


**Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 4.30 pm)**

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Live **Web Streaming** from the Cathedral ~ [churchservices.tv/letterkenny](http://churchservices.tv/letterkenny)

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 20th March - €4,137

**Humanitarian Relief Collection for the Ukraine** ~ €320 (total to date: €18,645)

**St. Patrick's Day Collection - Education of Students for Priesthood: €3,010**

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €8,668.49

**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](http://www.steunanscathedral.ie)

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** ~ Pastoral Centre Hall

on Sunday Evenings: 7 pm - 8.30 pm

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP** ~ Cathedral Conference Room

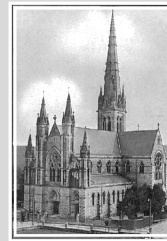
Friday Evenings: 5 pm - 6.30 pm (next get together - 1st April)

**ACCORD** is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Application forms are available by emailing: [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. Please contact us for any support you may need [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** will take place on the **7th September** for 7 days with a Spiritual Director. Cost: €765 per person. For further information and to book, please contact: Kathleen on 074-9121641 or 086-3721962.

**Further Education & Training - FET Service - FREE Course Opportunities:** ACCA Accounts (online): commencing 18th April for 20 weeks; Medical/Legal Administration Traineeship: commencing 18th April for 53 weeks (Letterkenny); Bus Driving with Tourism Visitor Care (Skills to Compete) Blended: commencing 25th April for 14 weeks (Letterkenny); Remote Working Skills (Blended) online: commencing 9th May for 8 weeks (Letterkenny). For further information please phone: **9120500** or apply online: <https://www.donogaletb.ie/fetchcoursefinder> ~ Details on all Courses is available on the Cathedral Noticeboard.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LETTERKENNY 9129503/9122366**



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

**Sunday 27th March 2022**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

### **A WORD OF THANKS**

As we publish the parish accounts, not only does it provide an opportunity for parishioners to compare parish finances of 2019 with those in 2020, which was the first year of the Covid pandemic, but also to stand back and take a wider account of the life of the parish. I would like to take this opportunity to renew my appreciation for the support each of our parishioners gives to the Cathedral and to the clergy.

Thinking back to the beginning of the pandemic, we can all recall the shock of having our churches closed and being unable to attend Mass. For a great many of our parishioners, this added immeasurably to the sense of fear and disorientation that came with the pandemic, not to mention the isolation and loneliness experienced by so many – and with which some continue to live. Part of that experience for us was certainly concern about running the Cathedral. I remain profoundly grateful to the parishioners who, after an initial period of hunkering down – as we all did! – began to find ways of supporting the Cathedral and allowed us to continue the essentials, like heat and light, urgent repairs as they arose, the care of the graveyards and Cathedral grounds.

But beyond the practical support, the clergy remain grateful for the personal support they received – a word on the steps as you dropped things to the Parochial House or as you took a walk; a card sent, an email, messages left on the Facebook live-feed, and so many small acts of kindness. It was all deeply appreciated during the various lockdowns.

When we re-opened, a great team of parishioners ensured a really high standard of sanitisation in the Cathedral: it was an amazing effort. So also was the patient help of the Knights of Columbanus and other volunteers to usher people to their places for Mass. The increased number of Masses scheduled to spread out the congregation, and the various measures taken to ensure a safe distribution of Holy Communion, hearing confessions, baptisms and marriages meant an increase of work for our Sacristans, to whom we remain extremely grateful.

