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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 13th August - €5,625

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €2,872.87 **DONATIONS:** €75

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

NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK AND THE ROSARY ~ You are invited to join us **Tuesday 22nd August** (The Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - last day of Novena) at **7 pm** in the Cathedral - praying in thanksgiving, in reparation and in petition.

LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH CAMINO FOR THE YEAR OF VOCATIONS: On **Saturday 26th August** you are invited to walk the Pilgrim Path at Lough Derg (8km) as a prayer for the blessing of vocations to Diocesan Priesthood. Pilgrims will be accompanied by Fr. La Flynn & Team. Weather permitting - Mass will be celebrated at a point along the Pilgrim Path. Refreshments on the Island after the walk. Donations welcome on the day. **Advance booking is essential:** online www.loughderg.org email: info@loughderg.org Tel.: 071 9861518

Letterkenny Reunion Committee invite members of the public to an **UNVEILING OF A MURAL** at the Devlin Hall, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny on **Friday 15th September** at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

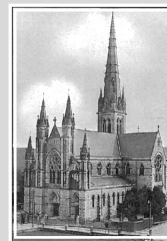
ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL - We are looking for **PEOPLE WHO WOULD COMMIT TO AN HOUR PER WEEK** in prayer in the Adoration Chapel. Please phone Mary on 086-0870446.

CALLING ALL PAINTERS/ARTISTS: Mary's Meals are having a **SALE OF ORIGINAL WORKS** by artists in **late Autumn**. We invite artists to paint a picture of their choice and donate it to Mary's Meals. Phone 087-9077985

DIVINE MERCY CENTRE, LETTERKENNY ~ Phone: 0749169934

St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366

We Care – Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 20th August 2023
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mass – The Liturgy of the Word

Cycle of Readings for the Seasons: Lent and Eastertide

The other major seasons are Lent and Eastertide. The cycle of readings for the Sundays of Lent is set out in accordance with the three year cycle, drawing from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, according to the particular year. The Gospel passages have been chosen to present a number of mysteries at the heart of the experience of Easter and of the experience of the baptised. Easter, in fact, is not only the commemoration of the central act in the history of salvation – the cross and resurrection -, but also the feast at which baptism finds its most natural location. Easter was the preferred moment for baptism in the ancient Church, and it was arrived at after a process of formation and instruction in the faith that culminated in the Sundays of Lent. Therefore, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the ritual by which adults are prepared for baptism, is celebrated on the Sundays of Lent.

By the same logic, the Gospels of the Lenten Sundays and the other scriptures that accompany them, have baptism as a significant theme. Ash Wednesday has the same readings each year, a powerful call to repentance from the Prophet Joel [Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn], Psalm 50 [Have mercy on me God in your kindness.../...cleanse me of my sin], second Corinthians [Be reconciled to God], and then the Gospel of Matthew taking up the three great planks of the life of faith: fasting, praying, giving alms, but also warning us against mere external observance [your Father, who sees all that is done in secret, will reward you].

A **SINCERE WORD OF THANKS** to everyone involved with the preparations for Fr. Shaun Doherty's First Mass in the Cathedral. To Frank Breslin; St. Eunan's Choir; Organist Gavin McBride, Servers, Sacristans; Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Thanks to Mary Maguire and her team of helpers in the Divine Mercy Centre and to all who baked for the occasion. Thank you, to the Knights of Columbanus and helpers who put up bunting, flags, gazebos and for stewarding. To the Divine Centre for welcoming us and allowing us to use their home and Chapel and to John Baird who provided a painting of the Cathedral for presentation to Fr. Shaun.

DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL OF PRAYER RETREAT 'HOW TO PRAY AS A FAMILY' ~ This RETREAT will be held in the Divine Mercy School of Prayer, Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny on **Saturday 26th August** from **2 pm - 5.30 pm**. 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. Sometimes in our family life there are a lot of things we do together, but we don't really pray together. For many it may seem embarrassing or maybe just difficult to start. This retreat will give some helpful hints as to how to practice family prayer in everyday life. The retreat will consist of talks, time of prayer and reflection and sharing our experience of faith (also around a cuppa). **PLEASE NOTE: It is necessary to book for all our retreats. To book this particular retreat, or for more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre on 0749169934 or email: dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com**

DONEGAL PRO LIFE ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION will take place throughout the County this weekend, 19th and 20th August.

The **DONEGAL HALF MARATHON** will be held on **Sunday 27th August** starting at 9.20 am on Conwal straight coming in Ballymacool, along Pearse Road, out Port Road, in Neil Blaney Road, Paddy Harte Road, over Oldtown Bridge along Crieve Road through New Mills on to Rashedoge and returning to Letterkenny along main Churchill Road and finishing at the Aura Leisure Centre. The initial loop of the town should be finished by 10.10 am. **Traffic management will be in place between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon around the town centre and Newmills/Conwal, so please plan for some delays.**

The **MASS ROCK AT RODGER'S BURN**, Glencar is **ACCESSIBLE** until **Sunday 27th August** for those wishing to visit to pray. **Please note that visitors must PROCEED WITH CAUTION over uneven ground at Rodger's Burn.**

The **CURSILLO NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE** is on **Saturday 2nd September**. There is a bus travelling from Letterkenny, picking up in Ballybofey, Donegal Town, Ballyshannon and Bundoran. To book a seat please contact Clare on 0871375567.

CATHEDRAL ALTAR SOCIETY ROTA

26th August & 2nd September ~ Grace Kelly, Veronica Molloy and Caroline Patton

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

23rd & 30th September ~ Mena McBride, Edwina Friel, Elizabeth McCormick, Lisa Geraghty

6th & 13th October ~ Olitha Mpofo, Anne Ombudsura, Therry and Opeyemi Olanyian

20th & 27th October ~ Adrienne McGlinchey, Angela Hegarty, Edel Hayden and Dara Boyce

Sunday 20th August ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 21st August ~ St. Pius X, pope

8 am Mass ~ Living Members of the Raphoe Diocesan Society
10 am Mass ~ Kathleen McCauley RIP 1 pm ~ Nuptial

Tuesday 22nd August ~ The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am Mass ~ Joe Phelan RIP
10 am Mass ~ Frances Gallagher RIP

Wednesday 23rd August ~ St. Rose of Lima and St. Eugene

8 am Mass ~ Anton and Margaret Browne RIP
10 am Mass ~ Pat Tobin RIP Confessions ~ 7.30 pm

Thursday 24th August ~ St Bartholomew, Apostle

8 am Mass ~ Niall McMenamin RIP
10 am Mass ~ Paddy Geoghegan RIP
7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 25th August ~ St. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Ellen Nee RIP 1 pm ~ Nuptial
7 pm Mass ~ Patrick Greene, Cassie Crossan, Peggy Crossan, James Crossan, Ellen McBride, Bried McGettigan, Margaret Coyle and Kathleen O'Donnell RIP

Saturday 26th August

10 am Mass ~ Katie Ford RIP (Month's Mind Mass)
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm
4 pm ~ Baptisms 6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Sunday 27th August ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The Diocesan **MASS FOR EXPECTANT FAMILIES** will take place on **Tuesday 5th September** at 7 pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral. Celebrant will be Bishop Alan McGuckian. Everyone is very welcome.