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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 20th August - €5,553

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €3,994.17 **DONATION TOWARDS RAMP:** €50

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

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.

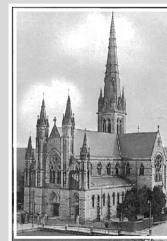
DONEGAL PRO-LIFE wish to **THANK** everyone who donated to their County Collection last weekend. The amount collected at the Cathedral was €1,993.33 and the amount collected at the Church of the Irish Martyrs was €900. A sincere word of thanks to all the Collectors also.

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

The **SEASON OF CREATION 2023** runs from September 1st (World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4th (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). This Season is a wonderful opportunity to respond to the call of Pope Francis to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. As the ecological crisis worsens we hear stories of devastation, particularly in the most vulnerable parts of the world. Creation cries out as forests burn, animals flee, lives are lost and people are forced to migrate. The theme for this year's Season is inspired by the Prophet Amos who cries out: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24). The symbol is that of a 'mighty river': "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19). As we join the river of justice and peace with others then hope is created instead of despair, "for we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si', 13).

St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366

We Care – Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325

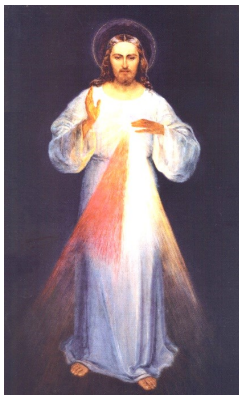


**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
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NEWSLETTER
Sunday 27th August 2023
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Mass – The Liturgy of the Word
Cycle of Readings for the Seasons: Sundays of Lent**

The readings of the six Sundays of Lent follow the three year cycle, drawing largely from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, although extracts from John's Gospel are also used. The first Sunday of Lent presents the account of the temptation of Christ after forty days of fast in the desert. The second Sunday presents the Transfiguration, a reminder of the glory of the resurrection before the suffering of the passion and cross. The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent present three sets of Gospel passages that speak of sin, conversion, reconciliation, and the life of grace flowing from an encounter with Jesus. Thus, the third Sunday over three years presents in Year A: the encounter of Jesus with the woman at the well, an encounter of conversion and reconciliation that promises springs of living water; in Year B: the cleansing of the Temple, a sign of the resurrection where Jesus becomes the Temple, the place of encounter with God; in Year C: the parable of the fig tree and the lesson of the tower of Siloam, as Christ is the tree of life who bears unending fruit and who calls us to conversion of heart and not to fear. The fourth Sunday presents in Year A: the healing of the man born blind, who receives his sight and is also relieved of spiritual blindness; in Year B: the encounter with Nicodemus that recalls the standard made of the serpent in the desert by Moses when the people were bitten by poisonous serpents for their murmuring, a sign that foretells that Jesus must be raised up on the cross for all to look at him with faith and be healed; and Year C: the parable of the Prodigal Son, a powerful reflection on sin, selfishness, repentance, conversion, reconciliation and community. The fifth Sunday presents in Year A: the raising of Lazarus, a sign of the resurrection; in Year B: the sign of the wheat grain that must die in order to bear life, a clear reference to the resurrection and the meaning of death in Christ; and in Year C: the woman caught in adultery, who is cast down by her own sin and the sins of those who condemned her, but raised up in reconciliation, manifesting the resurrection we are all called to live. The sixth Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, where, as we know, the passion narrative is read respectively from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark or Luke.

Afternoon RETREAT 'The Image of God' in the Divine Mercy School of Prayer, Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny. This Retreat will take place on **Saturday 9th September from 2 pm - 5.30 pm**. Jesus is the Image of the invisible God (Col 1:15). He teaches us the truth about the Father. In this Retreat we will want to look at some common misconceptions about God (our distorted image of Him) and learn through the Gospel and Divine Mercy Image who He truly is. The retreat will consist of talks, a 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: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com**



The **DONEGAL HALF MARATHON** will be held today, **Sunday 27th August** starting at 9.20 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.** We will pray for the safety of all participants in the Marathon and for the organisers and stewards.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY ~ Saturday 2nd September at 1 pm at the Market Square, Letterkenny.

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.

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.

ASIST TRAINING DAYS will take place in the **Diocesan Pastoral Centre**, Letterkenny on the **6th and 7th September** from 9 am - 5 pm. Anyone interested in these training days are asked to contact Tommy 086-3310066 or to use the following link to enrol: <https://bookwhen.com/suicidepreventiontrainingcho1/e/ev-s744-20230906000000>

ABIDE EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE 2023 ~ Saturday 16th September in St. Anne's Church, Cranmore Road, Sligo commencing at 10.30 am. Guest Speakers include: Bishop Kevin Doran (Elphin), Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino (Assisi), Mother Adela Galindo and Mission Team (Miami), Fr. Barry Braum (Tyburn, London. This day will include the permanent installation of the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis; a Eucharistic Healing Service; Confessions; Inspiring Talks and Testimonies. Everyone is welcome to attend this conference.

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

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

Monday 28th August ~ St. Augustine, bishop & doctor of the church

8 am Mass ~ Myles and Frances McBride RIP
10 am Mass ~ Brendan Fanneran RIP

Tuesday 29th August ~ The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Patrick Aloysius Giblin RIP (Died recently)

Wednesday 30th August ~ St. Fiacre

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Gerard Mullarky RIP (First Anniversary)
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm

Thursday 31st August ~ St Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary

8 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving
10 am Mass ~ Eileen Browne RIP
7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 1st September

8 am Mass ~ Dolores McIntyre RIP
10 am Mass ~ Hugo McNulty RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Willie John Price, Maggie Price, Jim Price, Margaret Price, Eileen Boyle and Sean Kyles RIP

Saturday 2nd September

10 am Mass ~ Liam Doherty RIP (First Anniversary)
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm
4 pm ~ Baptisms
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Sunday 3rd September ~ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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