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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 12th December - €5,559

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €7,891.08

DONATIONS ~ 1 x €4,650

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support.

**Cathedral Cleaning in preparation for Christmas** will take place on **Monday 20th 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.

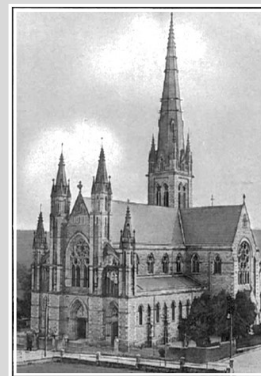
**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** 7th September 2022 for 7 days. Cost €765 per person sharing. Please phone Kathleen on 9121641 or 086-3721962.

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		

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## ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19th & 26th December  
&  
Sunday 2nd January 2022

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday 19th December: 2 pm - 5 pm

Monday 20th December, Tuesday 21st December and Thursday 23rd  
December: 11 am - 1 pm

Wednesday 22nd December: 11 am - 1 pm and after 7 pm Mass

(If there is a Funeral Mass at 11 am on any of the above dates  
Confessions will be from 12 noon - 1 pm).

### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Another year with Jesus! I thank Thee, Lord, today  
for Thy unfailing presence along life's rugged way.  
Guide me, O blest Redeemer, teach me to do Thy will,  
and Thine own perfect purpose in me each day fulfil. Amen.

### We wish all Parishioners, families and friends a very Happy and Peace-filled Christmas

We remember and pray for parents, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and grandchildren who cannot be home for Christmas. We pray in a special way for all Missionaries and Members of the Defence Forces from our Town and County who are helping and protecting others this Christmas.

We pray for all who have gone to their eternal reward, remembering especially all who have died in our Parish throughout the year. May they rest in peace.

## The Mass – The Lord in His Holy Temple

At this juncture, it is good to be aware of the nature of a church, its furnishings and their meaning. This is particularly true of a Cathedral church, such as ours. We will consider this over a number of instalments. Although, with good reason, we consider the tabernacle to be the heart of the church - since the Blessed Sacrament is reserved there, and consequently it becomes the focus of our prayer as we speak to Jesus Christ in his sacramental presence – still the liturgical heart of the church is the altar.



In referring to the ‘altar’ one is referring not to the area in which it is found – the sanctuary – but to the actual altar itself, on which the sacrifice of the Mass is offered. Although a church, such as the Cathedral, may have side altars (where, for example, the saints are venerated), the liturgical centre of the church is the principal altar, also at times referred to as the High Altar.

When the Cathedral was first built, the High Altar was attached to a structure known as a reredos, still in place today, which was intended to hold the gradines (steps) for the altar candles, the tabernacle, the niches with images of the patron saints, etc., and to draw attention within a large church to the altar itself, the focal point of the whole church. In more recent times, the altar was separated from the reredos and moved forward to allow the celebrant to say Mass whilst facing the people.

Today, therefore, people might refer to the reredos as the ‘high altar’ and the altar simply as ‘the altar’, to distinguish these two significant structures! In the Cathedral, the reredos happily continues to draw attention to the altar, and of course houses the tabernacle and the images of the saints [have you ever noticed: Eunan and Colmcille, Our Lady and Saint Joseph?]. The side altars are auxiliary to the high altar. When an image of Our Lord or of the saints was set up for veneration, it was understood that this should be in the context of the Mass, and hence at an altar erected for the celebration of Holy Mass, thereby directing the veneration of the saints directly and properly to the worship of Almighty God.

Thus in the Cathedral we see altars dedicated to the Sacred Heart, to Saint Colmcille [at the Baptistery], and to Our Lady [the Lady Chapel]. The High Altar is itself dedicated to Saints Eunan, Colmcille and Fiachra [the patron of the parish for his association with ancient Conwal].

### Sunday 2nd January 2022 ~ Second Sunday of Christmas

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

### Monday 3rd January ~ The Holy Name of Jesus

10 am Mass only ~ Louise Murphy RIP

### Tuesday 4th January

8 am Mass ~ Living Members of the Raphoe Diocesan Society

10 am Mass ~ Raymond Cassidy RIP

6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

7 pm Mass ~ Priest’s Intention

### Wednesday 5th January ~ St. Charles of St. Andrew

8 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Keane and Ginnelly Family RIP

10 am Mass ~ May McCarron RIP

7 pm Mass ~ VIGIL MASS

Confessions after the 7 pm Mass

### Thursday 6th January ~ Feast of the Epiphany

MASS TIMES: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 7 pm.

