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Live **Web Streaming** from the Cathedral ~ churchservices.tv/letterkenny

SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 13th March - €5,111

Humanitarian Relief Collection for the Ukraine ~ €8,230 (total to date: €18,325)

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €41,655.73 (Includes €35,500 for works completed to Parish Properties)

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support.

BAPTISM PREPARATION ~ We have uploaded a number of videos under 'Featured Videos' for Parents, in Preparation for their child's Baptism on our website: www.steunanscathedral.ie

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP ~ Pastoral Centre Hall

on Sunday Evenings: 7 pm - 8.30 pm (next get together - 27th March)

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP ~ Cathedral Conference Room

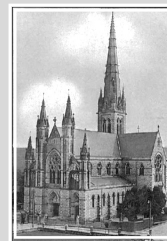
Friday Evenings: 5 pm - 6.30 pm (next get together - 1st April)

St. Pius X Adoration Chapel is located in the grounds of Loreto Secondary School. Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist continues there night and day from Sunday 1 pm until Friday at 8 pm. **We urgently need committed Adorers for all hours, but particularly, from 10 am to 4 pm and from 12 midnight to 6 am. If you would like to commit to a regular hour's adoration, please call Mary on 086-0870446 or Bridget on 086-0630729.**

Job Vacancy ~ Community Employment - 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 9120654 or email: cregan@letterkennytogether.ie

Job Vacancy ~ Community Employment – DRIVER based in Letterkenny. Duties will include: Collecting service users and participants for creche/courses. Maintain vehicle in accordance with RSA requirements. Adhere to all Health & Safety requirements. For further information contact Letterkenny Together CES CLG on 9120654 or email: cregan@letterkennytogether.ie

Loreto Secondary School Letterkenny is holding a **virtual 5k fundraiser** from 12th - 20th March. Walk/run/jog/cycle. Loads of prizes up for grabs e.g. best fancy dress, best St. Patricks day outfit, best hat, youngest participant, oldest participant and loads more. Post your pictures: <https://m.facebook.com/loreto.letterkenny.14>
Donate: www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/LoretoLetterkenny5k



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 20th March 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

THE MASS – REVERENCING THE ALTAR

The first gesture of the priest, upon arriving in the sanctuary with the procession of ministers is, first, to genuflect to the Blessed Sacrament, if present, or to bow profoundly before the altar if not. At the Cathedral, the Sacrament is almost always reserved in the Tabernacle at the high altar, but in some large churches, or at oratories or side altars where the Sacrament is not reserved, the priest would bow deeply to venerate the altar rather than genuflect.

We considered in a previous reflection how the altar represents Christ himself and is the heart and centre of the church, the point to which the entire liturgy is directed [obviously the reserved Sacrament is the true presence of Jesus Christ, and commands our worship and adoration]. After reverencing the altar in this manner, the celebrant then kisses the altar, as a further sign of acknowledgement that the altar represents Christ, who is himself the priest, the lamb and the place of sacrifice. Only the sacred ministers kiss the altar in this manner, manifesting that they are entering into the priestly function and upon the sacrificial liturgy. Customarily, the altar is kissed in that place where the relics have been placed. From ancient times, it has been the custom to place relics of the martyrs and saints underneath the altar or indeed to insert them into the mensa or altar table [usually placed in a cavity that is then sealed with a stone].

This custom is said to have come from the time of the early Church, when Mass was offered secretly in the Catacombs in times of recurring persecution. The Christian dead were buried in the Catacombs, amongst them many martyrs who gave their lives in witnessing to Christ. Mass was often celebrated above or near their tombs, so that when the Church emerged from persecution, the idea of having relics of the saints and martyrs associated with the altar persisted. It is for this reason that altars have been raised over the bodies of saints throughout the world, sometimes – in European churches – even visibly displayed! A further echo of the experience of the Church in the early centuries is found in the litanies of saints found in the Roman Canon – the First Eucharistic Prayer.

RETREAT IN THE DIVINE MERCY CENTRE

Friday 25th until Sunday 27th March: **Retreat about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Lent is a special time of turning back to the Lord, of repentance and conversion. It's a time when we seek to be reconciled to God. The primary place for this is the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). It's a place where we can experience God's Mercy and forgiveness. That's our first focus of this retreat - to see Confession as a wonderful gift of the Father of Mercies. We will learn more about the sacrament, how to prepare for it well, how to make a good Confession. Cost: €159 inclusive. **For more information or to sign up for the above Retreat, please contact the Divine Mercy Centre by email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com or phone: 0749169934.**

The **LEGION OF MARY** annual Consecration to Our Lady (**The Acies**) takes place on **Sunday 20th March** in the Church of the Irish Martyrs at 3 pm. Legionaries and Auxiliary members welcome.

'PRAYER AND PRAISE NIGHT' ~ Saturday 2nd April in the Pastoral Centre. This is an evening of adoration, music, prayer, confession and building community from 7.30 pm - til late. The event is for young adults aged 18-35 from across the Diocese. Priests are welcome to come along also.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHOPS are looking for donations of clothes, bed linen, curtains, shoes, bric a brac, kitchenware. Your help would be gratefully appreciated. Please note: we are **not able to sell electrical goods.**

ROADWORKS will commence on Monday, 21st March on Convent Road, Cathedral Road and Castle Street to upgrade the footpaths and carriageways around these three roads and improve the flow of traffic and pedestrians in the area. As part of the scheme the road layout is being changed to a one way system which will be in operation from the commencement of the construction works.



GRAVEYARD SERVICES 2022

Sunday 3rd July ~ Conwal Graveyard ~ 4 pm
Monday 4th July ~ Aughaninshin Graveyard ~ 7 pm
Sunday 10th July ~ Old Leck Graveyard ~ 3 pm
Sunday 10th July ~ New Leck Graveyard ~ 4 pm

Public Prayers for our Deceased Loved ones will **only go ahead** if Government guidelines permits us to do so at the time.

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Sunday 20th March ~ Third Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 21st March ~ St. Enda

8 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving 10 am Mass ~ Oonagh McCafferty RIP

Tuesday 22nd March

8 am Mass ~ Michael Patton RIP
10 am Mass ~ Jimmy, Rosie and Roseanne McHugh RIP
6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions
7 pm Mass ~ Grace O'Donnell RIP (First Anniversary) and Peter O'Donnell RIP

Wednesday 23rd March ~ St. Turibius of Mongrovejo

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Dr. Edward McKay RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Maura and Laurence Maguire RIP
Confessions: After 7 pm Mass
8 pm: Youth 2000 Prayer Group

9.15 pm
An Tobar Domhain
Rosary and Examen

Thursday 24th March ~ St. Marcartan

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Hugh Kelly RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Patsy Sweeney RIP
8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

9.15 pm
An Tobar Domhain
Rosary and Examen

Friday 25th March ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

8 am Mass ~ Pat and Ellen Gallagher RIP
10 am Mass ~ John McGill RIP (First Anniversary) 1 pm - Nuptial
7 pm Mass ~ Maisie Broe, Gerry Crerand, Maggie Crerand, Hannah Crerand, Molly Callaghan, Charlie Boyle, Kathleen Boyle, Columba Daly, Madeline Daly, Frank Sharpe, Mary Sharpe, Jean Curran, Trevor McBrearty, Tony Coyle and Patsy Ferry RIP

Saturday 26th March

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention
11 am and 3 pm ~ CONFIRMATIONS ~ Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál
1 pm ~ Mass of Thanksgiving
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass Confessions ~ After the 6 pm Mass

Sunday 27th March ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

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