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Live **Web Streaming** from the Cathedral ~ churchservices.tv/letterkenny

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 4th December - €5,714

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €20,770.97 (Includes €15,301.86 - final payment of Diocesan Dues for 2022)

**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

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** are currently **ON SALE** in Veritas, Main Street; Macs Mace, High Road; County Dry Cleaners, Lower Main Street; Jones Oil, Port Road; Tinney's Oil, Bonagee; The Bookmark, Letterkenny Shopping Centre, the Sacristy and from the Parish Office at the Parochial House (€5 per pack of 5). **The Recipient's intentions are included in all Masses in the Cathedral from the 25th December until the 1st January.** Any profit, after printing costs, will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The **St Vincent de Paul Shop**, Lower Main Street needs your **USED CLOTHES**. Opening Hours: 10 am to 5 pm. If you need clothes collected please phone 087-9374001. Thank you.

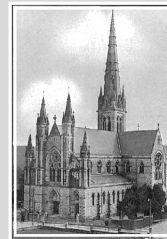
**WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE HOLY FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS:** An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land is a new book by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper which explores the places associated with the life of Christ. Michael, who has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, says he hopes the book can also act as an 'armchair retreat' for people who cannot travel to the Holy Land bringing the Gospel to life for them. It is available now from bookshops; www.columbabooks.com or by calling 01-6874096.

**WHITE OAKS** will move their Monday meetings to the Pastoral Centre until Monday 2nd January.

**Mary's Meals Information Centre**, Greenes Market Centre, Letterkenny. For €18.30 you could change a child's life in the poorest communities in the world.

**St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny:** 9129503/9122366

**We Care – Letterkenny Food Bank:** 087-1471325



## ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 11th December 2022**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

### **THE MASS – THE GLORIA [7]**

“Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father”. Although we take it for granted to address God as “Father”, this is actually unique to the revelations of the Scripture, and in particular to the mission of Jesus Christ who reveals the Fatherhood of God in its fullness. The Old Testament refers frequently to the Fatherhood of God, particularly in his creative power, and as he who oversees all things. Many of these images manifest the nearness of God. Although Israel as a people were seen in a relationship of sonship to God, the greatness of His glory and majesty would prevent them from understanding as an intimate relationship of fatherhood and childhood. However, Jesus comes specifically to reveal the Fatherhood of God, indeed to reveal the Trinity in all its mystery, Father, Son and Spirit. Jesus is the eternal Son of the Father who has assumed our human nature to redeem us. He sends the Spirit as the living participation of all the baptised in the life of God. He teaches us: “the Father and I are one” (John 10:30) and, “to have seen me is to have seen the Father” (John 14:9). Moreover, he teaches us to call God “our Father” (Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:9). This is a remarkable and intimate revelation. In fact, Jesus brings us into his relationship with the Father, into the intimacy and love between the Father and the Son which is the mystery of the Holy Spirit. How sad that Christians do not realise their dignity and high calling: that we are sons and daughters of the one Father by our baptism into Christ. We are “sons in the Son”, for to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God” (John 1:11-13); for “you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” (Romans 8:14-15).

### **CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES**

**Saturday 17th December:** 11 am to 5 pm and 7 pm

**Sunday 18th December:** 2 pm to 5 pm

**Tuesday 20th December:** 10.30 am to 12 noon and 7.30 pm

**Wednesday 21st December:** 10.30 am to 12 noon and 7.30 pm

**Thursday 22nd December:** 10.30 am to 12 noon and 7.30 pm

**Friday 23rd December:** 10.30 am to 12 noon and 7.30 pm

**NO Confessions on Christmas Eve**

**BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR DISTRIBUTION** ~ If you distributed boxes of Envelopes for us in previous years, we would appreciate your help once again this year. If you attend the Cathedral on a regular basis and would like to receive a Box of Envelopes for 2023 or would like to set up a Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office on 9121021. **If you live outside the Parish and use a box of Cathedral envelopes, your box is available from the Sacristy.** Thank you for your continued financial support to the Parish.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH CATHEDRAL CLEANING**  
Can lend a hand with hoovering, dusting, glass cleaning etc? - We invite you to come to the Cathedral on **Monday 12th December at 7 pm** for cleaning in preparation for Christmas. Everyone is welcome.

