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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 24th July - €4,338

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €5,143.40

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

CHOOSE HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY - continuing the healing ministry.
Healthcare Chaplaincy Board: • a sub-committee of the council for Healthcare of the Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference • www.catholicbishops.ie/healthcare/ • Email: InformationHCBoard@gmail.com

YOUR CALLING . . . YOUR CAREER ~ Listening compassionately & loving unconditionally. If this is how you envision your future, we invite you to pursue a rewarding and faith-filled career as a professional healthcare chaplain. **WHAT DO HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINS DO?** Chaplains are professionals who provide spiritual, religious and emotional care to people in many different settings. As a chaplain, you will listen to people who are in a very vulnerable place. You'll celebrate with families who have received great news. You'll mark the beginning of lives, the end of lives and the many transforming moments in between. **WHAT TRAINING DO I NEED?** Board certification to Roman Catholics who: (1) Hold a degree in Theology (NFQ Level 8); (2) Complete H Dip or Masters in pastoral Theology (Healthcare Chaplaincy) or 3 units of Clinical Pastoral Education; (3) successfully meet the HCB Standards for healthcare Chaplaincy. **BURSARY:** For candidates accepted on a recognised Theology course, undergraduate or postgraduate that fulfils the theological requirement for Certification as a Healthcare Chaplain, a BURSARY is available through the HCB. Details on request from the HCB.

STEP BY STEP TO FEED THE NEXT CHILD ~ It costs **MARY'S MEALS** €18.30, to give a child a meal every day for a full school year. To raise funds and awareness, supporters are walking throughout Ireland starting: 7th August from: Thurles, Kilkenny, Malin, Derry, Armagh, Dublin and Limerick arriving into Knock on the 15th August. **Maybe you could get involved in Step by Step to Feed the Next Child by undertaking the challenge yourself or by organising a local walk.** Sponsorship cards and t-shirts are available. Please visit: www.marysmeals.ie or for more information, please contact Fr. Eamonn Kelly on 0879077985.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 31st July 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE MASS – THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Upon reaching the Chair (or directly from the altar), the celebrant faces the people and invokes the name of the Most Holy Trinity: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The people respond: Amen. Thus, the Mass begins with the most elementary reality of all, that what we are about to do is done in the name of God.

The name of God is so holy that it could not be pronounced in the Old Testament. When Moses asked God His name, he was told: "I Am who Am" [Exodus 3:14]. God became man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave him to the world, and she named him Jesus, as the angel had instructed her, a name which means, the one who saves. Jesus said of himself, "I Am" in a number of startling claims that his hearers understood as a reference to the revelation made to Moses; I Am...the Light of the World (John 8:12); the Door (John 10:9); the Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14); the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25); the Way and the Truth and the Life (John 14:6); the Vine (John 15:1,5). When Saint Paul asked of the blinding light that assailed him on the road to Damascus: "Who are you Lord", he was told, "I am Jesus, and you are persecuting me" (Acts 9:5).

Later Saint Paul would say of him: "Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth (Philippians 2:9-10). Jesus revealed himself to be the Son of the Eternal Father, and promised that he would send the Holy Spirit to be our Advocate. He therefore revealed God to be the Trinity, and taught us how we are to relate to God in this fashion. As he was returning to the Father, he commanded us: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" [Matthew 28:19]. Such is the name of God, and we are baptised in it, and in a sense the first words of our praise invoke His Holy Name. What is the name of God except who He is in Himself, the fullness of His glory, the immensity of His holiness? If we begin our prayer and our act of praise in His name, we should be aware in whose presence we stand.

DIVINE MERCY CENTRE, LETTERKENNY ~ UPCOMING RETREATS

If you would like to attend any of the following retreats please email:
 dvmletterkenny@gmail.com or phone: 0749169934

RECONCILIATION WITH GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOUR (Half-day retreat) ~
Saturday 13th August: 2 pm - 5.30 pm. Matthew 18:21-35: *“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’”* (32-34). In these talks we will look at Scripture and the Saints to learn how to be merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful. We will focus on union with God as the fount of forgiveness for ourselves and others in our lives. Our retreat will consist of two talks, prayer time and being together in a community of faith.

MOTHER OF MERCY RETREAT (Friday 26th August - Sunday 28th August)

August is a month dedicated to Our Lady. In our spiritual tradition, as the Sisters of Merciful Jesus, we have a special devotion to Our Lady under the title of Mother of Mercy. We wish to share our love for Her with you and through this retreat help all of us to grow into a deeper relationship with Her. **The retreat is residential.** We will commence: Friday 26th August at 6 pm and conclude: Sunday 28th August, finishing after lunch (approximately 2 pm). We will learn more about the image of the Mother of Mercy from the Gate of Dawn in Vilnius, talk about Mary's trust in God (to learn from Her how we can trust better) and meditate on the Gospel passages that speak about Her (focusing on the Annunciation and the Magnificat). We will also have some creative activities and lots of moments of prayer. This retreat will also give us an opportunity to spend time together, sharing our faith. Cost: €159 inclusive. **Bookings are essential.** If you have any dietary requirements or food allergies please let us know when you are booking, so we can cater for your needs. We are looking forward to seeing you! Let us trust in the Lord!

The **ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY** is a training program designed to teach, equip, and activate you in the full supernatural lifestyle of Jesus so that you can walk with God in intimacy and demonstrate his love and power to the world around you! Drawing from the richness of our Catholic heritage we are offering an online training program for Ireland. Enrolment is for one year with the possibility of two. Our curriculum and content is rooted in Catholic Tradition and faithful to Catholic teaching. Classes/Zoom Sessions will be held on Thursdays at 7.30 pm from mid-September until May. For information or to enrol, please visit: <https://encounterschool.org/online-campus-ireland/>

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION LANDLORD APPEAL - Houses/Apartments/Digs ALL accepted. Please contact: Atlantic Technological University (ATU SU) on 086-7702701 / 9186000 or email: Barry.Breslin@ATU.ie

LETTERKENNY COMMUNITY CENTRE is currently recruiting for a Caretaker, a Café Assistant, and a Receptionist for its Community Employment Programme. For further information and to check your eligibility, please visit www.jobsireland.ie or call 085-8570073.

Sunday 31st July ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm

Monday 1st August ~ St. Alphonsus Ligouri ~ Bank Holiday

10 am Mass only ~ Danny Browne RIP

Tuesday 2nd August ~ St. Eusevius of Vercelli, bishop & St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
 10 am Mass ~ Special Intention

Wednesday 3rd August

8 am Mass ~ Leo Finnegan RIP
 10 am Mass ~ Shaun Graham RIP
 Confessions ~ 7.30 pm

Thursday 4th August ~ St. John Vianney, priest

8 am Mass ~ Patrick O'Donnell RIP
 10 am Mass ~ Special Intention: (Life from Conception to natural death)
 8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 5th August ~ The dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8 am Mass ~ Mary O'Donnell RIP
 10 am Mass ~ Benny Daly RIP
 1 pm ~ Nuptial
 7 pm Mass ~ Tommy Peoples, Thomas Kelly and Eddie McFadden RIP

Saturday 6th August ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord

10 am Mass ~ Nuala McCrossan RIP (First Anniversary)
 Baptisms: 4 pm
 6 pm ~ Vigil Mass
 Confessions ~ After 6 pm Mass

Sunday 7th August ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm 2.30 pm ~ Baptism

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