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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 5th December - €4,467

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €9,482.14

DONATIONS ~ 2 x €50 and 1 x €20

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP ~ Cathedral Conference Room ~ 7 pm - 8 pm
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP ~ Cathedral Conference Room ~ 5 pm - 6.30 pm

Cathedral Cleaning in preparation for Christmas will take place on **Monday 19th December at 7 pm**. Volunteers (male and female) are welcome to come along to help give the Cathedral and Sanctuary Area a deep clean for Christmas. Please phone Adrienne on 086-3161376 if you can help.

2022 Letterkenny Calendars containing old photographs of the town are currently **ON SALE** in Clarke's Newsagents, Lower Main Street. Cost: €6.

The **Donegal N.E. Group PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** will take place on the **28th September 2022**. Flight from Knock to Mostar. Gift Vouchers are available for payment of deposit before 31st January. For information and bookings please phone Michael on 087-2922499.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: 14th - 21st July 2022 Cost: €750 per person sharing. Please phone Mena on 9121748 or 086-1655513.

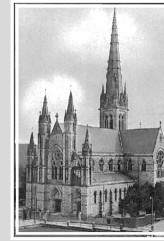
PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 7th September 2022 for 7 days. Cost €765 per person sharing. Please phone Kathleen on 9121641 or 086-3721962.

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
Church	Mobile		

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
LETTERKENNY
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 12th December 2021**

Third Sunday of Advent

THE MASS – BOW DOWN BEFORE HIM

The other gesture that finds its place within the celebration of the Mass is the bow, a deeply reverential gesture directed towards a number of things and persons within the context of the liturgical celebration.

The first and principal object of this gesture is the altar itself. The altar, that is to say the 'table' of the Lord's Supper, represents Christ himself, "the priest, the lamb and the altar of sacrifice". It is the very heart of the church building, the object to which everything else refers. Whenever the Blessed Sacrament is not reserved in the Tabernacle at the principal altar of a church, in place of the customary genuflection the faithful make a deep bow towards the altar, thereby acknowledging the heart of the celebration in which they are about to participate. While this gesture will be used by the faithful who visit large churches (e.g. basilicas, historic churches frequented by tourists, etc.) which may have the Blessed Sacrament reserved in a side chapel to ensure greater respect and a place reserved by quiet prayer, mostly we use this gesture on Good Friday, when the Blessed Sacrament has been removed from the church as we live the drama of the Lord's arrest, crucifixion and death. On this day, the altar stands bare, stripped of its clothing, and the whole church shares in this austere and sombre atmosphere. The faithful bow deeply to the altar, conscious more than ever that it stands for Christ who offers himself on the altar of the cross for our salvation. Whenever injury or physical infirmity prevents one from genuflecting, the deep bow is a most appropriate gesture as one arrives in the church and takes one's place.

But there are other moments when this gesture is also used. Throughout the celebration of the Mass – or of other liturgical rites – the priest and the ministers bow down before the altar as they pass before it; the altar should never be ignored, but always revered. The bow is also used to reverence sacred persons within the liturgical celebration, for instance the priest or the bishop when they impart a blessing for the proclamation of the Gospel, the priest and the servers towards one another, etc. The Reader may bow to the Scriptures at the lectern or ambo. Of course, the bow is not the same as an inclination of the head, but one bows to the extent that age and agility allows, avoiding exaggerations.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Tuesday 14th December, Thursday 16th December and

Friday 17th December: **11 am to 1 pm**

Wednesday 15th December (**12 noon - 1 pm and after 7 pm Mass**)

Saturday 18th December: **11 am - 12 noon**

Sunday 19th December: **2 pm - 5 pm**

Monday 20th December, Tuesday 21st December, Wednesday 22nd

December and Thursday 23rd December: **11 am - 1 pm**

(If there is a Funeral Mass at 11 am on any of the above dates -

Confessions will be from 12 noon - 1 pm).

We encourage as many as possible to come to Confessions in the coming week to limit the numbers queuing closer to Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS ARRANGEMENTS PRE-REGISTRATION

The following will be the arrangements for Christmas Masses at the Cathedral depending on the impediments that may still be imposed by Government.

Christmas Eve: 4 pm, 6 pm, 7.30 pm, 9 pm and 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am and 12.30 pm

It is necessary for **EVERYONE** to pre-register for attendance at the various Masses through the Parish Office: (Monday to Friday: 9.30 am - 4.30 pm on 9121021). **NO** bookings will be taken after Tuesday 21st December. Seats will be allocated on a first come basis.

Seats are available at all Masses with the exception of 4 pm and 6 pm on Christmas Eve. These Masses are fully booked.

BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE NOW READY FOR DISTRIBUTION.

If you delivered the boxes for us in previous years, we would appreciate your help once again this year. If you attend the Cathedral regularly, and would like to receive a box of Parish Envelopes for 2022 please contact the Parish Office on 9121021. Alternatively, if you would like to set up a Standing Order with your Bank, please contact the Parish Office for a form. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are currently **ON SALE** in Veritas, Lower Main Street; Tinney's Oil, Bonagee; Macs Mace, High Road; County Dry Cleaners, Lower Main Street; The Bookmark, Letterkenny Shopping Centre; Jones Oil, Port Road and from the **Parochial House**. (€5 per pack) The Recipient's intentions are included in all Masses in the Cathedral from 25th December until 1st January. Any profit, after printing costs, will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your support will be deeply appreciated.

Sunday 12th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

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

Monday 13th December ~ St. Lucy

8 am Mass ~ Patsy Friel and Deceased Family Members RIP

10 am Mass ~ Alexander Larkin RIP (First Anniversary)

Tuesday 14th December ~ St. John of the Cross

8 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Bradley Family RIP

10 am Mass ~ Fred McCann, Charlie, Margaret, Charlie, Bida, Josie and Jackie Collins RIP; Pat and Rosaleen Halferty (nee Collins) RIP and Cathal Halferty.RIP

6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

7 pm Mass ~ Kay and Tommy Gallagher RIP and Deceased Members of the Gallagher and Nee Families RIP

Wednesday 15th December

8 am Mass ~ Brendan O'Boyle RIP

10 am Mass ~ Brigid and Packie O'Donnell RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Patrick Docherty RIP (Month's Mind Mass) & Tony McGlynn RIP

Confessions: After 7 pm Mass 8 pm: Youth 2000 Prayer Group

Thursday 16th December

8 am Mass ~ Sue McCormack RIP

10 am Mass ~ Brian and Brigid Walsh RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Susanna Doherty RIP (First Anniversary)

8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Cathedral

Friday 17th December

8 am Mass ~ Michael O'Boyle RIP

10 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Murtagh and McCann Families RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Owen McMonagle, Elizabeth Bradley, Peter Bradley, May McCaul, Terry McDermott, Horace Friel Jr., John McDonagh, Eddie McGlynn, Molly Coyle, James Coll, Annie Coll and John Coll RIP

Saturday 18th December ~ St. Flannan

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

1 pm ~ Nuptial

Confessions ~ 11 am - 12 noon (providing there is no Funeral)

6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

7.30 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Sunday 19th December ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

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