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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 30th July - €4,543.00

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €6,285.98

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

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.

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.

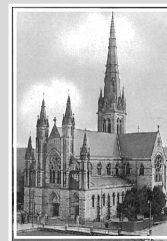
DONEGAL N.E. PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE ~ 27th September to 4th October (Flight: Knock to Mostar). Please phone Michael on 087-2922499 for further information.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is a Weekend experience for any sacramentally married couple. Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and reconnect privately. The next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is from the 3rd - 5th November at the Cork International Hotel, Cork. Visit: www.marriageencounter.ie or phone: 087-2162436 for bookings/info.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE (19th - 22nd August) ~ 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

St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366

We Care – Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 6th August 2023
The Transfiguration of the Lord**

The Mass – The Liturgy of the Word

Cycle of Readings for the Seasons: Christmastide

It seems odd to turn our attention to the season of Christ's birth as we continue our journey through the Mass. Following on from what we said about the Liturgy of the Word in the Season of Advent, Christmastide runs from the Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord through to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which functions as a conclusion to the season of Christmas and an opening to the period between seasons, known as 'Ordinary Time' or 'Time Through the Year'. The cycle of readings for Christmastide leans heavily and unsurprisingly on the writings of Saint John, both for the First Readings on the weekday cycle and the Second Readings of the Sundays and Feastdays of Christmastide. In fact, this short season is filled with feastdays: St. Stephen, the Holy Innocents, St. John the Evangelist, the Motherhood of Mary, the Holy Family, the Epiphany.

As Christmas was prepared for by an octave (17th – 24th), so it is followed by an Octave 25th December – 1st January, concluding with the great feast of the Mary, Mother of God, or the Motherhood of Mary. The readings in this period, both weekdays, feastdays and Sundays, reflect on the great mystery of the Incarnation, the wonder of the Redemption won for us in Jesus Christ, and the mystery of Mary's part in the divine plan, and ours. The Epiphany readings draw out the three moments of the revelation of Jesus Christ as Son of God and Saviour: the Adoration of the Magi, his Baptism in the Jordan, and his first miracle at Cana in Galilee when "he let his glory be seen and his disciples believed in him" (Jn 2:11).

Blessed St. Clare, you trusted in the Blessed Sacrament as your only protection. In your hour of need you heard a voice from the Sacred Host: "I will always take care of you". We entrust our needs to you, especially . . . (mention request). Enkindle in us a tender love for Jesus and Mary. Help us to trust Him as you did. Intercede for our families, our friends, our youth and all those who need our prayers. We pray for our Church, our country and our suffering world. Amen. (St. Clare's Feast Day: 11th August)

MARY'S MEALS: STEP BY STEP TO FEED THE NEXT CHILD

This year's Mary's Meals Sponsored Walk will commence from Malin Town to Knock on **Monday 7th August** and will arrive into Knock on Tuesday 15th August. For those who wish to take part, but are unable to participate in the main walk - a **WALK HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR LETTERKENNY TOWN PARK** for **Tuesday 8th August from 1 pm to 2 pm**. Everyone is welcome to take part. All children must be accompanied by an adult. We pray for the safety of all walkers, support drivers and helpers as they commence their walk/journey to Knock. Please remember them in the coming days and to support and encourage them on way.

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, STEWARDING AND OTHERWISE LENDING A HAND on the evening, is asked to contact Mary Maguire on 086-0870446.**

MASS will be celebrated at **RODGER'S BURN** for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, 15th August at 8 pm.

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.

The RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place on **Saturday 19th August**. We encourage Parishioners to travel to Knock for this day of prayer for our Diocese. **SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES:** 2 pm: Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession; 2.30 pm: Anointing of the Sick and 3 pm: Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica.

The **ST. COLUM GILLE'S CHALICE (TORY CHALICE)** dates back to about the end of the seventeenth century. The Chalice, as commonly believed, was used by the Saint in offering up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This Chalice is part of the Diocesan Archives Collection and is **currently on DISPLAY in the County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny**. Please see full details on the Cathedral noticeboard or visit the County Museum to view in person.

Sunday 6th August ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Monday 7th August ~ Ss. Sixtus II, pope and Companions, martyrs

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

Tuesday 8th August ~ St. Dominic, priest

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Kevin Dillon RIP

Wednesday 9th August ~ St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

8 am Mass ~ Patrick and Mary O'Donnell RIP
10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm

Thursday 10th August ~ St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8 am Mass ~ Kathleen Crawford RIP
10 am Mass ~ Bridie Bradley RIP (First Anniversary)
7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 11th August ~ St. Clare, Virgin

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Nee Family RIP, Main Street
7 pm Mass ~ Fiona McLaughlin, George McLaughlin, Owen McGinley, Deirdre Hannigan, Martin Doherty, Bridget Grant, Eddie McFadden and Daniel Cullen RIP

Saturday 12th August ~ St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious

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

Sunday 13th August ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon (Mass for Covid Deceased) and 6 pm
Baptisms: 2.30 pm

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