8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Cathedral

### Friday 7th January

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Hannah, Patrick, Joe and Maureen Glackin RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Sharon McGeever (Month’s Mind Mass), Aaron Roulston, John Geary, Doreen Houston, Michael McArdle, Tessie McArdle, Tom Gallagher, Vincent Neely, Frank Browne, Patricia Margey and Kathleen Purtill RIP

### Saturday 8th January 2022

10 am Mass ~ Liam O’Neill RIP (Month’s Mind Mass)

6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

7.30 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Confessions: 12 noon

### Sunday 9th January ~ The Baptism of the Lord

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

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**CONFIRMATION DATES FOR 2022  
(DEPENDING ON GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY,  
AT THE TIME)**

Saturday 5th February ~ GAELSCOIL ADHAMHNÁIN ~ Times to be confirmed  
 Saturday 12th February ~ SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL ~ Times to be confirmed  
 Saturday 5th March ~ SCOIL NAOMH FIACHRA, ILLISTRIN ~ Times to be confirmed  
 Saturday 12th March ~ SCOIL CHOLMCILLE ~ Times to be confirmed

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES FOR 2022  
(DEPENDING ON GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY,  
AT THE TIME)**

Saturday 7th May ~ SCOIL CHOLMCILLE ~ Times to be confirmed  
 Saturday 14th May ~ GAELSCOIL ADHAMHNÁIN ~ Times to be confirmed  
 Saturday 21st May ~ SCOIL NAOMH FIACHRA, ILLISTRIN ~ Times to be confirmed  
 Saturday 28th May ~ SCOIL MHUIRE GAN SMÁL ~ Times to be confirmed

**TAX BACK SCHEME FOR ELIGIBLE CHARITIES**

We thank you for your continuing support of the Cathedral and Parish through your weekly, fortnightly, monthly or yearly contribution. The tax back scheme for eligible charities is a tax refund in respect of tax which you have already paid and will remain with Revenue **if not claimed by a charity** on your behalf. By completing the necessary CHY Certificate, Conwal and Leck Parish as an eligible charity **can claim this tax**.

- To qualify for this scheme, you must be **SELF-ASSESSED** or **PAYE-only** taxpayers and have donated over €250 to the Parish in a year. Currently, we have over 100 Parishioners who have kindly completed CHY Certs for the Parish and we sincerely thank them. CHY Certificates are available from the Parochial House or online at revenue.ie.
- If you are not currently in receipt of a **Box of Sunday Envelopes** and you would like a box for 2022 **OR** if you are presently using envelopes and would like to contribute by **Standing Order** instead, please contact the Parish Office on 9121021.

**Sunday 19th December ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Masses: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm and 6 pm  
 Confessions: 2 pm - 5 pm

**Monday 20th December ~ St. Fachanan**

8 am Mass ~ Daniel Collins RIP  
 10 am Mass ~ Tim Foley RIP  
 Confessions: 11 am - 1 pm

**Tuesday 21st December ~ St. Peter Canisius**

8 am Mass ~ James and Kathleen Adams RIP  
 10 am Mass ~ Peter and Susan McGlynn RIP  
 Confessions: 11 am - 1 pm  
 6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions  
 7 pm Mass ~ Special Intention

**Wednesday 22nd December**

8 am Mass ~ Jimmy Sweeney RIP  
 10 am Mass ~ Ursula McGlynn RIP  
 7 pm Mass ~ Patsy Shiels RIP  
 Confessions: 11 am - 1 pm and after 7 pm Mass

**Thursday 23rd December**

8 am Mass ~ Brigid Lagan RIP  
 10 am Mass ~ Frank Maguire RIP  
 7 pm Mass ~ Mary Coyle RIP (Month's Mind Mass)  
 8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Cathedral  
 Confessions: 11 am - 1 pm

**Friday 24th December**

8 am Mass ~ Sally Doherty RIP  
 10 am Mass ~ Willie Wiseman RIP  
**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES**  
 4 pm, 6 pm 7.30 pm, 9 pm and Midnight

**Saturday 25th December ~ The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**CRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES**  
 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am and 12.30 pm

**Sunday 26th December ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

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

**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. A sincere word of thanks to all the shops selling the Christmas Cards. We appreciate your time and effort in helping us to help St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks to everyone for buying the Christmas Cards once again this year. Your support is deeply appreciated.

The Eight **LETTERKENNY CAROL TRAIL** will take place this **Thursday 23rd December at 9 pm online**. The Carol trail can be viewed on the Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter, Letterkenny CDP and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

**THANK YOU ~ TRÓCAIRE** would like to sincerely thank the Parishioners from the Parish of Conwal and Leck for their very generous donation of **€5,230** to their recent urgent appeal. Your support is deeply appreciated.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

**ALONE** manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). If you or someone you know needs support this Christmas, please call our National Support and Referral Line on 0818 222 024 from 8am – 8pm, seven days a week. **ALONE** operates 365 days a year so we will be there to take your call when you need us most.

**Sunday 26th December ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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

**Monday 27th December ~ St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

10 am Mass only ~ Joan McGee RIP

**Tuesday 28th December ~ The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

10 am Mass only ~ Priest's Intention  
6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

**Wednesday 29th December ~ St. Thomas Beckett**

10 am Mass only ~ Geraldine Griffin RIP  
No Confessions this evening  
1 pm ~ Nuptial

**Thursday 30th December**

10 am Mass only ~ Deceased Members of the Logue Family RIP  
8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Cathedral

**Friday 31st December ~ St. Sylvester**

10 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
7 pm Mass ~ Brian Gallagher (Month's Mind Mass), Connie Harley, Mary Carr, Brendan McDaid, Betty McDaid, Dan McDaid, Charlie Ward, Brigid Ward, Charlie Ward Jr., Patrick Ward, Cathal Murray, Rosha Callan, Anne Breen, Mickey Breen and Colette Browne RIP  
Midnight Mass

**Saturday 1st January 2022 ~ Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention  
3 pm ~ Nuptial  
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass  
NO Confessions today  
7.30 pm ~ Vigil Mass

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