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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 11th December - €3,423

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €6,026.25

DONATIONS ~ 1 x €50

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES FOR 2023

Saturday 22nd April: 11 am - Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin

Saturday 6th May: 11 am - Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

Saturday 13th May: 11 am - Scoil Cholmcille

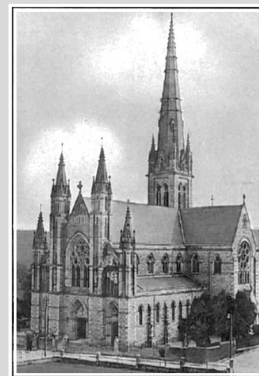
Saturday 20th May: 11 am - Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin

2023 Letterkenny Calendars containing old photographs of the town are currently **ON SALE** in Clarke's Newsagents, Lower Main Street. Cost: €6.

The **Donegal N.E. Group PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** will take place on the **27th September - 4th October**. Flight from Knock to Mostar. Gift Vouchers are available for €100 or more.. For information and bookings please phone Michael on 087-2922499.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 6th September 2023 for 7 days. Cost €850 per person sharing. **BOOKING OFFER:** €100 off if paid in full in December. Please phone Kathleen on 9121641 or 086-3721962.

SIGNED MASS CARDS are available from the Parish Office (Monday to Thursday: 9.30 am - 4.30 pm and Fridays: 9.30 am - 1 pm) for various occasions - Sympathy, First Anniversary RIP, Birthday, Get Well, Thinking of You, Mass for Your Intentions, Wedding Day, Silver/Golden Wedding Anniversary, Christmas Mass Bouquet, Retirement and Exams. The recommended Mass offering in the Diocese is €10 and the card is €1! Please phone the Parish office on 9121021 to place your order for cards.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 18th & 25th December
&
Sunday 1st January 2023**

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday 18th December: 2 pm to 5 pm

Tuesday 20th December, Wednesday 21st December,

Thursday 22nd December and Friday 23rd December:

10.30 am to 12 noon and 7.30 pm

**(If there is a Funeral Mass at 11 am on any of the above dates
Confessions will be from 12 noon to 1 pm).**

CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

We warmly invite you to our Cathedral Carol Service at 7.30 pm this evening, 18th December. We thank all Choirs, Soloists, Musicians and Schools for giving of their time and talents. Thank you to Fr. Carney for co-ordinating our Carol Service.

We wish all Parishioners, families and friends a very Happy and Peace-filled Christmas

We remember and pray for parents, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and grandchildren who cannot be home for Christmas.

We pray in a special way for all Missionaries and Members of the Defence Forces from our Town and County who are helping and protecting others this Christmas. We remember Private Séan Rooney RIP who lost his life in Lebanon and we pray for his family and friends.

We pray for all who have gone to their eternal reward, remembering especially all who have died in our Parish throughout the year. May they rest in peace.

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Lord Jesus, Master of both light and darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your Kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, Come, Lord Jesus!"

Fr. Henri JM Nouwen

BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE NOW READY FOR DISTRIBUTION.

If you delivered the boxes for us in previous years, we would appreciate your help once again this year. **If you live outside the Parish boundary and use the Cathedral Envelopes - your 2023 box is available from the Sacristy.** If you attend the Cathedral regularly, and would like to receive a box of Parish Envelopes for 2023 please contact the Parish Office on 9121021. **Boxes will be available after Christmas from the back of the Cathedral. Please complete the little card inside the box and return it with your first envelope.** Alternatively, if you would like to set up a Standing Order with your Bank, please contact the Parish Office for a form. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are currently **ON SALE** in **Veritas**, Lower Main Street; **Tinney's Oil**, Bonagee; **Macs Mace**, High Road; **County Dry Cleaners**, Lower Main Street; **The Bookmark**, Letterkenny Shopping Centre; **Jones Oil**, Port Road and from the **Parochial House**. (€5 per pack) The Recipient's intentions are included in all Masses in the Cathedral from 25th December until 1st January. Any profit, after printing costs, will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society. A sincere word of thanks to all the shops selling the Christmas Cards. We appreciate your time and effort in helping us to help St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks to everyone for buying the Christmas Cards once again this year. Your support is deeply appreciated.

The **LETTERKENNY CAROL TRAIL** will be held on **Friday 23rd December** starting in Trinity Presbyterian Church on the Main Street at 7.30 pm. We will be visiting each of the Churches in the locality. Mince Pies and Tea/Coffee will be served in Conwal Parish Hall following the Trail. All are welcome to come along and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas 'Goodwill to All'.

Sunday 1st January 2023 ~ Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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

Monday 2nd January ~ Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

10 am Mass only ~ Al and Ethna McKenna RIP

Tuesday 3rd January ~ The Holy Name of Jesus

8 am Mass ~ Jim Friel RIP

10 am Mass ~ Maureen Dillon RIP

6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

7 pm Mass ~ Priest's Intention

Wednesday 4th January

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Annie, James and John Coll RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Priest's Intention

Confessions after the 7 pm Mass

Thursday 5th January ~ St. Charles of St. Andrew

8 am Mass ~ Patrick and Joseph Giblin RIP

10 am Mass ~ Louise Murphy RIP

7 pm Mass ~ VIGIL MASS

8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Cathedral

Friday 6th January ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS TIMES: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 7 pm.

Saturday 7th January ~ St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

10 am Mass ~ Maureen Murphy RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Confessions: 12 noon - 1 pm and after the 6 pm Mass

Sunday 8th January ~ The Baptism of the Lord

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

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We Care - Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All powerful God,
you are present in the universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
for justice, love and peace.