The **DONEGAL PRO-LIFE MASS** will take place on **Tuesday 13th December** at 7.30 pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny. Everyone welcome.

**SCOIL CHOLMCILLE, Letterkenny** are now **ENROLLING BOYS AND GIRLS** for September 2023. Enrol now through our website, [www.scoilcolmcillek.ie](http://www.scoilcolmcillek.ie) or at the school. Come visit our new school on **Tuesday 13th December at 10 am OR Wednesday 14th December at 1 pm.**

**RETREAT IN THE DIVINE MERCY CENTRE, LETTERKENNY ~ Friday Evening 16th December: *Prepare to receive Christ's peace this Christmas.***  
With Christmas just around the corner we get so caught up in the preparations that we often lose sight of what is really important: the mystery of Christ's Incarnation. This Retreat will give us an opportunity to remind ourselves what Christmas is all about and to prepare our hearts to receive the graces the Child Jesus wants to bring us. It's a real chance to focus and spend some quiet time with the Lord, in longing and awaiting for His coming. Phone 0749169934 or email: [dvmletterkenny@gmail.com](mailto:dvmletterkenny@gmail.com)

**DANU YOUNG WOMEN'S CHOIR** ~ presents 'A GIFT OF PEACE: A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION' in St. Eunan's Cathedral on **Saturday 17th December** at 8 pm. Free admission. All are welcome.

**JOB VACANCY** \_ Community Employment Supervisor (Maternity Cover) - Based in Letterkenny: Duties to include day to day running of Community Employment Scheme. Further information and job description can be found on [www.jobsireland.ie](http://www.jobsireland.ie) Ref: #JOB-2129786 or contact Letterkenny Together CES CLG on 074 9120654 or [admin@letterkennytogether.ie](mailto:admin@letterkennytogether.ie)

The **CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE** will take place on **Sunday 18th December** at 7.30 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

**CAIFE AGUS CÁCAÍ DON CHISTE BIA** - Come along to a coffee morning in aid of the We Care Letterkenny Food Bank in the Lónra Leitir Ceanainn office at 7 Castle Street on **Tuesday 20th December** from 10 am - 12 noon. Donations of non-perishable goods and /or money are very welcome. You can find out more about Lónra's work to promote Irish and opportunities for learning and speaking Irish while there.

### Sunday 11th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

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

### Monday 12th December ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

8 am Mass ~ Margaret McGlinchey RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Patsy and Seamus Hoare RIP

### Tuesday 13th December ~ St. Lucy

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
7 pm Mass ~ James Hunter RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

### Wednesday 14th December ~ St. John of the Cross

8 am Mass ~ Daniel Collins RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
7 pm Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Keane & Ginnelly Families RIP  
**Confessions** ~ 7.30 pm 8 pm ~ Youth 2000 Prayer

### Thursday 15th December

8am Mass ~ Brendan O'Boyle RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Frank Duff RIP  
7 pm Mass ~ Priest's Intention  
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room  
7 pm ~ Letterkenny Youth Group - Pastoral Centre (Secondary School Students)

### Friday 16th December

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
10 am Mass ~ Eileen Conaghan RIP  
7 pm Mass ~ Kevin McGranaghan (First Anniversary), Colette Browne, Terry McDermott, Eddie McGlynn, Molly Coyle and Susanna Doherty RIP

### Saturday 17th December

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention 6 pm ~ Vigil Mass  
**Confessions** ~ 11 am to 5 pm and after 6 pm Mass

### Sunday 18th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm  
**Confessions:** 2 pm to 5 pm  
**Cathedral Carol Service:** 7.30 pm