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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 12th February - €4,132

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €8,165.97

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

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

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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE will take place from the **6th September 2023** for 7 days with a Spiritual Director. For further information and to book please contact Kathleen on 074-9121641 or 086-3721962.

DONEGAL N.E. PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE ~ 27th September to 4th October (Flight: Knock to Mostar). Please phone Michael on 087-2922499 for further information.

DIVINE MERCY CENTRE ~ *Sisters of Merciful Jesus*

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ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19th February 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATHEDRAL COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKES

There are now known to be 44,000 victims of the earthquakes that struck southern Turkey and northern Syria on 6th February last. Scenes of devastation in towns across the region are indications of more grim news. If you wish to reach out a hand of friendship and support to those affected, please consider supporting the Cathedral collection. **Envelopes are available at the entrances and should be returned by next Sunday 26th February.**

Two agencies will benefit: Trocáire and the Jesuit Refugee Service [JRS]. Fr. Tony Ó Riordán is an Irish Jesuit priest working in Syria with the Jesuit Refugee Service. Bishop McGuckian contacted him last week to let him know that some parishes would be supporting his work there. Here is some of his reply:

“The situation here is indescribably grim. One father of two young children who said last week he could never go home out of fear – but has gone back to his home tonight. The journey is long...even those with light in their eyes confess that they cannot sleep at night.

For millions in the region, the light has yet to return to their eyes. For them aid has not yet reached them. There has been no one to stand with them - only tears to wipe the dust from their eyes. Homeless, grieving, terrified, hungry, embraced only by the bitter cold and darkness.

So how important it is that help get through, JRS cannot reach everyone, effected - the figure is in the millions, but JRS with help and partnership can reach many and so thank you and the people of Raphoe for partnering with us and offering what they can. It is much appreciated and it will bring light to darkened and sad eyes.”

Lord, we are sorry for what some of us did to your children:
treated them so cruelly, especially in their hour of need.

We have left them with a lifelong suffering.

This was not your plan for them or us.

Please help us to help them.

Guide us, Lord. Amen.

Prayer inscribed on the healing stone unveiled at the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in 2012 in Dublin, which now has a permanent home at Lough Derg.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

7 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 7 pm

(Please note the earlier Mass Time of 7 am from Monday to Friday)

RTÉ will BROADCAST MASS TODAY, SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY at 11 am to mark **Temperance Sunday**. Prayers will be offered for all who are in treatment for addiction and for those who are in recovery. The Offertory Hymn composed by Ephrem Feeley is a new arrangement of the Serenity Prayer.

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.

We would be delighted to hear from you if you're **INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATOR**. Contact: marriagepreparation@accord.ie for information on recruitment and training

CURSILLO RETREAT WEEKEND ~ Will be held in Ards Friary, Creeslough from the 24th - 26th March. To book a place or for further information, please phone: 086-8142961.

MARY'S MEALS are feeding children in Aleppo. Prior to the recent earthquake, over 5,000 children were being fed in School. The need will be even greater going forward. €22 feeds a child for a year. Please **DONATE** to **Mary's Meals EARTHQUAKE APPEAL** in the Information Centre, Greenes Market Centre, Letterkenny or at Grove Furnishings, Lisnenan, Letterkenny.

TRÓCAIRE LENT 2023: 'Hold Fast to Love and Justice' Hosea 12:6

Somalia has had no rain for four years. Climate change has led to the worst drought in forty years. Areas that once supported livestock and crops are now barren lands, incapable of supporting life. This lent we hear about the Mahat family—Ambiyo, Mahat and their eight children—who have had to leave their home and village in search of food at an internally displaced persons' camp. Trócaire is supporting families like the Mahats through life-saving food baskets, medical care and education for the children. You can support this vital work by taking home a Trócaire box.

Sunday 19th February ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 20th February

8 am Mass ~ Brian Donagher RIP

10 am Mass ~ Sally Ponsonby RIP

Tuesday 21st February ~ St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor of the church

8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP

10 am Mass ~ Margaret Winston and Deceased Family Members RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Sally Doherty RIP

Legion of Mary Meeting ~ 11 am ~ Divine Mercy Centre

Wednesday 22nd February ~ Ash Wednesday

7 am Mass ~ Special Intention (Please note earlier Mass time for Lent)

10 am Mass ~ Catherine Doherty RIP

12 noon ~ Catalina Keys RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Anne Kelly RIP

Confessions ~ 7.30 pm

8 pm ~ Youth 2000 Prayer Group

Thursday 23rd February ~ St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr

7 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving

10 am Mass ~ Sheila O'Boyle RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Patrick and Geraldine Griffin RIP

8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 24th February - Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse

7 am Mass ~ Brigid Collins RIP

10 am Mass ~ Mass of Atonement

7 pm Mass ~ Michael (Mick) Dunleavy (Month's Mind Mass), Keith Boyle (Month's Mind Mass), Agnes Murray, Sheila Quigley, John Quigley, Deceased Member of the Quigley Family, Hugh Wallace, Margaret Wallace, Mary Burke (nee McLoone), Brendan McCarthy, James Doherty, James McGrath, John Browne AND John Herron RIP

Saturday 25th February

10 am Mass ~ Kathleen Boyle RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm

Sunday 26th February ~ First Sunday of Lent

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

St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366

We Care - Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325