(Laudato Si')

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA
after 10 am Mass (beginning Saturday 7th January). Everyone welcome.

CONFIRMATION DATES FOR 2023

Saturday 28th January: 12 noon - Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

Saturday 28th January: 4 pm - Scoil Cholmcille

Saturday 11th February: 12 noon - Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin

Saturday 11th February: 4 pm - Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin

Sunday 18th December ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Confessions: 2 pm to 5 pm

Monday 19th December

8 am Mass ~ Susan and Michael O'Boyle RIP

10 am Mass ~ Owen McMonagle RIP

Tuesday 20th December ~ St. Fachanan, Bishop

8 am Mass ~ Celia Tinney and Deceased Members of the Gallagher Family RIP

10 am Mass ~ Sheila, Eddie and John Callaghan RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Priest's Intention

Confessions: 10.30 am to 12 noon and 7.30 pm

Wednesday 21st December ~ St. Peter Canisius

8 am Mass ~ Brigid Lagan RIP

10 am Mass ~ John McClintock RIP (First Anniversary)

7 pm Mass ~ Kay and Tommy Gallagher and Deceased Members of the Gallagher and Nee Families RIP

Confessions: 10.30 am to 12 noon and 7.30 pm

Thursday 22nd December

8 am Mass ~ Patsy Shiels RIP

10 am Mass ~ Ursula McGlynn RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Bríd O'Rourke RIP (First Anniversary)

Confessions: 10.30 am to 12 noon and 7.30 pm

Friday 23rd December ~ St. John of Kanty, Priest

8 am Mass ~ Frank Maguire RIP

10 am Mass ~ Jimmy Sweeney RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Bukirwa Sylvia (First Anniversary), Elizabeth Bradley, Elizabeth Drein, Nair Vilas Boas, Annie Coll, James Coll, John Coll, Willie Sweeney, Albert Sweeney, Thomas Sweeney, Tony McGlynn and Molly Campbell RIP

Confessions: 10.30 am to 12 noon and 7.30 pm

Saturday 24th December ~ Christmas Eve

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

Christmas Eve Mass Times: 6 pm and 12 midnight

Sunday 25th December ~ The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Day Mass Times: 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon

LETTERKENNY MEMORIES will be held in the Station House Hotel on **Monday 19th December** at 8 pm. Light refreshments served. Everyone welcome.

MARY'S MEALS would like to **THANK** all those who supported their fundraising effort at the Christmas Fayre. Thanks to all who attended, those who made crafts, baked, knitted, donated money or helped out in any way. A special thank you to the Committee of Trinity Hall who once again gave us permission to use the hall without charge for our fundraising effort. To the Musicians Gary Mangan and Chris and also Mr & Mrs Claus who were wonderful. The funds raised will feed approximately 290 children for a full school year. We are very grateful for your support for the hungry children and wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Holy Christmas.

MARY'S MEALS – BIG FAMILY CHRISTMAS ~ International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at www.marysmeals.ie or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.

COUPLES PLANNING TO GET MARRIED in the Cathedral must give **at least 3 months notice** to both the Parish and the Registrar (Tirchonail House, Kilmacrennan Road - 9123771). Baptismal Certificates/Confirmation Certificates and Letters of Freedom are required before completing your Pre-Nuptial Forms with a Priest. These Certificates should be dated within 6 months of your wedding date.

TAX BACK SCHEME FOR ELIGIBLE CHARITIES

We thank you for your continuing support of the Cathedral and Parish through your weekly, fortnightly, monthly or yearly contribution. The tax back scheme for eligible charities is a tax refund in respect of tax which you have already paid and will remain with Revenue **if not claimed by a charity** on your behalf. By completing the necessary CHY Certificate, Conwal and Leck Parish as an eligible charity **can claim this tax.**

- To qualify for this scheme, you must be **SELF-ASSESSED** or **PAYE-only** taxpayers and have donated over €250 to the Parish in a year. Currently, we have over 100 Parishioners who have kindly completed CHY Certs for the Parish and we sincerely thank them. CHY Certificates are available from the Parochial House or online at revenue.ie.
- If you are not currently in receipt of a **Box of Sunday Envelopes** and you would like a box for 2023 **OR** if you are presently using envelopes and would like to contribute by **Standing Order** instead, please contact the Parish Office on 9121021 in January.

Sunday 25th December ~ The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Day Mass Times: 8 am 10 am and 12 noon

Monday 26th December ~ St. Stephen, First Martyr

10 am Mass only ~ Paula Brennan and Paudge McManus RIP

Tuesday 27th December ~ St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

10 am Mass only ~ Geraldine Griffin RIP

6.15 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

Wednesday 28th December ~ The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

10 am Mass only ~ Priest's Intention

No Confessions this evening

Thursday 29th December ~ St. Thomas Beckett

10 am Mass only ~ Rosha Callan RIP

1 pm ~ Nuptial

8 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group in the Cathedral

Friday 30th December ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

10 am Mass ~ Mary Carron RIP (First Anniversary)

7 pm Mass ~ Gerry O'Donnell (First Anniversary), Joan McGee, Mary Carr, Vincent Neely, Horace Friel, Bridget McLaughin, Cathal Murray, Brendan McDaid, Dan McDaid and Betty McDaid RIP

Saturday 31st December ~ St. Sylvester

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Mass - 12 Midnight

Confessions: 12 noon - 1 pm and after the 6 pm Mass

Sunday 1st January ~ Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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

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The Parish Office will close at 1 pm on Friday 23rd December and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January.