

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 1st May - €4,000

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €8,846.80

Recent **DONATIONS** to the Parish ~ 1 x €500; 1 x €400; 1 x €100; 7 x €50;
2 x €40; 1 x €30; 1 x €20 and 3 x €10

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.

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ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE MASS – CANDLES: TABERNACLE LAMP & ALTAR CANDLES

The relationship of every other candle in the church to the Paschal Candle is made clear during the Easter Vigil, when the altar candles are lit, at the Gloria, from the Paschal Candle. No doubt the use of candles and lamps had a practical function from the beginning – so that the priest might read the text of the Mass. But they also reflect the use of candles and lamps in the Old Testament. The lamp of the presence shone in the Temple of Jerusalem, signifying the Lord's presence in the Holy of Holies. Little wonder that this one lamp is replicated in every place where the Blessed Sacrament is reposed, signifying the Lord's true presence in our midst, within the Tabernacle.

In the Cathedral, the tabernacle lamp is of particular magnificence. Made of solid silver, it is adorned with doves [evoking Colm Cille – the dove of the Church – as well as the Holy Spirit who descended as tongues of fire upon the Church at Pentecost], angels [evoking the cherubim and seraphim who adore the Lord on high], and the papal crown or *triregnum* [a gesture of fidelity and communion with the Apostolic See]. The lamp itself is held in a 'nest' of three pelicans, an ancient Eucharistic symbol; it was thought that the pelican would perforate its breast to feed its young. This was taken as an allusion to Christ, who opens his side to flow with water and blood – revealing Baptism and the Eucharist. These indicate clearly to the Lamp's purpose: to point to the Lord's Eucharistic Presence.

Candles then adorn the altar and must be lit for each Mass, as they are for each formal liturgy. The number of candles can vary according to the solemnity of the celebration. For the most solemn celebrations, even the side altars can be adorned with lighted candles. The faithful then light candles and lamps before the images of Our Lord and of the saints, as a tangible expression of their prayer, and a living presence before the Lord when they have departed the church to go about their affairs. For the same reason, it is a beloved custom to light blessed candles at home as an expression of our prayer to God. These are blessed particularly on the Feast of the Presentation

of the Lord, or Candlemas, when we recall Simeon's words as he took the child Jesus in his arms to present him as an offering to the Father: "At last, all powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, a light to enlighten the gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people" (Luke 2:29-32).

To mark the month of May and the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, there will be a **THREE EVENING REFLECTION ON OUR LADY**, at the Divine Mercy Centre on Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th May at 8 pm. Please phone the Parish Office on Monday/Tuesday to give your name so that numbers can be prepared for.

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.

There will be two evening sessions to update our **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING [CHILD PROTECTION]**: Monday 16th May and Tuesday 24th May at 7 pm at the Pastoral Centre. All ministers (new and existing) are asked to attend ONE of these sessions. These sessions are also open to other Cathedral Volunteers; Choir Members, Cathedral Cleaners, Altar Society Members, Knights of St. Columbanus etc. Your attendance would be greatly encouraged. Please phone the Parish Office on 9121021 by Wednesday 11th May stating which of the sessions you would like to attend.

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY WELL? THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES ~ Saturday 14th May from 2 pm - 5.30 pm in the Divine Mercy Centre. This retreat aims to help each of us enter deeper into this wonderful form of prayer: the Holy Rosary. This fourth retreat in our series will focus on the glorious mysteries. We will have a talk about the mysteries, a time of meditation and of course we will pray the rosary itself. Bookings are essential. To sign up please email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com or phone: 0749169934.

ROSARY RALLY ~ Rosary in honour of our Lady of Fatima on Saturday 14th May at 4 pm. Parishes are encouraged to pray the rosary at that time. Parishes praying the rosary that day will be praying with the 500 Rosary Rallies throughout Ireland.

Our local **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.

Sunday 8th May ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 9th May

8 am Mass ~ Anne Doyle RIP
10 am Mass ~ Agnes, Denis & Denis Houston and Elma Freeman RIP

Tuesday 10th May ~ St. Comgall & St. John of Avila

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Colm Herron RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Hugh McDaid RIP

Wednesday 11th May

8 am Mass ~ Vincent Gallagher RIP
10 am Mass ~ Hugh & Teresa Travers RIP and Bernie & Karen Cahill RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Angamah Nallusamy RIP (First Anniversary)
Confessions after the 7 pm Mass 8 pm: Youth 2000 Prayer Group

Thursday 12th May ~ Ss. Nereus & Achilleus and St. Pancras

8 am Mass ~ Bridget Crossan RIP 10 am Mass ~ Mary Conlon RIP
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ~ St. Bernadette's ~ 2 pm
7 pm Mass ~ Anne Bradley RIP (Month's Mind Mass)
8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 13th May ~ Our Lady of Fatima

8 am Mass ~ Grace Friel RIP
10 am Mass ~ Helen McKendrick RIP (First Anniversary)
7 pm Mass ~ Mary McMenamin, Kathleen Bradley, James Bradley, Hughie Gallagher, Frank Whelan, Brid McGrath, Damien Hunter, Michael Blake and Molly Blake RIP

Saturday 14th May ~ St. Matthias, Apostle

10 am Mass ~ Special Intention 1 pm ~ Nuptial
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ~ Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin ~ 11 am and 3 pm
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass
Confessions ~ After the 6 pm Mass

Sunday 15th May ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

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