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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 27th February - €4,164

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €6,720.90

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 ~ Cathedral Conference Room

Sunday Evenings: 7 pm - 8.30 pm

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP ~ Cathedral Conference Room

Friday Evenings: 5 pm - 6.30 pm

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

WISE - Women's Integration Skills and Employment is a **FREE** service to unemployed women in Donegal who are looking for employment now or in the future. Are you a stay at home mum, a carer, single parent or on a disability payment? Do you lack confidence and find interviews daunting? We provide **FREE** courses, create/updated your CV, help you excel in interviews, find your ideal job etc. The WISE Project is funded by the Department of Justice and Equality & The European Social Fund. You can contact us by Phone or on Facebook – The WISE Project (<https://www.facebook.com/WISE500/>) Please call Penny on 086-1452250.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6th March 2022

First Sunday of Lent

THE MASS – THE ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Although the Entrance Antiphon is generally read by the priest once he reaches the chair, the antiphon is intended to be sung, either on its own or accompanied by a psalm verse. The entrance antiphon is a verse taken from sacred scripture, and it sets out a particular mystery of faith that is reflected in the other texts of the Mass for Sundays and Feast Days. Have you noticed: the Sunday prayers are used throughout the following week, except on Feast Days, which have their own proper texts? The texts used in the Mass – frequently set to music – are taken largely from the Scriptures, so that the Mass is an ongoing reflection by the Church on the word of God. We can say that the Church speaks to God using the words with which God has spoken to us.

While the Mass is always an intensely personal prayer for all of us, we must always recall that it is, first and foremost, the prayer of the whole Church, throughout the world, in all its different circumstances, and in all the circumstances of history. The Entrance Antiphon, in particular, captures a vast array of human experience, from the movement of the soul to the circumstance of life and history, and it directs us to raise those sentiments, movements and experiences to God and to His grace. This Sunday, the antiphon is taken from Psalm 90 and relates directly to the Gospel, where we hear Satan quoting the Psalm as he tempts Jesus to test the Father's love by throwing himself from the pinnacle of the Temple in Jerusalem (where God's presence was found in the Holy of Holies), to see whether the Father would indeed rescue him. It would be the same test that Jesus would be taunted with on the cross: "The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One'" (Luke 23:35). But the psalm in question was a great psalm of God's comfort for his oppressed people, for his chosen one, Israel, and ultimately for Jesus, the Eternal Son our Saviour: "His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls, I shall answer, I am with you, I will save in distress and give him glory. Jesus would call out in despair on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me". The Father's response is the glory of the resurrection, when sin and death are vanquished by Jesus' searing experience of sacrifice and suffering.

There will be a **Vigil of Prayer for Peace in the Ukraine** beginning **Friday 11th March** after 10 am Mass, concluding on **Saturday 12th March** with 10 am Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. You are encouraged to make an hour of prayer with the Lord for our suffering brothers and sisters, and to beg God to move hearts, to convert the oppressor and to keep this conflict from spreading beyond its current extent.

MARCH RETREATS IN THE DIVINE MERCY CENTRE

Saturday 12th March from 2 pm – 5.30 pm: **‘True conversion - Jonah the Prophet’**. Lent is a time to turn back to God. It's a special time in the year to seek to deepen our relationship with Him. In this retreat we will want to learn from the prophet Jonah what true conversion is. He has a great message for us about God's Mercy! We hope to see you soon! Let us trust in the Lord!

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 Retreats, please contact the Divine Mercy Centre by email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com or phone: 0749169934.**

NO GREATER LOVE ~ A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

This Lent, we invite you to join with us as we reflect on the final moments of Jesus' life beginning in the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land, best-selling author Edward Sri will guide us through the Scriptures as we deepen our understanding of the key events of the Passion. 'No Greater Love', is a 5 week programme delivered in person each **Wednesday at 8 pm** in the **Divine Mercy Centre** starting **Wednesday 9th March**. Come along and join us! If you have any further queries, please email Sr. Marie Therese at: dmcletterkenny@gmail.com

The **LEGION OF MARY** have resumed their meetings at 11 am on Tuesdays in the Divine Mercy Centre and on Thursdays at 6.30 pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs. New members welcome. If interested in joining the Legion of Mary, please phone: 085-1679214 or 086-0370167.

RENEWAL WEEKEND FOR CURSILLO FEMALE MEMBERS will be held in Ards Friary on the 11th, 12th & 13th March. Booking is Essential, please phone: 086-8142961.

NET MINISTRIES IRELAND ‘Come to the Water’ - Surf, Sand, Son! March 18th - 20th and May 6th - 8th. Learn to surf and grow in faith over a 3 Day Retreat in Rosstown. For more information please contact: 083-0150890 or email:

Sunday 6th March ~ First Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 7th March ~ Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

8 am Mass ~ Fiona Doherty RIP
10 am Mass ~ Hannah McElwaine RIP

Tuesday 8th March ~ St. John of God

8 am Mass ~ Jean Curran RIP
10 am Mass ~ Eamonn and Margaret Kelly RIP
6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions
7 pm Mass ~ James O'Donnell RIP (First Anniversary)

Wednesday 9th March ~ St. Frances of Rome

8 am Mass ~ Fr. Pádraig Gallagher RIP
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention
7 pm Mass ~ Andy McGranaghan RIP
Confessions: After 7 pm Mass
8 pm: Youth 2000 Prayer Group

9.15 pm
An Tobar Domhain
Rosary and Examen

Thursday 10th March

8 am Mass ~ Forgotten Priests in Purgatory RIP
10 am Mass ~ Bridie McDermott RIP (First Anniversary)
7 pm Mass ~ Brendan McCafferty RIP
8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Cathedral

9.15 pm
An Tobar Domhain
Rosary and Examen

Friday 11th March ~ St. Aengus

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Patsy James RIP (First Anniversary)
1 pm ~ AA Meeting for women in the Conference Room
7 pm Mass ~ Gary O'Brien (First Anniversary), Patsy Molloy, Sally Molloy, Mary McMonagle, Gordan J. Correia and Mary Mansfield RIP

Vigil of Prayer begins
after 10 am Mass

Saturday 12th March

10 am Mass ~ Special Intention [Vigil of Prayer concludes with 10 am Mass]
Scoil Cholmcille ~ CONFIRMATIONS ~ 11 am
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass Confessions ~ After the 6 pm Mass

Sunday 13th March ~ Second Sunday of Lent

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

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