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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 5th February - €4,787

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €3,667.84 **DONATION FOR FLOWERS:** €20

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

UPCOMING RETREAT AT ARDS FRIARY: 24th – 26th February - Bereavement 1 ~ A two part retreat for those who have suffered bereavement. The second part of the retreat will be held 17th – 19th March. Facilitator: Fr. Philip Baxter. **24th - 26th February - Lenten Retreat ~ Things That Matter** - A weekend retreat at the beginning of Lent. Facilitator: Philip McParland. Email: info@ardsfriary.ie or phone: 9138909 for further information.

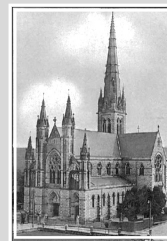
Job Vacancy _ Community Employment – ARCHIVIST based in Letterkenny: Duties to include ,indexing library books using the database system sort and re-shelve books, periodicals, and other materials, catalogue, record keeping, computer skills, knowledge of database software (in-house training will be available), clean and maintain books and shelves. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. For further information contact Letterkenny Together CES CLG on 074 9120654 or email: dmchugh@letterkennytogether.ie

Have you a CHILD IN 3RD YEAR who plans to go to the GAELTACHT this summer? Lionra Leitir Ceanainn are running a competition with six scholarships offering up to 80% funding! See lionralc.ie website for details or contact eolas@lionralc.ie

DONEGAL PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: 9th - 14th June ex Dublin for Feast of St. Anthony, Patron Saint of Portugal. Please contact James on 061921470.

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

BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES ~ If you attend the Cathedral on a regular basis and would like to receive a Box of Envelopes or Standing Order form, please contact the Parish Office on 9121021. **Boxes are also available from the back of the Cathedral. Please fill out the little card inside the box and return it with your first envelope.** Thank you for your continued financial support.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12th February 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE MASS – THE GLORIA [11]

“You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us”. Having acknowledged Jesus as God, the Son of the Father and the Lamb of Sacrifice, the Church beseeches him in a threefold prayer. Since he has come to redeem us and forgive our sins by his sacrifice on the cross in the power of the resurrection, the first great acclamation that is made is, “you take away the sins of the world”. It is the mightiest claim of all that we make of Jesus. It is the claim that scandalised the Pharisees – who can forgive sins but God alone? (cf. Mark 2:7) – and the one that Jesus ratifies by healing the paralytic whom he had already pardoned of his sins (cf. Mark 2:1-12).

The Church from the beginning confesses that Jesus is therefore God and Saviour, and that he has vanquished sin and death by his sacrifice on the cross and his glorious resurrection. It is the claim that alone binds the heart and mind of the believer to Christ, since there is salvation in no other name (cf. Acts 4:12). Therefore, at the beginning of the sacrifice of the Mass, the whole Church acknowledges not only that Jesus is God and Son of the Father, but also our Saviour and Redeemer. He is the one who alone has power to forgive sin (cf. Romans 6). Then the Church asks the one who takes away the sins of the world to “have mercy on us”. Here the general mystery of what Christ has done is made particular, and we call out for mercy for this community of disciples and for each one individually. We echo the litany of the earlier part of the Mass – the Kyrie eleison or Lord, have mercy! The whole Church and each praying community calls out in unison for all the disciples God's mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. It is the divine mercy and the font of heavenly grace.

DIOCESE OF RAPHOE PARISH SURVEY 2023

The Mass Profile questionnaire seeks to capture information about liturgical activity and parish structure for both weekday and Sunday Mass attendance over a three week period: **13th - 19th February inclusive; 20th - 26th February inc.; 27th February - 5th March inc.** We have decided at the Cathedral to do this profiling at two weekday Masses and at all Sunday Masses. While the weekdays and first two weekends will involve picking up a card from the porches on your way into Mass and placing it in the basket as it is passed from pew to pew (to calculate the attendance), the weekend of the 4th/5th March involves everyone in a pew marking a card beside the relevant age category and gender. (Card and pen provided in each pew). Your co-operation will be appreciated over the coming weeks.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

