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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 23rd July - €4,653

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €8,387.48 **DONATIONS:** €130

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

CALLING ALL PAINTERS AND ARTISTS: Mary's Meals are having a **SALE OF ORIGINAL WORKS** by local artists in **late Autumn**. We invite artists to paint a picture of their choice and donate it to Mary's Meals. By doing so, you will help to feed children and allow them to receive the education that will hopefully break the cycle of poverty. Contact Fr. Eamonn Kelly on 087-9077985.

DONEGAL N.E. PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE ~ 27th September to 4th October (Flight: Knock to Mostar). Please phone Michael on 087-2922499 for further information.

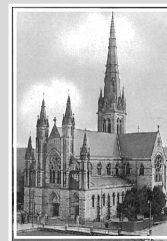
Last six remaining places for a **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** at Christmas ex Dublin. Visiting Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Please contact James on 061921470 or email: jamesstreacyphotography@gmail.com

NORTH WEST SIMON COMMUNITY would like to express deepest gratitude to each and every one who donated towards the Church Gate collection held last weekend which raised **€985.96** at St Eunan's Cathedral. Money raised will enable North West Simon Community to continue to provide vital support and services to help prevent and resolve homelessness in the region. Donations can be made directly to: www.northwestsimon.ie/donate-now.

St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366

We Care – Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325

Mary's Meals Information Centre, Greenes Market Centre, Letterkenny.
For €22 you could change a child's life in the poorest communities in the world.



**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
LETTERKENNY
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 30th July 2023
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**THE MASS – THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
CYCLE OF READINGS FOR THE SEASONS**

The seasons of **Advent, Christmas, Lent** and **Easter** each have their own cycle of readings. These are chosen to present and reflect on the mysteries of the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery of Our Lord's suffering, death and resurrection.

The readings for the season of **Advent** follow two points of emphasis. The readings of the first part of Advent directs our thoughts to the second coming of Christ at the end of time, while the second part of Advent directs our thoughts to his first coming, his birth, and the mystery of our redemption. This is particularly evident for the Sunday readings.

The first Sunday calls us to attention, to “stay awake” until the Lord's coming; on the Second Sunday we encounter John the Baptist calling us to repentance; on the third John the Baptist pointing out the true nature of Christ; and on the fourth we read an account of the angelic visitation to Mary or to Joseph.

The weekday cycle for Advent draws from the rich texts of the Old Testament that speak of the Lord's coming, of expectation, conversion and preparation. These readings as a cycle are amongst the most beautiful for the whole liturgical year.

The Gospel readings on the weekdays of Advent follow the same pattern, the first part of Advent drawing from the Lord's teaching concerning the expectation of the Redeemer of Israel in the Scriptures, who he reveals himself to be, while nearer Christmas speaks more of his mission and the purpose of his coming for our salvation. From 17th – 24th December, the readings and prayers are specially chosen for this octave of preparation for the feast of the Lord's birth.

WEEKEND SCRIPTURAL (SILENT) RETREAT 'You are the light of the world' 4th - 6th August in the Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny ~ It's the time of the Transfiguration. We'll be looking at this passage from Scripture and others which speak about Jesus - the light of the world. That's how He reveals himself in the Divine Mercy Image too. Praying with the Scripture will lead us into a true encounter with Him, who always brings light into our lives. 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. **Bookings are necessary.** Cost is €149 all inclusive. **To book or for more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 074 9169934 or email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com.**

A **ROSARY FOR MEN** will take place at 1 pm on **Saturday 5th August** at the Market Square, Letterkenny.

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. Briege 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. **To BOOK A SEAT ON THE BUS LEAVING FROM LETTERKENNY,** please text Margaret on 083-4052841 or Mary T. on 087-6707002. Please advise family and friends. Bus Fare and departure times will be confirmed later.

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.

Fr. Shaun Doherty, recently ordained for the Diocese of Derry, will **CELEBRATE** the **VIGIL MASS** of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary here at the Cathedral on **Monday 14th August** at 7 pm. We would like to arrange some refreshments afterwards as people wait to receive his First Blessing and to greet him. **Anyone interested in preparing home bakes and otherwise lending a hand on the evening is asked to contact Mary Maguire on 086-0870446.**

MARINO RESTREPO RETREAT WEEKEND at Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP on the 12th and 13th August. Theme: Being strong in our faith. You can listen to Marino's testimony and many talks online at: www.marinorestrepo.com Please phone: Rose Glynn on 00447957585132.

ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL - We are currently looking for **PEOPLE WHO WOULD COMMIT TO AN HOUR PER WEEK** in prayer in the Adoration Chapel. Please phone Mary on 086-0870446.

Sunday 30th July ~ Seven
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm
Monday 31st July ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest
8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Special Intention
Tuesday 1st August ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & Doctor of the Church
8 am Mass ~ Charlie and Celine Molloy RIP 10 am Mass ~ Mary Leavy RIP (First Anniversary)
Wednesday 2nd August ~ St. Eusebius of Vercelli/St. Peter Julian Eymard
8 am Mass ~ Tony Leavy RIP 10 am Mass ~ Shaun Graham RIP Confessions ~ 7.30 pm
Thursday 3rd August
8 am Mass ~ Mary Ellen O'Donnell RIP 10 am Mass ~ Benny Daly RIP 7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre 8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room
Friday 4th August ~ St. John Mary Vianney, priest
8 am Mass ~ James O'Regan RIP 10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention 7 pm Mass ~ Tommy Peoples, Nuala McCrossan, Brendan McNabbe, Liam McGrath and Leo Finnegan RIP 1 pm ~ Nuptial
Saturday 5th August ~ Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm 4 pm ~ Baptisms 6 pm ~ Vigil Mass
Sunday 6th August ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm
SIGNED MASS CARDS are available in the Parochial House and Sacristy.