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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 26th September - €4,396

**DONATIONS** ~ 1 x €80

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €2,655.93

**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 year on **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 on 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.

**SEEKING YOUR HELP AND COPPER!** ~ **Mary's Meals** are now feeding **2,058,099 children** ever school day. To help us feed even more children, Mary's Meals in Ireland are going to **try and feed all the children for one day** - this is on top of our normal fundraising! Therefore we need 2,058,099 multiplied by nine cents as it cost nine cents per meal. We are appealing to you for your old copper coins. You don't even need to count it. Please phone Fr. Eamonn Kelly on 087-9077985 for further information We are also glad to take old punts, sterling notes and coins. Thank you for all your help and prayers over the years.

#### **DROMANTINE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE**

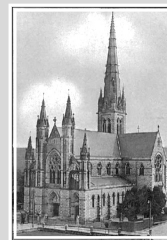
A number of places are still available for the following courses: **18th - 21st October:** Hello You: Finding the joy, purpose and happiness you deserve and **19th - 21st November:** Broken Open: How difficult times can help us grow. For further email: admin@dromantineconference.com or phone: 04830821964.

**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:

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>SCHEDULES</b>	<b>RECORDINGS</b>	<b>FEATURED VIDEOS</b>
<b>Church</b>	<b>Mobile</b>		

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## **ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 3rd October 2021**

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

This year's **Day for Life** is celebrated today, Sunday 3rd October, on the theme 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'. In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, this year's *Day for Life* message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. You can download this year's message from [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)

The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In Ireland alone, more than 8,000 people have died with Covid-19. Each of these lives is precious and every life matters. While all of this was going on, the Oireachtas was being asked to discuss legislation to provide for assisted suicide. The Oireachtas Committee for Justice has proposed that Assisted Suicide be discussed further by a special committee.

Assisted suicide reflects a failure of compassion on the part of society. It is one thing when life is allowed to take its natural course, with appropriate management of pain and stress, but is not artificially prolonged by burdensome treatment. It is something else entirely, when one person actively and deliberately participates in ending the life of another. One feature of the legalisation of Assisted Suicide in other jurisdictions is that, once it becomes lawful, it is then presented and perceived as something good to do.

There is much that we can do to foster a culture of life. We can begin by overcoming our fear of talking honestly about death and dying. Dying is as natural and universal as living and breathing yet our society can make it difficult for people to talk about it.

The Hospice Care Movement fosters a culture of living well until the end. The experience of presence, companionship and even the acceptance of limitation and dependency, when we take time to appreciate them, can greatly enrich the later stages of life.

The attitude of Jesus towards the sick and towards those who are in any way marginalised, has much to teach us about the value of time spent caring for one another. The bonds of friendship and solidarity that are developed and strengthened in caring relationships extend beyond the carer and the one who is cared for to the whole of society.

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland seeks to offer Matrimonial couples a new and enriched vision for their marriage through the experience of Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter weekends. The Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend is for couples preparing for marriage who wish to deepen their relationship and build a solid foundation for their future life together. The next **Marriage Enrichment Weekend** (Restore Communication, Renew Commitment and Rekindle Romance) will take place from 5th -7th November. This is an online experience (using Zoom), starting on Friday evening at 8 pm. Please visit: <https://www.marriageencounter.ie>

### **EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL (PHASE 1)**

From next weekend, 2nd/ 3rd October, every second seat will be available in the Cathedral and we will no longer require people to pre-book or use an assigned seat for Sunday Mass. Please sit where you please – you do not need to sit where you have been sitting over the past year and a half.

**In this phase, each person is asked to take responsibility for their own actions and to be conscious of protecting others and being considerate of them. Please follow the following guidelines:**

- **PLEASE RESPECT PEOPLE’S 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 the pew while one person from another household can sit at the other end.
- Do not crowd into pews, especially towards the back – we need to continue to move into the front pews and the side aisles and to use all the space in the Cathedral.
- Please respect social distancing when leaving the Cathedral at the end of Mass – do not crowd into one another at the doors.
- You are asked to wear a facemask when in the Cathedral.
- Please sanitise your hands when entering and leaving the Cathedral
- If you wish to sanitise your pew, wipes will continue to be available.
- For the moment, please continue to follow the current system for coming to Holy Communion in the nave (centre aisle): right (pulpit) side first, and then the left side, one row at a time, maintaining social distancing between different households.
- Funeral attendance remains restricted to family, close friends and neighbours. We ask families to respect a limit of 100 attendees.
- Marriages continue to be restricted to 100 attendees.
- We ask families to respect a limit of 10 attendees at baptisms.
- Collection baskets will not be used at this time: please place your Sunday Offering in the secure boxes provided at the Cathedral entrances.

### **Sunday 3rd October**

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

### **Monday 4th October ~ St. Francis of Assisi**

**8 am Mass** ~ Living Members of the Raphoe Diocesan Society  
**10 am Mass** ~ Michael Duffy RIP (First Anniversary) (No 7 pm Mass)

### **Tuesday 5th October ~ St. Faustina Kowalska**

**8 am Mass** ~ Harry, Mary and Paudge McManus RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ Priest’s Intention 6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions  
**7 pm Mass** ~ Peter, Johnny and Nora McMenamin RIP

### **Wednesday 6th October ~ St. Bruno**

**8 am Mass** ~ Brigid McDaid **10 am Mass** ~ Peter and Hannah Gallagher RIP  
**7 pm Mass** ~ Ellen Nee RIP (Month’s Mind Mass) **Confessions:** After 7 pm

### **Thursday 7th October ~ Our Lady of the Rosary**

**8 am Mass** ~ Kathleen Kelly RIP **10 am Mass** ~ Annie Doherty RIP  
**7 pm Mass** ~ May and Tommy Wilson RIP and Kathleen Sweeney RIP

### **Friday 8th October ~ Children’s Day of Mission Prayer**

**8 am Mass** ~ Peter and Mary Gallagher RIP and Claire McCudden RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ Kathleen Dillon RIP **1 pm ~ Nuptial**  
**7 pm Mass** ~ Danny Breslin (First Anniversary), Bernadette Pyper, Horace Friel, Anne Doherty, Mary McNally and James McNally RIP

### **Saturday 9th October**

**10 am Mass** ~ Eileen Boyle RIP (Month’s Mind Mass)  
**Confessions** ~ 12 noon - 1 pm (providing there is no Funeral)  
**6 pm ~ Vigil Mass** **7.30 pm ~ Vigil Mass**

### **Sunday 10th October**

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

**DIVINE MERCY CENTRE ~ Sisters of Merciful Jesus**  
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**Job Vacancy - General Operative based in Letterkenny:** Duties to include general caretaking indoor / outdoor: grass cutting, weeding, edging, litter control, light maintenance and cleaning. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. For further information contact Letterkenny Together CES CLG on 074 9120654 or [cregan@letterkennytogether.ie](mailto:cregan@letterkennytogether.ie)