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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 24th April - €4,012

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €11,876.65

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support.

To **BOOK A BAPTISM** please phone the Parochial House on 9121021. Please remember: Godparents: (1 male and 1 female over the age of 16). **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

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP ~ Cathedral Conference Room

Friday Evenings: 5 pm - 6.30 pm

The Legion of Mary will **RECITE THE ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY** on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm at the junction of Dr. McGinley Road on the Glencar Road, commencing Monday 2nd May.

The **ROSARY** will be recited in the Town Park every Monday in May at 7 pm

Please **RETURN your Trócaire Box** as soon as possible to the Parochial House. You are asked to **REFRAIN** from leaving boxes anywhere in the Cathedral.

Job Vacancy _ Community Employment - **General Operative based in Letterkenny:** Duties to include general caretaking indoor / outdoor: grass cutting, weeding, edging, litter control and light maintenance. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. For further information contact Letterkenny Together CES CLG on 9120654 or cregan@letterkennytogether.ie

Irish Traditional Music Concert will take place on **Friday 13th May** at 7.30 pm in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Bunrana. This is a fundraiser for The Gavin Glynn Foundation on behalf of Caitlin Strain. Tickets are €20 and are on sale at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel. Concert participants include: Gerry O'Connor, Ciaran Tourish, Cathal Hayden & Kevin Doherty, Thomas Strain & Ciaran O'Kane etc.

The **North West 10K** takes place on Monday 2nd May beginning at 11 am. Road closures will be in place. Best wishes to the +Organisers and Participants.

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ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1st May 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

The Mass – Candles [the Paschal Candle]

We resume our reflections on the Mass. While the altar is always lit with candles, the most important candle of all, and the one to which every other candle lit in the church refers, is lighting now during the Easter season (Eastertide), namely the Paschal Candle. This candle is the great symbol of the Easter Vigil for it is a symbol of Christ himself. It is lit from the paschal fire, and carried into the darkened church as the Easter vigil commences, while the deacon proclaims: Lumen Christi! The Light of Christ! It represents the light of the resurrection scattering the darkness of sin and death.

For anyone who has celebrated the Easter Vigil, they will always be taken by how the light of this single flame seems to shine out with extraordinary brilliance, even in the great expanse of the Cathedral. It represents, as it were, the pillar of fire that went before the People of Israel as they crossed the Red Sea, and moved behind them to block the armies of Egypt in pursuit, for in the Holy Night Christ leads the whole of humanity from slavery to sin to newness of life. From the light of this one candle, the faithful receive their own light, just as they receive from Christ himself the light of faith. In the course of the Vigil, they will relight their candles from this one candle and renew their profession of faith by the baptismal promises.

Indeed, everyone baptised in the course of the coming year will have their baptismal candle lit from the Paschal Candle, a powerful symbol of their participation in Christ's death and resurrection by baptism. It recalls the Gospel injunction given to the bridesmaids keeping watch for the bridegroom: to hasten towards him with their lamps lit and enter rejoicing to the banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Paschal Candle is placed prominently in the sanctuary, near to the ambo, so that its light can allow the reading of the word of God, which truly is light to the world and salt to the earth. The more we absorb and the live the word of the Gospel, we become "light in the Lord". This candle is incensed, and the

great hymn of praise is sung – The Exultet: Rejoice heavenly powers, sing choirs of angels. Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! Each time we light a candle – on the altar, at the shrines, in procession, in our homes, at our baptism, at our death – we are taking our light from the Paschal Candle and consciously renewing our baptismal faith. It manifests what we are called to as members of the baptised: to be light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8).

With the ongoing road works taking place in front of the Parochial House - access can be gained to the Parochial House and Bishop's House by the back entrance (entry next to the Car Park opposite Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál) Please be careful with the two-way traffic in the Parochial House grounds. Thank you.

Today, **Sunday 1st May** after the 12 noon and 6 pm Masses, the **PARISH YOUTH GROUP** will hold a **BAKE SALE** outside the Cathedral to raise funds to subsidise the cost of their upcoming Surf, Sand, Son retreat in Rossnowlagh. Your support would be appreciated.

The next **PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT** for young adults (18-35) will be **Saturday 7th May** at 7.30 pm in the Pastoral Centre, (opposite the Cathedral). This will be an evening of adoration, prayer, confession, prayer ministry, talk, music and of course pizza afterwards. As it is May there will be a Marian focus to the evening. Any questions, please contact the Pastoral Centre - pastoralcentre@raphoediocese.ie or 0749121853.

The following have been enrolled recently in the **RAPHOE DIOCESAN SOCIETY**: Hugh Kelly, 1 Beechwood Avenue; Ann Scanlon, Glencar and Shaun McDaid, 8 McNeely Villas . . . *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.* You are encouraged to have your deceased relatives enrolled in the R.D.S. and you yourselves to become Living Members. Please contact any of the Priests or phone the Parish Office on 9121021. The fee for enrolling members is €15 for each member.

SINCERE THANKS to all who contributed so generously to the recent **Special Collection for Ukraine**. Nationally, this collection has raised to date over €3.25 million. The war in Ukraine, and the terrible suffering which has resulted, has seen a tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity from our parish communities. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the international Catholic Church agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts, praying for peace and an end to this appalling humanitarian crisis.

Sunday 1st May ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm
7 pm ~ May Devotions

Monday 2nd May ~ St. Athanasius (Bank Holiday)

NO 8 am Mass
10 am Mass ~ Elizabeth Geoghegan RIP

Tuesday 3rd May ~ Ss. Philip and James, Apostles

8 am Mass ~ Denis Kelly RIP
10 am Mass ~ Colum Doogan RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Teresa Cuskelly RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

Wednesday 4th May ~ St. Conleth

8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
10 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving
7 pm Mass ~ John McConalogue RIP (First Anniversary)
Confessions after the 7 pm Mass 8 pm: Youth 2000 Prayer Group

Thursday 5th May ~ Bl. Edmund Rice

8 am Mass ~ Grace Dillon RIP
10 am Mass ~ Fr. Hugh Sweeney RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Mary, Anton & Cathal Diver and Deceased Family Members RIP
8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 6th May

8 am Mass ~ Annie Mary Brolly RIP
10 am Mass ~ Muriel and Charlie Kelly RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Goretti McMonagle (Month's Mind Mass), Phil McLaughlin, Willie Peoples, Emma Peoples, Jimmy Coyle, Liam Roarty, Margaret Roarty, Joe Roarty, Stephen Shevlin, Seamus O'Chnaimshsi and Angamah Nallusamy RIP

Saturday 7th May

10 am Mass ~ Kathleen Wright RIP (Month's Mind Mass) 1 pm ~ Nuptial
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ~ Scoil Cholmcille ~ 11 am and 3 pm
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass
Confessions ~ After the 6 pm Mass

Sunday 8th May ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm May Devotions ~ 7 pm