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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 19th February - €4,069

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €10,155.51

**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 RETREATS AT SMA DROMANTINE**, Newry, BT34 1RH - Phone: 04830821964 OR email: admin@dromantineconference.com

- **LENTEN REFLECTION DAY: Saturday 4th March:** 9.30am – 5 pm. Kindfulness... a gifted way of living my life. An opportunity for time aside to reflect on the Season of Lent and to open our minds and hearts afresh to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA
- **DANCE OF LIFE RETREAT: Friday 17th - Sunday 19th March** ~ In this retreat the opportunity to dance may bring a renewed awareness in your sense of self, connection with others and connection with God. Led by Sr. Mary Taylor OLA and Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA

A new and regular **ROSARY ON THE COAST** will be held at 3 pm on **Sunday 5th March** at Lisfannon Strand, Buncrana. Our intentions include praying for Ireland, world peace and the lives of our unborn children, amongst others. For details, ring 00 44 77 303 30028.

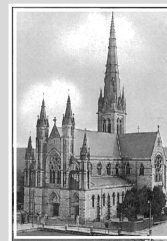
**CURSILLO RETREAT WEEKEND** ~ Will be held in Ards Friary, Creeslough from the 24th - 26th March. To book a place or for further information, please phone: 086-8142961.

**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.

**DIVINE MERCY CENTRE ~ Sisters of Merciful Jesus**

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## **ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 26th February 2023**

*First Sunday of Lent*

### **THE MASS – THE GLORIA [12]**

“You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us”. The place of honour is at the right hand. Jesus speaks of being placed at the right hand of the Father, a clear reference to his own divinity and the honour that is his as the only-begotten Son. The most important of these references we may say is when Jesus is tried before the High Priest after his arrest. We read: “Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am; and you will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven [Mark 14:61-62]. In Saint Luke’s account of his trial, Jesus replies to the question of the Sanhedrin: “Are you the Messiah?” by saying: “from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” All of them asked, “Are you, then, the Son of God?” He said to them, “You say that I am” [Luke 22:69-70]. This was taken as incontrovertible evidence of Jesus’ claim to be the Son of God. Jesus taught his disciples that he would ascend, “to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God” [John 20:17].

In Saint Mark’s account of the ascension, we read: “So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God” (Mark 16:19). Throughout the New Testament, both in the Acts of the Apostles, in the Epistles and Hebrews, Jesus is referred to as seated in glory at the right hand of the Father. In particular, this vision of Jesus was to bring Saint Stephen to his martyrdom when he declared, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God” [Acts 7:56]. Jesus describes the right hand of the Father as the place where the just will be placed after the final judgement, the place of honour and of companionship with God himself: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world [Matthew 25:31-32].

**LETTERKENNY MEMORIES ~** Will take place on **Monday 27th February** at 8 pm in the Station House Hotel. Everyone welcome. Light refreshments served.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be held in **Trinity Presbyterian Church**, Main Street, Letterkenny on **Friday 3rd March** at 8.15 pm. The service this year has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. Everyone welcome.

Have you moved to Ireland? **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK SOME IRISH?** Join us for a free, informal and gentle Irish class on Monday afternoons 1.45 pm - 2.45 pm starting **6th March** in our office Lónra Leitir Ceanainn, 7 Castle Street (near the Cathedral). Contact 086 0136579 to book a place or for further information.

On **Sunday 12th March**, a walk along the Bridle Path in Glenveagh will take place to **celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge**. This is an Irish language event, and therefore a great opportunity to use your Gaeilge or brush up on your cúpla focal. A bus will leave from the Cathedral Car Park at 12 noon and will return again to the same place after the walk. If you would like to attend the event or book your seat on the bus, please contact: pobal@lionralc.ie

**RALLY FOR LIFE BELFAST ~** You are invited to continue to 'Stand up for Life' on **Saturday 11th March** at 2 pm at Custom House Square, Belfast. Please contact: Margaret on 083-4052841 or Michael on 087-2922499

**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](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) for information on recruitment and training.

**John Wilkie** will **CLIMB KILIMANJARO** from the 17th - 27th June to help raise funds for the **Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind** to support their work by changing lives for people who are blind, visually impaired and families of children with autism. If you would like to help, please donate online: [Kilimanjaro-2023.raisely.com](http://Kilimanjaro-2023.raisely.com)

**TRÓCAIRE LENT 2023:** First Sunday of Lent: *'Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.'* Matthew 4:1-2

As the season of Lent begins, Trócaire needs your support to bring life-saving support to one of the most fragile countries in the world. Somalia is in the midst of a critical food crisis which has left almost half of the population experiencing acute food shortages and unbearable hunger. You can support this vital work by taking home a Trócaire box and using it in your home, using the donation envelope in your pack or by going online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

## Sunday 26th February ~ First Sunday of Lent

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

## Monday 27th February ~ St. Gregory of Narek

7 am Mass ~ Cora Geoghegan RIP (Please note earlier Mass time for Lent)  
10 am Mass ~ James Ford RIP

## Tuesday 28th February

7 am Mass ~ Shaun Crawford RIP 10 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
7 pm Mass ~ Jim McMonagle RIP (First Anniversary)  
Legion of Mary Meeting ~ 11 am ~ Divine Mercy Centre

## Wednesday 1st March ~ St. David, bishop

7 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
10 am Mass ~ James and Joe McGee RIP  
7 pm Mass ~ Noel Hegarty RIP  
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm  
8 pm ~ Youth 2000 Prayer Group

First Confession: Scoil Naomh  
Fiachra, Illistrin ~ 5.30 pm

## Thursday 2nd March

7 am Mass ~ Mary Phelan RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Hugh, Catherine and Fr. Sammy Holmes RIP  
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm  
7 pm Mass ~ Teresa Peoples RIP (First Anniversary)

First Confession:  
Scoil Mhuire Gan  
Smál ~ 5.30 pm

## Friday 3rd March

7 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
10 am Mass ~ Eamonn and Margaret Kelly RIP  
7 pm Mass ~ Josie McCormack, William Holmes, William Mulligan, Lily Mulligan, Deceased Members of the Mulligan Family, Deceased Members of the McCoy Families, Joe O'Hanlon, Peter Gallagher, Tommy Bohan, Elizabeth Bohan, Helen Murray and Patrick Kirwan RIP

## Saturday 4th March ~ St. Casimir

10 am Mass ~ Dermot Donohue RIP (Month's Mind Mass)  
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass  
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm

## Sunday 5th March ~ Second 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