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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

HOLY SPIRIT COME! HOLY SPIRIT IN SCRIPTURE (26th - 28th May) ~ Since Pentecost falls on Sunday 28th May, what better way to prepare for it than by learning about the Holy Spirit and calling upon His presence in prayer?

During this Retreat there will be moments of silence, as we contemplate what Scripture tells us about the Holy Spirit. This is to help us better listen to God's word and be more attentive to His voice. Our busy everyday lives are often very distracted and noisy. Silence helps us refocus and open our hearts to God, who is constantly in a dialogue with us. We will also have time to call for Him to come down upon us, with all His gifts and charisms. The retreat starts on Friday at 6 pm and continues until Sunday at 2 pm. **Bookings are necessary.** To book or for more information please contact the **Divine Mercy Centre** at: 0749169934 or dvmletterkenny@gmail.com.

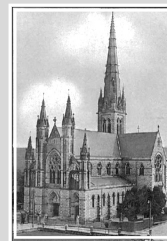
'PRAY IN MAY' is a grassroots campaign where **Mary's Meals** invite individuals, churches and faith groups to pray with them, that their work continues to flourish and grow, and that more children and communities will see their lives transformed through the provision of a daily meal in a place of education. It costs just €22 to feed a child for an entire school year in a place of education. At least, 93% of all donations are spent on their charitable works. The local Mary's Meals Information Centre is located at Greenes Market Centre, Letterkenny.

Our Polish Community in Letterkenny are invited to a **MASS IN POLISH** in St. Anne's Church, Sligo on **Sunday, 21st May** at 11 am.

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ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14th May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Mass – The Collect [Opening Prayer]

The Collect, or Opening Prayer, is usually an ancient prayer used for many centuries – some from the first millennium – and synthesises the prayer of the whole Church through the year. Sometimes they contain extraordinary theological insight, at other times the simple prayer of the heart.

This week's prayer runs: "Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do". The prayer is addressed to "almighty God". In this context, it is understood that the Father is being addressed, and indeed typically the collects address themselves to God the Father and are made through Jesus the Lord. The attribute most commonly described of the Father is that he is "almighty", the ruler of heaven and earth and of all that is. In this collect, the Church asks God to grant her a specific grace: it is that all the faithful, particularly those gathered at the particular Mass, may celebrate the days of joy with heartfelt devotion. The days of joy referred to here are the days of the Easter season, during which the Church continues to reflect for fifty days on the mystery of the Lord's victory over sin and death, our redemption, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is this that we observe or "keep" in honour of Jesus, "the risen Lord". Here again we see the title of Lord given to Jesus in particular, as we have seen before.

The second part of the prayer adds a further request: that the Church and particularly those present at the Mass in question, may love according to what they have not only professed but have actually "relived". This reliving is done in the "remembrance" that is not a matter of calling to mind. Rather – as we shall see when we consider the words of consecration – remembrance is standing before the veil, so to speak, which is drawn back so that we can participate by mystery what has taken place for our redemption: it is as if we were present at the Last Supper, at the Cross, and at the place of Resurrection. Such an experience must have a consequence in how we live: we die to self and live for Christ [cf. Galatians 2:20].

Abortion: Changing the Narrative – a Statement of the Catholic Bishops—Five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which also takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. At that time the bishops said, *“a new situation now exists in Ireland. It is essential for us as a Church, which cares passionately about the gift of life, and wants to support both mothers and their unborn children, to seek better ways of responding to this new and very challenging reality”*. Today, bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely, that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. The bishops remain convinced that the relevant law, the *Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018* will, in due course, be repealed. In the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition. The bishops will continue to do their best to change the narrative through dialogue and by testifying, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. How can People of Faith help? Read the full statement (which is available in the church and also on www.catholicbishops.ie).

ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE for families who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death of a baby and for those who have suffered the loss of a child **will take place today, Sunday 14th May at 3 pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny**

The **HOLY ROSARY** will be prayed at **Our Lady's** Altar from Tuesday to Friday after the 7 pm Mass and on a Monday at 7 pm during the Month of May.

The **LEGION OF MARY** will recite the Holy Rosary for the Month of May at the **entrance to the Long Lane** on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm.

The **HOLY ROSARY** will be prayed in the Bernard McGlinchey Town Park every Monday evening in May at 7.30 pm.

Scoil Cholmille, Convent Road, Letterkenny WELCOME YOU, the community, to view our new school building on **Thursday 18th May from 5.30 pm 7.30 pm**. Refreshments served. All welcome to attend.

RAINBOWS ~ A COFFEE MORNING AND BAKE SALE will be held on **Sunday 21st May** after the 10 am and 12 noon Masses in the Cathedral Conference Room. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 14th May ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm May Devotions: 7 pm	
Monday 15th May ~ St. Carthage, Bishop	
8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP 10 am Mass ~ Rosie McCarron RIP (First Anniversary)	
Tuesday 16th May ~ St. Brendan, Abbot	
8 am Mass ~ Seamus Hoare RIP (First Anniversary) 10 am Mass ~ Kathleen and James Bradley RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Barney and Annie Doherty RIP and Deceased Members of the Doherty and Murphy Families RIP	
Wednesday 17th May	
8 am Mass ~ Colm O'Donnell RIP	10 am Mass ~ James McDaid RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Hugh and Teresa Travers RIP and Bernie and Karen Cahill RIP	8 pm ~ Youth 2000 Prayer Group
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm	
Thursday 18th May ~ St. John 1, Pope and Martyr	
8 am Mass ~ John Lagan RIP	
10 am Mass ~ Brendan O'Friel RIP	7 pm Mass ~ Priest's Intention
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room	
Friday 19th May	
8 am Mass ~ Rosie Carr RIP	
10 am Mass ~ Baby Liam Mulligan RIP and Charlie Farrelly RIP	
7 pm Mass ~ Noel Crossan (Month's Mind Mass), Carrie Harvey (First Anniversary), Thomas Sweeney, Willie Sweeney, Albert Sweeney, Frances Creevy, Seamus McGlynn, Mary McNally, Claire McNally, Pat O'Donnell, John O'Donnell, Angela Dunnion (nee Doogan) and Helen McKendrick RIP.	
Saturday 20th May ~ St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest	
10 am Mass ~ Thomas Connolly RIP (Month's Mind Mass)	
11 am ~ First Holy Communion: Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin	
1 pm ~ Nuptial	4 pm ~ Baptisms
Confessions ~ 12.15 pm - 1 pm and 7 pm	6 pm ~ Vigil Mass
Sunday 21st May ~ The Ascension of the Lord	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm	
Baptisms ~ 2.30 pm	May Devotions: 7 pm