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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 16th April - €5,347.00

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €2,573.30

TRÓCAIRE COLLECTION ~ €12,159 **DONATIONS:** €105

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

EARTH DAY (22nd April) is an important date in our calendar. It's a time to stop and think about our planet Earth and what we can do to protect our fragile environment, our biodiversity & reduce our carbon footprint. There are lots of things you can do such as take part in your community clean up in your area, compost your waste food, plant a tree in your garden if you have space, read Pope Francis letter 'Laudato Si' (a blueprint for our planet), reduce your mileage by 10 %, get involved with Trocaire's Climate Justice campaign. Remember our every action counts for future generations. Visit www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/

There is currently a shortage of Foster Carers in Ireland and **ORCHARD FOSTERING** are now urgently recruiting Fosters Carers in every county. Our team is available to answer enquiries and offer advice to those who have thought about fostering. If you have considered fostering or would like to know more, please email info@orchardfostering.ie or phone: 01-6275713 or visit our website: www.orchardfostering.ie to find out more information.

Please **RETURN YOUR TRÓCAIRE BOXES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to the Sacristy or Parochial House.

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 please contact Orla 085-1681320 or Elaine 087-1707440

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Saturday 6th May: 11 am - Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

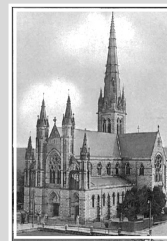
Saturday 13th May: 11 am - Scoil Cholmcille

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 23rd April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

THE MASS – THE COLLECT [OPENING PRAYER]

The Gloria, when said on Sundays and Feast Days, is followed by the Collect or Opening Prayer of the Mass. The Collect is a particularly rich and dense prayer. It distils centuries of spiritual and theological insight into the faith.

Many of the Collects are of great antiquity, dating from the first millennium and used in the Church for well over a thousand years. Others are of more recent composition, but draw on material used anciently.

It is worthwhile paying attention to these prayers, especially when printed in leaflets etc. for the benefit of the people. They can profitably be used throughout the week in one's own prayer.

The Collect is introduced by the celebrant with the invitation to prayer: "Let us pray", followed by a brief pause for silence. This invitation shows the nature of this prayer and its name – the "Collect": it gathers together the prayer of the entire assembly, and indeed in a sense of the whole Church.

The Mass is an action of the whole Church throughout the world, of the Church already gathered into the heavenly realm and of the souls in Purgatory; the Mass is never only a prayer of the particular priest, of the particular congregation or parish, but an action of the whole mystery of the Church.

Being invited to pray, we pray certainly on our own behalf and with the intention that we carry with us, but we also carry the prayer of the whole Church.

The silent pause that follows the invitation to pray reminds us that silence is the privileged space in which the Holy Spirit wishes to work, bringing us into the peace that belongs to God.

LETTERKENNY MEMORIES will take place on **Monday 24th April** at 8 pm in the Station House Hotel. Guests on the night: Syndicate Showband, Buncrana. Light refreshments served. Everyone welcome. Admission is free.

LETTERKENNY CATHEDRAL QUARTER will be hosting their **Annual General Meeting** in Dillon's Hotel on **Thursday 27th April** at 8 pm. All are welcome.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY will take place in Knock on **Saturday 3rd June** from 1 pm with Talk, Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Holy Mass. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Eamon Martin. Rosary Talk: Bishop Oliver Doeme (1 pm in the Basilica). A bus will leave the Cathedral Car Park at 8.30 am. To book, please contact Veronica on 087-7970531 or Caroline on 087-1548184.

EVANGELISATION THROUGH FAITH COMMUNITIES ~ Archbishop Rino Fisichella will speak at the Church of Our Lady's Nativity, Leixlip, Co. Kildare on **Monday 24th April** at 7 pm. He has worked in many church capacities, and is currently Pro-prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Evangelisation. An engaging and inspiring speaker, his theme will be the important role of faith communities in the urgent work of evangelization. This event will be of particular interest to all who engage in pastoral work – as lay, religious and clerical. Prayer, worship, with examples of faith communities who work in a synodal way will be part of the event. For further information phone: Margaret: 00447779729505 or Noel: 0877573843

EVANGELISATION & VOCATION CONFERENCE 'Priesthood in a Synodal Church' will be held in the Renehan Hall, Maynooth on **Tuesday 25th April** from 10 am - 4 pm. Keynote speaker: Archbishop Rino Fisichella; Panel: Bishop Philip Cullinan, Chair of the Irish Bishops' Council for Vocations; Fr. Brendan Kilcoyne, Broadcaster etc. (See Cathedral noticeboard for full list of panel) Further information and registration, please visit: vocations.ie/conference

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND at Christmas 2023 ex Dublin. Visiting: Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with a full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Please phone James on 061921470 for further information or email: jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

SCHOOL CARETAKER ~ Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Sentry Hill, Letterkenny. Scoil Mhuire gan Smál invites applications for the position of School Caretaker (full time). This position is 5 days per week. The successful applicant must be able to work hours as agreed by the Principal / Board of Management. Ideally applicants will have general maintenance and grounds keeping skills, as well as an understanding of caretaking duties, health, safety and security and have very good DIY skills. Please send a Letter of Application and Curriculum Vitae including at least two referees to: **Chairperson Board of Management, Parochial House, St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.** Please mark the envelope 'Caretaker Application 2023'. Candidates may be shortlisted by reference to their application and C.V. Garda Vetting will be required before appointment. Please check advertisement on www.educationposts.ie for full details. Enquiries to 074 91 21171. Closing date: 7th May.

Sunday 23rd April ~ Third Sunday of Easter	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm	
Monday 24th April ~ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr	
8 am Mass ~ Special Intention	10 am Mass ~ John Gallagher RIP
Tuesday 25th April - St. Mark, Evangelist	
8 am Mass ~ Rosa Fernandes RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Mark Herron RIP	10 am Mass ~ Sean Curran RIP
Wednesday 26th April	
8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP 10 am Mass ~ Tommy McLaughlin RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Elizabeth Hegarty RIP (First Anniversary) Confessions ~ 7.30 pm	8 pm ~ Youth 2000 Prayer Group
Thursday 27th April ~ St. Asicus, bishop	
8 am Mass ~ Elizabeth and Joseph Keane and Deceased Family Members RIP 10 am Mass ~ Claire, Tim and Charlie McBride RIP and Deceased members of the Doherty and McBride Families RIP 7 pm Mass ~ J.J. Gallagher RIP 8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room	
Friday 28th April ~ St. Peter Chanel, priest and martyr	
8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 7 pm Mass ~ Eilish Sweeney (Month's Mind Mass), Emily Gallagher, Pat McGettigan, Gertrude (Trudy) Peoples, Alice O'Donnell and John (Gorey) Curran RIP	10 am Mass ~ Edward McKay RIP
Saturday 29th April ~ St. Catherine of Siena ~ Patron of Europe	
10 am Mass ~ Vincent Blake RIP (Month's Mind Mass) 6 pm ~ Vigil Mass Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm	4 pm ~ Baptisms
Sunday 30th April ~ Fourth 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	