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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 5th March - €4,209

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €6,339.56

TRÓCAIRE EARTHQUAKE APPEAL (2) ~ €3,055

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

RELIC OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA ~ You are invited to join with the people of the Parish of Raphoe on **Sunday 19th March at 2 pm (meeting the Relic at Broadpath, Convoy) and walk to St. Mary's Church, Convoy** to arrive at 2.45 pm. This afternoon is to mark the placing of the Relic of St. Faustina for permanent honour and veneration in St. Mary's Church. A Prayer Service will commence at 3 pm; followed by a Talk from St. Benedetta of the Sisters of Merciful Jesus followed by benediction and individual blessing with the Relic.

DONATIONS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED for the **St. Vincent De Paul Shop**, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny. Quality clothes, bedding, bric a brac needed. **NO Toys or Electrical Goods.** Your support would be appreciated.

DONEGAL MARY'S MEALS are seeking old coins (and notes), punts, sterling, foreign and euro to help feed children in their place of education. A meal costs: 11 cent; a meal each day in a school year is €22. Please phone: Fr. Kelly on 087-9077985 or Alfie on 087-6779602 if you can help. You can also leave coins into the Mary's Meals Information Centre, Greenes Centre, Market Square, Letterkenny.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Saturday 22nd April: 11 am - Gaelscoil Adhamhnaín

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

DIVINE MERCY CENTRE ~ *Sisters of Merciful Jesus*

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ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12th March 2023

Third Sunday of Lent



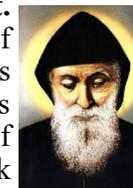
MASS TIMES FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Thursday 16th March: Vigil Mass at 7 pm

Friday 17th March: Mass Times: 8 am, 10 am (Irish)
and 12 noon

FIRST CLASS RELIC OF ST. CHARBEL

On Thursday evening, 16th March we will have a Relic of St. Charbel at the 7 pm Mass. St. Charbel was born Youssef Makhoul in a small village in Lebanon in 1828 to a poor religious family. His father was a mule driver who died when Youssef was only three years old. Two of his uncles were hermits and Youssef wanted to follow their example. As a boy he tended the family's flock of sheep and goats and would spend the day praying at a grotto where he had installed an icon of the blessed Virgin.



He entered the Maronite Monastery of St. Maroun, (a Lebanese Maronite Order) at the age of 23. During his early years as a monk St. Charbel began studying philosophy and theology in preparation for his priestly ordination. He was ordained in 1859, and took the name Charbel after a second century martyr. He served there for 16 years then retired to the hermitage of St Peter and St. Paul. St. Charbel lived a hermit's life for 23 years. He ate one meal a day; meat or fruit were forbidden. He prayed without interruption on his knees in front of the tabernacle and only slept 3 hours a night on a stone floor with a piece of wood for a pillow. When he was 70 he had a massive stroke while saying mass and died on Christmas Eve 1898. For 45 days after a bright light surrounded his tomb. The monks exhumed his body and it was found incorrupt.

Many miracles are attributed to his intercession. The most well known miracle was of a paralysed Lebanese woman (Mrs Shami) a mother of 12 children; when she woke from a dream in which she saw St. Charbel, it was discovered that she was completely healed and had two wounds each 12cms long on her neck. St. Charbel appeared to her the next night again in a dream and told her that he did the surgery on her neck so that others would return to the faith. He requested that she would go to mass on the 22nd of each month and that the wounds would open during the mass and close again. St Charbel was beatified in 1965 and canonised on 9th October 1977 by Pope Paul VI.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the **CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CARDS** this year. €5,711.36 was raised for the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Letterkenny.

In addition, offerings given at the **CRIB** this year raised €2,050, half of which was given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (€1,025), and half to Mary's Meals (€1,025).

A further donation of €120 was donated to St. Vincent de Paul, Letterkenny. **Both charities have offered their sincere thanks for your generosity towards their work.** Thank you for your generosity which allows the parish to support the care of those who are struggling in our own community and in the poorest nations of the world.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER GIVING AN HOUR OF YOUR WEEK TO PRAYER IN ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL? We need a little help with the following hours: **Sunday and Tuesday:** 2 pm - 3 pm; **Sunday:** 5 pm - 6 pm; **Tuesday and Thursday:** 6 pm - 7 pm; **Wednesday:** 9 am - 10 am and 10 am—11 am; **Thursday:** 1 pm - 2 pm; **Thursday:** 11 pm - 12 midnight. If you would like to commit to any of the above hours or an hour that suits you please contact Mary 0860870446

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.

Trócaire Earthquake Appeal ~ TEA DANCE ~ will be held in An Grianán Hotel, Burt on **Sunday 19th March** from 8 pm - 10 pm. Adm. €10, Everyone welcome.

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.

A **BUS** will be going to **KNOCK SHRINE** on **Saturday 25th March (Feast of the Annunciation)** from Letterkenny - stopping in Ballybofey, Donegal Town and Ballyshannon. A Priest will travel with the group and Mass is booked at the Shrine. Prayers of Healing will also be offered. For more details please phone: 087-7530132.

TRÓCAIRE LENT 2023: Third Sunday of Lent: 'The people thirsted for water in the desert. They complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' Exodus 17:3
Over the past fifty years, Trócaire has heard and responded to the cry for justice from people in over twenty countries. Sometimes the needs have been immediate, such as when famine or natural disaster strikes. Other times, it has been a fight against political or economic injustice. Your contributions this Lent mean that we can stand in solidarity with those treated unjustly and campaign for a fairer world, as well as providing emergency programmes, basic healthcare and education in places where it is most needed. Visit: www.trocaire.org

Sunday 12th March ~ Third Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 13th March

7 am Mass ~ Charles Geoghegan RIP
10 am Mass ~ Tony Leavy RIP

Tuesday 14th March

7 am Mass ~ John and Mary Maloney RIP
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention
7 pm Mass ~ Special Intention

Wednesday 15th March

7 am Mass ~ Living Benefactors of the Cathedral and All Names in the Golden Book
10 am Mass ~ Mick Lewis RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Priest's Intention
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm
8 pm ~ Youth 2000 Prayer Group

Thursday 16th March

7 am Mass ~ Holy Souls RIP
10 am Mass ~ John McGill RIP
7 pm Mass ~ VIGIL MASS
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 17th March ~ St. Patrick



MASS TIMES:
8 am, 10 am and 12 noon



Hail Glorious St. Patrick, dear Saint of our Isle . . .

Saturday 18th March ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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

Sunday 19th March ~ Fourth 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