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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 28th August - €4,053

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €8,574.04

**DONATIONS** ~ 1 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](http://www.steunanscathedral.ie)

**RAINBOWS IRELAND, Letterkenny** - applications for the Rainbows programme are now open for the 2022/23 year. Rainbows is a 9-week support programme for children aged 6-12 years old (1st - 6th class) who have been affected by bereavement or separation in the family. To reserve a place and receive an application form please contact the Pastoral Centre: 9121853 or email [pastoralcentre@raphodiocese.ie](mailto:pastoralcentre@raphodiocese.ie) For more information on the Rainbows Ireland programme, please visit: [www.rainbowsireland.ie](http://www.rainbowsireland.ie)

Cuir snas ar do chuid Gaeilge le Lónra Leitir Ceanainn! **Monthly online sessions to enrich your IRISH** with Eithne Ní Ghallchobhair (exploring folklore) and Colm Ferriter (current affairs and life in general) each month September to February beginning **Monday 12th September** at 8 pm with Eithne; **Monday 26th September** with Colm on zoom. Get the link for one or both from Bairbre at Lónra Leitir Ceanainn: [eolas@lionralc.ie](mailto:eolas@lionralc.ie) or phone: 086-0751663.

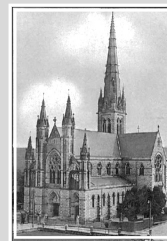
**LOUGH DERG - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE** ~ The One Day Retreat on **Sunday 25th September**, will have the special focus of praying for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Guest Speaker, refugee, Halyna Tesluk, Associate Professor of Old Testament at The Ukrainian Catholic University. **Boats from 9.15 am | Retreat Programme begins at 10.15 am | Boats return at 4.30 pm.** Morning Coffee & lunch included. Booking essential. Special discounted rate of €25 for Ukrainian refugees (must be booked by telephone: +353 (0)71 9861518). Full price €45 More information at [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org).

**MASS FOR EXPECTANT FAMILIES** will take place in St. Eunan's Cathedral on **Tuesday 11th October** at 7 pm with Bishop Alan McGuckian.

#### **ALTAR SOCIETY ROTA**

**9th & 16th September** ~ D. Lynch, B. Williams, C. Patton & G. Kelly

**23rd & 30th September** ~ A. McGlinchey, S. Lafferty, D. Boyce & C. Callan



## **ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER Sunday 4th September 2022**

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### **THE MASS – THE PENITENTIAL RITE**

After the liturgical greeting [The Lord be with you...], the celebrant invites the people to prepare for the celebration of Mass with these or similar words: "Brothers and sisters, that we might worthily offer these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins".

With these words, the penitential rite of the Mass begins. It is clear that both priest and people enter into this moment together, each placing themselves before God as equally in need of mercy and acknowledgement of their unworthiness and weakness as they undertake to participate in the holy sacrifice of the Mass. It is profoundly significant that this is the first moment of the Mass, for it reminds us that we come as a community of sinners who have been redeemed and who seek to enter more fully into the mystery of salvation. Who can offer the perfect and pure act of worship but Jesus himself, the eternal Son of the Father, who, as we have seen, manifests on the cross his unending self-giving to the Father, namely the sacrifice of love that is our salvation.

Each of us, the redeemed, acknowledge that our relationship with God is never one of equals, even as we are brought to realise that God in Christ has made us like himself and continuously pours the gift of His Spirit into our hearts. There is, therefore, a powerful dynamic between sinner and redeemed in each soul, whereby we come to the Mass as sons and daughters because we have first been redeemed by Christ's sacrifice on the cross and his blessed resurrection.

