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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 9th July - €6,014

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €3,281.02

LECK GRAVEYARD COLLECTION: €2,050

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

The following have been enrolled recently in the **RAPHOE DIOCESAN SOCIETY:** Ellen McGee; Mary Ann McGee; Cassie McGee; Francie McGee; Joe McGee; Benedict (Ben) Geraghty, Ballymacool; Vincent Blake, Iona Road and Michael Crossan, Correnagh RIP. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. *May they rest in peace.* Amen. If anyone would like to enrol either a living or deceased person in the Raphoe Diocesan Society, please contact the Parish Office on 9121021 or talk to any of the Priests. Enrolment is €15 per person.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE (19th - 22nd August) ~ Package includes: three night's accommodation on full board basis in the Knock House Hotel; guided tour of Ballintubber Abbey with Mass; visit Croagh Patrick and Famine Memorial; Mass in the Fr. Peyton Centre; Tour of Knock Museum and grounds and Mass in the Basilica. For further information and price, please see the flyer on the Cathedral noticeboard. For bookings please contact Patricia on 087-1890236 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

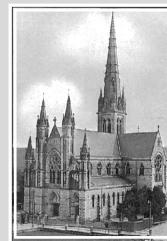
The **CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP** meet in the Pastoral Centre on **Thursday evenings** from 7 pm - 8.30 pm and is open to all Secondary School Ages. It's normally an evening of games, chat and fellowship and we are happy to see new faces coming along. if you have any queries please phone 0830454010.

St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366

We Care – Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325

Mary's Meals Information Centre, Greener Market Centre, Letterkenny.

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ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 16th July 2023
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mass – The Liturgy of the Word **Sunday Cycle of Readings – Ordinary Time**

The readings at Mass follow a number of cycles. There is one cycle for Sundays organised over three years, and one for weekdays, organised over two years. Then there are special readings set out for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Feast days have special readings, and various sacramental celebrations have specific readings selected.

The Sunday cycle of readings is known as Years A, B and C. During the Sundays of Year A, the Gospel of Saint Matthew is read; during the Sundays of Year B, the Gospel of Saint Mark; and during the Sundays of Year C, the Gospel of Saint Luke. Sometimes extracts from the Gospel of Saint John supplement these readings, particularly during Year B since the Gospel of Saint Mark is shorter than the others. Otherwise the Gospel of Saint John is favoured for the seasons of Christmas and Easter.

Typically, the First Reading of a Sunday is chosen from the Old Testament to reflect the Gospel passage; therefore, there is a clear connection between the First Reading and the Gospel. For instance, this Sunday, the first reading is from Isaiah and reflects on the fruitfulness of the word of God compared to the rain – it does not return to the heavens without succeeding in what it was meant to do; the Psalm (Ps. 64) is the beautiful hymn of praise that acknowledges God's bounty in the fruitfulness of the seasons; these resonate with the Gospel, in which Jesus recounts the Parable of the Sower and how the soil of our souls receives the seed of the Word.

The Second Reading is chosen from the Acts of the Apostles [particularly during Eastertide], the letters of Saint Paul, Saint Peter, Saint John, Saint James, Hebrews and the Apocalypse. These New Testament Epistles are read systematically on Sundays over a three year period.

Therefore, over three years, the People of God have an opportunity to read the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and large portions of the Gospel of Saint

John, the principal extracts of the Old Testament, and the Epistles and Acts of the Apostles of the New Testament. This was a desire of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council in reforming the Liturgy, namely that the riches of the Scriptures would be opened more widely to the Faithful.

After the 12 noon Mass today, **Sunday 16th July**, the **BROWN SCAPULAR** of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be blessed and imposed.

We **URGENTLY REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO TRAIN** as **MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS** for **Accord Letterkenny**. If you would like to support couples preparing for marriage by joining our team we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Susan on 086-7777138 or email: marriagepreparation@accord.ie for further information.

ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL ~ The Adoration Chapel is situated on the grounds of Loreto Secondary School and has round the clock adoration from 1 pm Sunday until 8 pm Friday. Many prayers/requests are answered here, many problems lessened here and many lives spiritually renewed here and this happens because people give one hour of their time to spend in quiet prayer or reflection with the Lord - but we need more committed adorers, that is someone who will be there faithfully every week (or someone in your place) at an hour suitable to them. Now that schools have closed or perhaps you have recently retired or you are new to the parish and have one hour you could give, please contact Mary 0860870446 or any of the committee. **The following hours in particular we need help with Sunday 2 pm - 3 pm; Monday 9 am - 10 am; Tuesday 12 noon - 1 pm; Thursday 1 pm - 2 pm; Friday 10 am - 11 am; Friday 1 pm - 2 pm or an hour that suits you.**

LIGHT THE FIRE in the Spirit of World Youth Day ~ **Sunday 6th August** at the **Hill of Slane, Co. Meath**. Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass at 2 pm. Also in attendance will be Sr Briega McKenna, Dana and Fr. Pablo Escriva de Romani. Schedule: 12.15 pm - Praise & Worship; 1.15 pm Rosary; 2 pm Mass followed by Talks and Eucharistic Healing Service. Please contact organisers by email: hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com for further information or if you wish to help organise a bus from your area. Please see poster on the Cathedral Noticeboard.

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: ww.youth2000.ie or search our social 'Youth 2000 Ireland'. Free buses from all across Ireland – please visit the website for details.

Sunday 16th July ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm	
Monday 17th July	
8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Sheena Dillon RIP	
Tuesday 18th July	
8 am Mass ~ Bridget Gallagher RIP 10 am Mass ~ Pat and Mary Ellen McGee RIP	
Wednesday 19th July	
8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Ann Marie Spratt and John Donaghy RIP Confessions ~ 7.30 pm	
Thursday 20th July ~ St. Apollinaris, bishop and martyr	
8 am Mass ~ Mary Geoghegan RIP 10 am Mass ~ Elizabeth and Michael Logue RIP 7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre 8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room	
Friday 21st July ~ St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor of the Church	
8 am Mass ~ Living Benefactors of the Cathedral and all Names in the Golden Book 10 am Mass ~ Rosemary McMonagle RIP (First Anniversary) 7 pm Mass ~ Bobby Orr, Sean Connaughton, Hugh (Doe) McCafferty, James Connolly and Mary Connolly RIP	
Saturday 22nd July ~ St. Mary Magdalene	
10 am Mass ~ Phyllis Duffy RIP (Month's Mind Mass) Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm 1 pm ~ Nuptial 6 pm ~ Vigil Mass	
4 pm ~ Baptisms 7 pm ~ Confessions	
Sunday 23rd July ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm	