. It transcends us and our circumstances even as it speaks to us and our circumstances in a deeply personal way – for it is an action of Christ himself through the Spirit. Each time we are gathered together for the Mass – and indeed for any other celebration of the Church's liturgy – it is the whole Church that prays. To think of it in another way, we add our prayer to that of the whole Church now and in every generation; indeed we add our voices to those who praise God without end in Heaven. Returning from our Covid-imposed exile, perhaps this sense of the communal, ecclesial 'togetherness' of the Mass strikes us more powerfully: we realise how good it is to be together, and that, while we must pray privately and personally, we cannot believe on our own, nor really pray on our own. The point of reference is the voice of the Church at prayer, to which we join our own individual and personal voices, and where our voice is formed, moulded and nourished. The voice of the Church at prayer speaks the Word that gives it life, and so it must be with our own voice at prayer. It comes not only from within; it is formed and drawn by the Word that comes us from without, that is before us and beyond us and more intimate to our soul than we are to ourselves.

EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL (Phase 1)

As we continue to move forward with the easing of covid restrictions with every second seat being available in the Cathedral and it is no longer necessary to book seats, we continue to ask everyone to take responsibility for their own actions and to be conscious of protecting others and being considerate of them, especially their need for space. Two couples should sit at either end of a pew; two/three persons from a household should sit at one end of a pew while one person from another household can sit at the other end. We ask that you do not crowd into pews and to please keep using front pews and side aisles. Please continue to wear a mask while in the Cathedral and sanitise your hands when entering and leaving. For the moment, please continue to follow the current system for coming to Holy Communion while maintaining social distancing at all times. Attendees at funerals and marriages will remain at 100 and at 10 for baptisms. Thank you for continuing to use the boxes provided for Sunday Offerings.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS

This weekend Pope Francis is launching a pathway towards a Universal Synod of Bishop to be held in Rome in 2023 on the question of 'Synodality'. Each diocese is invited to share in the preparation. The purpose of our phase is to garner a snapshot of how we currently journey together (synodality) and to explore how we could do so more meaningfully in the future. We have a short timeframe - from now until February 2022. You will have an opportunity to answer a number of questions which will be made available at the launch and over the next three months.

Bishop McGuckian will launch our Diocesan Phase of the Synod at the 12.30pm Mass in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Sunday 17th October 2021 (www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny).

"The purpose of this Synod is to help the Church become ever more authentically what She is meant to be. My hope and prayer is that our time of reflection will push us to seek in our Church 'all that is good and true' and to grow together as we do so." *Bishop Alan McGuckian*

JOB VACANCY - COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT - General Operative based in Letterkenny: Duties to include general caretaking indoor / outdoor: grass cutting, litter control and cleaning. Contact Letterkenny Together CES CLG on 074 9120654 or cregan@letterkennytogether.ie

Sunday 10th October

Masses: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm and 6 pm (followed by Devotions)

Monday 11th October ~ St. John XIII & St. Canice

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Dorrian Family, Rahan RIP

Tuesday 12th October

8 am Mass ~ Ellen Duffy RIP

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

7 pm Mass ~ Rose and John McGarrigle RIP

Wednesday 13th October

8 am Mass ~ Noeleen Leech RIP

10 am Mass ~ Roseanne Griffin and Deceased Family Members RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Willie Devenney RIP

Confessions: After 7 pm Mass

Thursday 14th October ~ St. Callistus I

8 am Mass ~ John McCafferty

10 am Mass ~ Clement Harvey RIP (First Anniversary)

7 pm Mass ~ Rose Early RIP (First Anniversary)

Friday 15th October ~ St. Teresa of Avila

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~

7 pm Mass ~ James Whorriskey (First Anniversary), Liam Kelly, Tommy McGuigan, Catherine McGinty, Mary McGinty, Thomas McGinty, Mark Geraghty, Peter McLoone, Sally McLoone and Patsy Coyle RIP

Saturday 16th October ~ St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm

6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

7.30 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Sunday 17th October

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DIVINE MERCY CENTRE ~ Sisters of Merciful Jesus

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