At the very beginning of the Mass, therefore, we are brought before the mystery of God's mercy, and in each Mass we renew our awareness of its transforming power: by His mercy we have been redeemed, and by His mercy we are called to acknowledge our sins and to accept the grace that flows in abundance from the heart of Christ. The invitation to acknowledge our sins is an invitation into the whole mystery that is communicated in the Mass, the mystery of Divine Mercy. We become aware of what burdens our souls and conscience, we acknowledge that our heart is divided and always caught up in the dynamic of good and evil, of the spirits that lead us away from the Father's will and the Spirit by which Jesus perfectly fulfils the Father's will. It is here, at the foot of the altar, so to speak, that we stand in union with the tax collector, standing a

long way off and beating our breast and saying, God, have mercy on me, a sinner” (cf. Luke 18:13). We seek to leave our offering before the altar and to be reconciled with our brother and sister before making the offering (cf. Matthew 5:24). We are invited into a moment of honesty and humility before our conscience, knowing that no one can look upon the face of God and live (cf. Exodus 33:20). And yet, it is precisely the face of God that we are invited to behold in Jesus, in his word and in his Sacrament, to look at him with uncovered faces and to reflect His glory (2 Corinthians 3:18). In short, we are entering upon a great mystery and it befits us to enter by the narrow door of humility and to trust in His great mercy.

**THE MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST** ~ The Community of Kincasslagh Parish invite you to join with them in **THREE DAYS OF PRAYER WITH THE RELIC OF BL. CARLO ACUTIS on the 15th, 16th and 17th September at St. Columba’s Church, Burtonport** and St. Columba’s Community Centre, Burtonport. Fr. Darren Maslen, Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, will conduct the three days of prayer concentrating on Carlo’s study of Eucharistic Miracles. There will be a prayerful exhibition of the same in the Community Centre during these days. All are welcome. **SCHEDULE: Thursday and Friday** ~ 10 am: Mass/Talk/Blessing with Relic; Adoration: 11 am - 1 pm and 2 pm - 7 pm; 3 pm: Benediction; 7 pm: Holy Hour. **SCHEDULE: Saturday** ~ 12 noon: Opening Prayer/Talk/Blessing with Relic; Adoration: 12 noon - 6 pm; Benediction: 3 pm; 6.30 pm: Mass/Talk/Blessing with Relic.

**ANAM CARA Donegal**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Thursday 8th September** at 7.15pm in the Raddison Blu, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. Please contact us on 085 288 8888/info@anamcara.ie for further information.

**LECTIO DIVINA** ~ The New Springtime Community is happy to announce that it will be hosting a **weekly online Lectio Divina** (divine reading) starting on **Monday 12th September** at 7.30 pm - 8.45 pm. (Zoom meeting). It will focus on the gospel reading for the following week. Curated by Fr. Pat Collins. For further details please phone: 089-4490683; email: janeforde@gmail.com or visit: www.newspringtime.ie

A **TRIDIUM IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF ST. PADRE PIO** (St. Pio of Pietrelcina) will take place at the Franciscan Friary, Rosnowlough from **Tuesday 20th until Friday 23rd September**. There will be **Mass, Homily and Blessing with his Mitten at 7.30 pm each evening**. Preacher will be Fr. Pius McLaughlin OFM., who met Padre Pio. All are very welcome.

Letterkenny Community Centre is currently recruiting for a **RECEPTIONIST, LEISURE ASSISTANT, CARETAKER, AND GYM INSTRUCTOR** for its Community Employment Programme. For information: visit [www.jobsireland.ie](http://www.jobsireland.ie), speak to your social welfare case officer, or call 085 8570073.

**Sunday 4th September ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday 5th September**

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
10 am Mass ~ Peg Allison RIP

**Tuesday 6th September**

8 am Mass ~ Jimmy and Brid O’Donnell RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Josephine McGinty RIP (First Anniversary)  
6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

**Wednesday 7th September**

8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Kathleen and Martin Logue RIP  
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm

**Thursday 8th September ~ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving  
10 am Mass ~ Priest’s Intention  
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

**Friday 9th September ~ St. Ciaran**

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
7 pm Mass ~ Bridie Bradley (Month’s Mind Mass), Ellen Nee (First Anniversary), Joseph Dorrian, Joseph Dorrian Jnr., Tommy Dorrian, Noreen Dorrian, Mairead Doherty, Monica Collier, Maud Gormley, Peadar Higgins, Áine Ronaghan, Mona Ginty, Sean Ginty and Eithne Doogan RIP

**Saturday 10th September ~ St. Peter Claver**

10 am Mass ~ Hugo McNulty RIP (First Anniversary)  
1 pm - Nuptial  
4 pm ~ Baptisms  
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass  
Confessions ~ After 6 pm Mass

**Sunday 11th September ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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