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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 9th April - €6,022

Holy Land/Holy Places Collection €2,200

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €4,279.29

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

Please **RETURN YOUR TRÓCAIRE BOXES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to the Sacristy or Parochial House. Please **DO NOT LEAVE BOXES WITH MONEY** sitting anywhere around the Cathedral, as your donations may not go to those which you intended it for!

SIGNED MASS CARDS are available from the Parish Office (Monday to Friday) for various occasions - Sympathy, Mass for Your Intentions, Birthday, Get Well, Thinking of You, Wedding Day, Silver/Golden Wedding Anniversary, Retirement, Exams, First Anniversary (RIP) and Anniversary of a death. The recommended Mass offering in the Diocese is €10 and the card is €1. Please phone the Parish office on 9121021 to place your order for cards.

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People for 1 hour once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. For more information, phone: 086 014 6729.

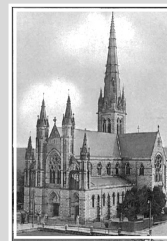
RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023 ~ Will depart from the City of Derry Airport on Tuesday 23rd May for 5 nights. The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Alan McGuckian, with Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Stephen Gorman. The cost of the Pilgrimage is €879, fully inclusive. To book please contact Joe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

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

DIVINE MERCY CENTRE ~ *Sisters of Merciful Jesus*

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ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 16th April 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday

THE MASS – ALLELUIA!

As Pope Saint John Paul [II] once said, “We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song” [Apostolic Visit to Oceania, 1986]. We are all aware that Alleluia is the great acclamation of the Easter Season. This year we were delighted and amazed by the choir's rendition of Handel's Alleluia Chorus, and we become aware of the frequent use of the acclamation throughout the Easter Season.

At the Vigil, it is the custom for the deacon to proclaim the Alleluia to the Bishop, in that way announcing, as it were, the Resurrection. This is followed by the joyous ‘Alleluia Psalm’ [Psalm 118]. The exuberance of our singing of the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Day follows the great fast of the Lenten Season, when the Church sets aside her songs of joy and is clothed in garments of penance.

The word is an ancient acclamation of praise of God. It is a Hebrew word, composed of two parts [Allelu – Ia], that have the meaning, “Praise the Lord”, or even “Praise Him Who Is”. They pick up on the revelation of the Holy Name to Moses: “I am Who Am”. Consequently, it manifests faith in the One God “who is and was and is to come” [Revelations 1:8] and is amongst the most ancient affirmations of monotheism. Already in the Old Testament it is clear that it was used within public prayer, since it forms part of a number of Psalms, particular the last two Psalms, nos. 149 [Alleluia, Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights...], and 150 [Alleluia, Praise God in His Holy Place...]. Thus, it was within the worship of the Temple [in Jerusalem], Alleluia was used as an acclamation both of praise and of acknowledgement of the One God.

It is unsurprising that Alleluia should become part of the worship of the first Christian communities, brought by the apostles and first disciples from the Temple to the prayers of the Christian community and hence the Mass. At each Mass, with the exception of Lent, it introduces the Gospel, almost as if we are being reminded that here God is speaking. As an acclamation of joy and faith, it is added to antiphons throughout the Easter season, and frequently throughout the year. It is used in the Liturgy of the Hours [e.g., Morning Prayer] and in other liturgical contexts. And during the Easter Season, the

Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours concluded with a double Alleluia [Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!]. It is used in sacred songs and hymns, and is itself a refrain for the Psalms. Since it acknowledges the oneness of God and His victory over sin and death in the resurrection, its fittingness for the Easter proclamation becomes clear: Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of the Father who has conquered sin and death for us and our salvation: Alleluia, alleluia!



I desire that the whole world know My Infinite Mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.

Jesus to St. Faustina, 687

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN TRAINING SESSION ~ Will be held in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny on Tuesday 18th April at 7 pm. If you have ministry with children or young people, this is an opportunity to refresh your knowledge around keeping them safe. Places are limited so please ensure you book as soon as possible by contacting Margaret on 9125669 or email: safeguarding@raphoediocese.ie

LETTERKENNY COMMUNITY HERITAGE GROUP will **CELEBRATE THE MUSIC OF HUGH McLEAN** in the Station House Hotel at 8 pm on Monday 17th April. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

DAFFODIL DAY 2023 ~ The collection for the Irish Cancer Society took place in Letterkenny on Friday 24th March. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed so generously on the day and a special thank you to the Loreto Transition Year students and to all the volunteers who gave of their time to collect. The total raised was €15,804.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Saturday 22nd April: 11 am - Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin

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

FR. KEVIN O'HARA from Stranorlar is a Priest of the St. Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers) who has worked in Nigeria for over 40 years. Fr. O'Hara is currently fundraising for a number of projects in Africa. If anyone would like to support his work, you can do so by sending a donation through his account at the AIB Bank, Ballybofey, using the following bank account details: Account name Fr. Kevin O'Hara; Account number 23942-109 and IBAN IE11AIBK93736323942109. You can also contact him by email: kevinpatohara@gmail.com

Sunday 16th April ~ Divine Mercy Sunday	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 1.30 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 3 pm	
Monday 17th April	
8 am Mass ~ Paddy Tinney RIP 10 am Mass ~ Nellie Callaghan RIP	
Tuesday 18th April - St. Laserian, bishop	
8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Michael Browne RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Jack & Elizabeth Boyce RIP	
Wednesday 19th April	
8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Jim and Rose McDevitt RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Mary, Anton and Cathal Diver RIP Confessions ~ 7.30 pm 8 pm ~ Youth 2000 Prayer Group	
Thursday 20th April	
8 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Diocesan Society RIP 10 am Mass ~ Rose & Pat Doherty RIP and John & Cissie McMenamin RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Phyllis, Eamonn, Brendan and Patrick Orr RIP 8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room	
Friday 21st April ~ St. Anselm, bishop and doctor of the church	
8 am Mass ~ Sr. Annunejata RIP 10 am Mass ~ Annie and Willie Ponsonby RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Siobhan Faherty, Margaret Brogan, Kathleen Kelly and Liam Coyle RIP	
Saturday 22nd April	
10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention 11 am ~ First Holy Communion: Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm 4 pm ~ Baptisms	
Sunday 23rd April ~ Third Sunday of Easter	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms ~ 2.30 pm	
St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366 We Care - Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325	