The Church commemorates the life of the Apostle of Divine Mercy, **BL. MICHAEL SOPOČKO**, on the 15th February. He is the Founder of our Congregation, so we wish to make him better known. During this short **RETREAT ON WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY**: 7 pm - 9 pm in the Divine Mercy Centre, we will learn more about his life and have some time of prayer to Divine Mercy. **Bookings are necessary for all retreats. To book or for more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 074-9169934 or email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com**

CURSILLO ULTREYA will take place tonight, Sunday 12th February at 8 pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny. It would be great to see new members and old members attending and to renew ourselves with Cursillo and friends.

YOUTH 2000 PRAYER MEETING every Wednesday in St. Eunan's Cathedral from 8 pm - 9 pm with tea afterwards in the Pastoral Centre. Ages 16-35. For more information contact Orla 085-1681320 or Elaine 087-1707440.

Beidh cruinniú cinn bliana (**AGM**) **Líonra Leitir Ceanainn** ar siúl Déardaoin 16 Feabhra (16th February) at 7.30 pm in oifig Líonra Leitir Ceanainn, 7 Sráid an Chaisleáin (Castle Street) F92YP93 - Fáilte roimh chách.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Girls and Boys from Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin and Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 11th February.

GAELSCOIL ADHAMHNÁIN 5K/3K - Run & Walk will take place on Tuesday 14th March at 7.30 pm from McGinley Motors Car Park (beside Lloyds Pharmacy). Fee: €10 individual and €25 Family.

LETTERKENNY HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN: A meeting will be held at **Dillon's Hotel**, Letterkenny on **Thursday 16th February** at 7.30 pm - follow up on the Day of Action and to plan next steps for the Hospital Campaign. All are welcome to help form a wider organisation, especially representatives of staff and patients and public representatives. If you care, be there!

Donegal Special Olympics CHURCH GATE COLLECTION will take place on the **18th/19th February**. Special Olympics provides training and competition for athletes with an intellectual disability. Your generosity would be appreciated.

The '**CHECK IT FITS' SERVICE** is a free expert service which aims to put parent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car. They will visit the **Letterkenny Retail Park**, F92 FW66 on **Wednesday 22nd February from 10 am - 5.30 pm**. No booking necessary.

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023 ~ Will depart from the **City of Derry Airport** on **Tuesday 23rd May for 5 nights**. The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Alan McGuckian, with Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Stephen Gorman. The cost of the Pilgrimage is €879, fully inclusive. **To book please contact Joe Walsh Tours DIRECTLY on 01 2410800.**

Sunday 12th February ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 13th February

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Mary Leavy and Anne Barnes RIP

Tuesday 14th February ~ Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe

8 am Mass ~ Tommy Dillon RIP
10 am Mass ~ Michael Duffy, Anton Rodgers and Donnelly Duffy RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Anton and Margaret Browne RIP
Legion of Mary Meeting ~ 11 am ~ Divine Mercy Centre

Wednesday 15th February

8 am Mass ~ Liam Donnelly RIP
10 am Mass ~ Chloe Fanneran RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Jimmy Bradley RIP (First Anniversary)
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm **8 pm** ~ Youth 2000 Prayer Group

Thursday 16th February

8am Mass ~ Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral and all names in the Golden Book RIP
10 am Mass ~ Pat Fegan RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Patsy McLaughlin RIP
8 pm ~ **Charismatic Prayer Group** in the Conference Room

Friday 17th February - Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention **10 am Mass** ~ Paddy Holmes RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Hugo Doherty, Pat Dawson, Mary Dawson, Evelyn Hegarty, Andy Hegarty, Joseph McBride, Mary Kelly, Eugenio Sibuyan, Eileen O'Donnell and Kathleen McClintock (nee Doogan) RIP

Saturday 18th February

10 am Mass ~ Loreto Sisters (Living and Deceased)
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass **Confessions** ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm

Sunday 19th February ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366
We Care - Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325