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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

## **ALTAR SOCIETY ROTA**

9th & 16th June ~ Carmel O'Donnell, Fiona Tunney, Mary McHale and Rena Peacock.

23rd & 30th June ~ Veronica Molloy, Caroline Patton and Grace Kelly

7th & 14th July ~ Mena McBride, Edwina Friel, Elizabeth McCormick and Dympna Lynch

21st & 28th July ~ Olitha Mpofu, Anne Omudsra and Terry

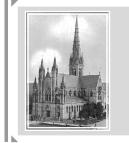
4th & 11th August ~ Lisa Geraghty, Dara Boyce, Hayden and Adrienne Mc Glinchey

## **ILLUMINATING COLMCILLE / LÉARGAS AR CHOLM CILLE**

Friday 9th June is the Feast day of St. Colmcille. The County Donegal Heritage Office has produced a free, bilingual, 32-page, colouring book entitled 'Illuminating Colmcille / Léargas ar Cholm Cille' that highlights some of the heritage sites, places, objects and archives associated with St. Colmcille's life and legacy. Copies are available free-of-charge from your local library.

**RETREAT FOR WOMEN** ~ An opportunity to discover and encounter the infinite love of the Father as he reveals His heart to you. Explore your identity as daughter. Receive healing through the Eucharist. Hear God's voice and explore how he is calling you in your unique mission. Time for renewal and rest. Facilitators: Louise & Frank McGuinness. Venue: Star of the Sea Retreat and Conference Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo from the 16th - 18th June. Cost: €250. For more information please visit: www.staroftheseacentre.com

The **2023 WORLDPRIEST ANNUAL GLOBAL ROSARY RELAY** is taking place on Friday 16th June. Our parish will be praying at 8.15 pm in the Cathedral. We are looking for families with children who have made their First Holy Communion in 2023/2022 to pray a decade of the Rosary. Please phone Delene on 0863377635 if your family is willing to be a part of this prayer for our Priests.



# ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER Sunday 4th June 2023 Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

# THE MASS - THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Following the Collect comes the Liturgy of the Word. This part of the Mass includes the readings from Scripture, the Homily, the Creed and the Prayer of the Faithful. Sometimes, when describing the Mass, reference is made to the 'table of the word' and the 'table of the Eucharist'. We are fed by the Lord from both 'tables', the word proclaimed and the word made flesh sacramentally.

The central element of the Liturgy of the Word is the reading from Sacred Scripture. On Sundays and Solemnities [major feast days] this involves a passage from the Old Testament, a responsorial Psalm, a passage from the New Testament apostolic writings and then the Gospel passage. On Weekdays there is one reading from either the Old or the New Testament, followed by a responsorial Psalm and then the Gospel passage. Feast days will often have their own specially chosen readings, as will ritual Masses such as funerals, weddings, ordinations, etc.

The reform of the Liturgy subsequent to the Second Vatican Council opened up a much greater portion of the Bible to the awareness of Mass-going Catholics, with a greater emphasis on the saving plan and action of God from the Creation to the Redemption, and the work of the Spirit in the Church on her pilgrim way to the end of time. Perhaps the most important thing of which to be aware concerning the reading of the Scriptures in the course of the sacred liturgy is that the Scriptures acquire a particular force and potency when read in the liturgical assembly.

There, the people of God are gathered with hearts open to the Word, like the crowds who sat at the feet of Jesus as he proclaimed the New Law. The Holy Spirit is uniquely active in this context, since the words of Scripture are replete with His presence, and carried with particular readiness to the soul when the Word is proclaimed in this way. It is for this reason that both the reader and the hearer should be conscious of the privileged participation they

The month of June is always dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Novena cards are available in the Cathedral. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus ~ Friday 16th June The **FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** is next Sunday, 11th June. Our Procession will begin at 3 pm. We will process across Lower Ard O'Donnell, Beechwood Road, Iona Road, Ard Colmcille, Beechwood Avenue onto New Line Road, down past the Garda Station to the Grotto where we will end with Benediction. Everyone is invited to come and join in our Procession. We especially welcome all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Children to lead our Procession.

**A MASS FOR JUNIOR & LEAVING CERTS STUDENTS** will take place in **St. Eunan's Cathedral** on **Monday 5th June** at 7 pm. We warmly welcome all Junior & Leaving Cert Students, their Parents, Families, Grandparents, Teachers, School Staff and Parishioners to this Mass, to pray in a special way for all Students as they prepare for their Exams.

**ANAM CARA DONEGAL**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly **PARENT EVENING FOR BEREAVED PARENTS** on **Thursday 8th June** at 7.15 pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more information please call: 01-4045378.

**DAY OF HEALING & PRAYER** with Eddie Stones will take place on Saturday 17th June at the House of Prayer, Clonfert. A bus will travel from Letterkenny for this day. To book, please phone: 086-0792655.

#### DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL OF PRAYER 'Rest in Me'! - Saturday 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.

**COME, ABIDE IN AND RECEIVE THE OPEN HEART OF JESUS** (Silent Retreat): 9th - 11th June. The Feast of the Sacred Heart falls on Friday 16th June. We are offering this retreat as a chance for all of us to draw closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - that very Heart is the Fount of Mercy! The retreat will be guided by the Sisters in an atmosphere of silence. 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. The retreat commences on Friday at 6 pm and will conclude on Sunday at 2 p.m. Cost  $\notin$ 149 including all meals. Bookings are necessary. 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

#### Sunday 4th June ~ The Most Holy Trinity

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

## Monday 5th June ~ St. Boniface, bishop and martyr (Bank Holiday)

10 am Mass ~ Danny Browne RIP (First Anniversary)

## Tuesday 6th June ~ St. Norbert, bishop & St. Jarlath, bishop

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Paddy, Mary, Michael and Eileen McGroarty RIP

## Wednesday 7th June ~ St. Colman, bihsop

8 am Mass ~ Mary Rose and Michael McBride RIP 10 am Mass ~ Elizabeth Boyce RIP Confessions ~ 7.30 pm

1 pm ~ Nuptial

#### **Thursday 8th June**

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Joe, Mary and Eileen O'Donnell RIP
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

## Friday 9th June ~ St. Columba (Colmcille), Abbot and Missionary

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
7 pm Mass ~ Bridget Mulhern (Month's Mind Mass), Albert McGroarty (First Anniversary), Claudia Nee, Peter Bradley, Phyllis Price, Joe Kelly, Brigid Kelly, Pat O'Hagan and John Dowling RIP

#### Saturday 10th June ~ St. Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the church

10 am Mass ~ Kevin McGranaghan RIP	
1 pm ~ Nuptial	4 pm ~ Baptisms
<b>Confessions</b> ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm	6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

# Sunday 11th June ~ Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Corpus Christi Procession ~ 3 pm

#### St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366 We Care – Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325