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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 11th June - €4,498

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €6,479.04

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

24th June - In this cycle we focus on the theme of prayer. Prayer is an encounter with God, who is Mercy. We want to learn how to grow in our relationship with Him by learning more about prayer and different ways and schools of praying. This particular retreat will focus on the Lord's invitation to each and every one of us - to rest in Him! We'll be looking at how to pray during the time of holidays and how to find rest in our prayer. The retreat commences at 2 pm and concludes at 5.30 pm. It will consist of talks, time of prayer and reflection and sharing our experience of faith (around a cuppa). (There is no charge for this retreat). Please note: it is necessary to book for all our retreats. To book or for further information on either of the above, please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 074-9169934 or email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com

Mary's Meals Donegal Branch would like to **THANK** everyone who contributed and helped with their recent Church Gate Collection. Amount collected from the Cathedral: €1,624.15 and from the Church of the Irish Martyrs: €1,392.

WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PRIESTS continues every Thursday evening at the Grotto (beside the Pius X Adoration Chapel) at 7.40 pm. All are welcome

NINE MONTH DAILY NOVENA starting 19th June finishing on the Feast day of St. Joseph 19th March 2024. For further info. The Spiritual Adoption of a Father Novena please visit: https://www.adoptafather.org/spiritual-adoption.

VIRTUAL CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY'S MANTLE will take place from 8th - 22nd July. During this **online Retreat** we Pray the Rosary in our own homes and reflect on daily messages of the Holy Spirit uploaded each day via whatsapp or email; scheduled fasting over the 46 days;, watching a number of Videos on YouTube; optional Zoom Weekly calla to meet and share. For further details please contact Clare: 083-1359088 or visit: https://youtu.be/hp0In2YpjI0



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th June 2023
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORLD REFUGEE DAY (20th June) celebrates the strength and courage of more than 100 million people globally who have been forced to flee from their homes. Most of these remain in other parts of their home country but about a quarter leave to find safety in other countries. People who travel to other countries to seek protection or asylum are known as asylum seekers and they are legally entitled to do this under international law. Once they are granted this protection, they are recognized as refugees.

Less than 20 percent of those seeking asylum actually come to wealthy countries of the Western world. Escaping war and conflict is the commonest reason for people to flee their home but they may also be at risk of persecution simply because of who they are, due to their gender, religion, ethnicity, political opinions or sexual identity. In Ireland, people seeking asylum are accommodated in direct provision while they wait for their claim to be assessed. They are provided with basic accommodation and food, on a for profit basis by privately owned companies. They also get a small weekly allowance of €38 per adult.

The theme of this year's World Refugee Day is Hope away from Home and focuses on the power of inclusion as the most effective way to support people in restarting their lives. Being an asylum seeker or refugee is only part of a person's identity, like all of us they have skills and talents and hopes for the future. People seeking protection here can contribute so much to our communities and workplaces, like the many thousands of Irish people who have made huge contributions to their new homelands.

Get more information on this issue from the websites of the Irish Refugee Council, the UNHCR, Concern Worldwide or Amnesty International. Most importantly, ensure any information you see on social media is accurate before you re-share it!

GRAVEYARD SERVICES

Conwal Graveyard Service: 4 pm on Sunday 2nd July Aughaninshin Graveyard: 7 pm on Monday 3rd July Old Leck Graveyard: 3 pm on Sunday 9th July New Leck Graveyard: 4 pm on Sunday 9th July

During the coming weeks we invite you to tidy up your loved ones graves and the graveyards in general. Please use the skips for all old wreaths and weeds. Please refrain from letting your dog run free in the graveyards as they are sacred places.

A **PILGRIMAGE** from Raphoe Diocese to the **SHRINE OF BLESSED MATT TALBOT** in Seán McDermott Street, Dublin will take place on **Sunday 25th June**. **The pilgrimage will be led by the Bishop of Raphoe, Most Reverend Alan McGuckian, SJ**. If you would like to join the Pilgrimage, please book your place as soon as possible (by Wednesday 21st June). A bus will leave Kilmacrennan at 7.30 am, and Station Roundabout, Letterkenny (beside Mr Chippy's) at 7.45 am to connect at Lifford. The cost for the day, including transport and meals is €60 per person, which is payable when seat is being booked. To book and make payment, please contact Caroline on 087 6223036 or Brid on 087-1200242.

DON'T MISS IT - RALLY FOR LIFE on the 1st July! Join thousands of fellow Catholics & Pro-life supporters at the biggest annual pro-life event. Gather at 1 pm at Parnell Square, Dublin. Please visit www.thelifeinstitute.net or call 01-8730465. For information on sponsored buses from Donegal contact: Michael: 087-2922499; Margaret: 083 4052841; Brian: 087-2913186 or Jim: 087-2606595. RALLYFESTI Celebrate life at the Rally for Life. We are excited to hold our first every Rallyfest—a full schedule of exciting events around the main Rally for Life march. A Family friendly day and time for pro-life people to be re-energised and join together: BE THERE! From 11 am: RALLYFEST at Abbey Church, Parnell Square North, Dublin 1; 12 noon: MASS FOR LIFE in St. Saviour's Church, Dominick Street, Dublin 1 and 1.30 pm march for life at the RALLY FOR LIFE (start Parnell Square). Poster on Cathedral Noticeboard with further information.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL ~ Will take place at Clongowes Wood College, Kildare from the **10th** - **13th August** for ages: 16-35. This is a four day Catholic event run by young people for young people from all across Ireland. Listen to some amazing speakers giving talks and workshops on your favourite topics, meet other young Catholics on fire with the faith or simply be refreshed and inspired. For more information please visit: www.youth2000.ie or search our social 'Youth 2000 Ireland'. Free buses from all across Ireland – please visit the website for details.

OPPORTUNITY IN YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP ~ The Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service are looking for a Senior Programme Leader to lead retreats and other programmes in their youth retreat centre, Castlerigg Manor, English Lake District. Castlerigg Manor is an innovative project which focuses on leading their volunteers into a closer relationship with God and in working with their volunteers to lead programmes for thousands of young people each year. The post is residential. For more information please email: director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or visit: www.castleriggmanor.com

This weekend we warmly **WELCOME ALL PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS** to the Donegal International Rally. We pray for safety on our roads and respect for all road users.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY ~ Today we remember and pray for all Fathers. We ask God, our Heavenly Father, to bless you and help you to be faithful to your calling. May God grant eternal rest to all Fathers who have gone to their eternal reward.

Sunday 18th June ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Day for Life)

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm

Monday 19th June ~ St. Romuald, abbot

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ P.J. O'Brien RIP

Tuesday 20th June ~ The Irish Martyrs

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Barry Lynch RIP

Wednesday 21st June ~ St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

8 am Mass ~ Teresa Gallagher RIP 10 am Mass ~ John McDaid RIP Confessions ~ 7.30 pm

Thursday 22nd June ~ Ss. Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher & Thomas Moore

8 am Mass ~ Charlotte Mendes RIP
10 am Mass ~ Kathleen Maguire RIP
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 23rd June

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Mickey Ronaghan RIP

1 pm ~ Nuptial

7 pm Mass ~ Francie McHugh, Gerry Higgins, Rena Higgins, Sean Higgins, Mairead Murray, Dave Muldowney, Brendan Connelly, George McCutcheon, Liam Mulraney, Eamonn Rodgers, Theresa Colette Sheridan, Pat Sheridan and James (Gouldie) McGettigan RIP

Saturday 24th June ~ The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

10 am Mass ~ Martin Houston RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

 $4~pm \sim Baptisms$

Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm

6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Sunday 25th June ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms ~ 2.30 pm