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MARY'S MEALS DONEGAL would like to thank all those who supported their Christmas Fayre in Trinity Hall, Letterkenny and in the Parish Hall, Drumkeen. Thank you to all who made crafts or donated goods and baking for the sale. To those who helped out on the day and to all who came along and made it a tremendous fundraising success. Heartfelt thanks to the Rev. Bruce and the Committee of Trinity Hall who once again made it freely available to us to hold the event. With all your support we were able to raise funds to feed 200 children for one year. A special thank you to Gary Mangan and friend for providing the excellent entertainment. Happy New Year to you all.

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 9th January 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

THE REREDOS OF ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL

The reredos at St. Eunan's Cathedral – the structure that houses the Tabernacle and to which the High Altar was attached – is one of great beauty. As mentioned previously, its purpose is to draw attention to the High Altar – the central focus of the whole Cathedral – and to hold the candles and the Tabernacle. The white Carrara marble is interspersed with pillars of various Irish marbles in green and black, and the design imitates the design of the Cathedral itself, the central tower and spire reminding us of the Cathedral tower and spire reaching far into the heavens with our voice of praise to God.

Two panels on the reredos either side of the Tabernacle depict scenes from the Old Testament that are referenced in the first Eucharistic Prayer because considered a foreshadowing of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary made present in the Mass. On the left (looking towards the altar), we see represented Melchizedek making an offering of bread and wine. He is mentioned in Genesis 14:18-20: "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine; and he was priest of God the Most High". Psalm 110 also refers to this figure, saying: "The LORD has sworn an oath he will not change: 'You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek'" (Ps 110:4). This offering of bread and wine given to Abram is considered an anticipation of the offering of the Mass, and in fact the Letter to the Hebrews quotes Psalm 110, considering Melchizedek a type or prefigurement of Christ (Heb. 7:17). Christ is the Eternal High Priest, who has entered the Sanctuary making an offering of his own body and blood for our redemption, and we eat of it in the Holy Eucharist (cf. Heb. 6:20). Later on, we will see Melchizedek mentioned in the first Eucharistic Prayer.

The panel on the right as we look at the altar represents Abraham about to sacrifice his son, Isaac, as recounted in Genesis chapter 22. God puts Abraham to the test, leading him up a high mountain and calling on him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac – the son given to Abraham and Sarah in old age, and who was to be the fulfilment of the promise made by God to Abraham that he would make his offspring as many as the sand on the seashore.

It is a test of Abraham's total trust and faith in God. Isaac carried the wood for the burnt offering on his back and asked his father, "where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" (Gen. 22:7). Abraham replied: "The Lord himself will provide the lamb" (Gen. 22:8). The panel on the Cathedral reredos shows the boy Isaac bound on a pile of wood – ready for the burnt offering, and Abraham with his sword raised in the moment he is about to sacrifice his son. The angel of God is shown staying Abraham's hand, saying on behalf of God: "Do not lay a hand on the boy...Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son" (Gen. 22:12). Isaac is also considered a type or prefiguration Christ, the "Lamb of God", as John the Baptist proclaims him (Jn 1:29), provided by God; he is the Only-begotten Son whom the Eternal Father does not spare, for love of us. He carries the wood of the cross on which he will offer himself, the sacrifice that takes our sins away. The Mass makes this saving work present to us even now, glorified by the Resurrection.

At the heart of the reredos is the Tabernacle, to house the Blessed Sacrament. Appropriately for the current season, the beautiful silver panel on the door represents the nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph either side in adoration. It reminds us of the famous lines of the hymn *Ave Verum Corpus*: "Hail true body of the Virgin born". The Eucharist is the true and sacramental body of Jesus the Saviour born of the Virgin, crucified and risen, and given to us as food for the journey. The statuary on the reredos represents Our Lady and Saint Joseph, Saints Colmcille and Eunan.

BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES ~ 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 information. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

A **HEARING AID WAS FOUND** in the Cathedral before Christmas. If you know of anyone who has mislaid/lost a hearing aid, please let them know. Please talk to one of the Sacristans in the Cathedral in relation to this.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ *May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.*

Sunday 9th January ~ The Baptism of the Lord

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

Monday 10th January

8 am Mass ~ Geraldine Crossan RIP
10 am Mass ~ Maureen Dillon RIP

Tuesday 11th January

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ James Patrick & Alice Murphy RIP
6.15 pm ~ **Holy Face Devotions**
7 pm Mass ~ Helen Salmon RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

Wednesday 12th January

8 am Mass ~ Celia Tinney and Deceased Members of the Gallagher Family RIP
10 am Mass ~ Hannah, Patrick, Maureen and Joe Glackin RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Priest's Intention
Confessions: After 7 pm Mass

Thursday 13th January ~ St. Hilary

8 am Mass ~ Forgotten Priests in Purgatory RIP
10 am Mass ~ James, Annie and John Coll RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Paddy Harley RIP and Annie Greene RIP
8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Cathedral

Friday 14th January

8 am Mass ~ Patrick Brolly RIP
10 am Mass ~ Holy Souls RIP
7 pm Mass ~ John Doogan (**First Anniversary**), Harry Blake, Marie Blake, Margaret Blake, Margaret Callaghan, Jeanette Kelly, Annie McGinley, Joseph McGranaghan, Anthony O'Halpin, May O'Halpin, Ella Duffy, Thomas Creevy, Pat Nicholls, Martin Curran and Maureen McMorro RIP

Saturday 15th January ~ St. Ita

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm (providing there is no Funeral)
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass **7.30 pm** ~ Vigil Mass

Sunday 16th January ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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