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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 3rd September - €5,450

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €3,943.20 **DONATION:** €85

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 CEILÍ DANCING: Monday 11th September from 8 pm - 9.30 pm at the Letterkenny Community Centre. All are welcome. No experience needed.

AR MHAITH LEAT SNAS A CHUR AR DO CHUID GAELIGE? Would you like to learn Irish or improve your Irish? Contact: Lionra Leitir Ceanainn on 086-0136579 or email: pobal@lionralc.ie to find out more about the day and evening classes at different levels and the conversation groups we run. Classes will begin from **Tuesday 19th September** and cost between €10 - €40 per 8 week course.

The **St. Vincent's Shops** in Letterkenny are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** in our clothes preparation and shop floor areas. Warm, friendly, rewarding work. If you interested, please call into our shops and talk with the volunteers present.

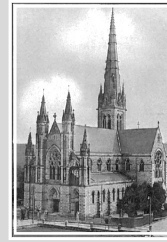
WOMEN'S RETREAT ~ 'Renewal and rest in the love of the Father' (6th - 8th October) in the Star of the Sea Retreat and Conference Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo. Email: staroftheseacentre@gmail.com / phone: 086-2591049 for information.

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People for one hour - once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, please contact Helena on 086-0145829

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.

CATHEDRAL ALTAR SOCIETY ROTA

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



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER Sunday 10th September 2023 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mass: The Liturgy of the Word for the Easter Triduum

The Readings set out for the Easter Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday—do not vary from year to year. This series of readings is a powerful reflection on the central mysteries of our faith. The Mass of Chrism, usually celebrated on Holy Thursday morning, is the Mass during which the oils to be used in the sacraments during the year throughout the diocese are blessed by the Bishop. It is also at this Mass that the priests renew the promises of their ordination. Therefore, the readings reflect the theme of anointing, pointing us to reflect on the anointing of Jesus as the Christ [the Anointed One] by the Holy Spirit, the anointing of baptism and the anointing of priesthood. Baptism and Priesthood represent two fulcrums of the life of the Church. Therefore, the first reading of the Mass of Chrism is from the prophet Isaiah (The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor). Psalm 88 refers to the anointing of King David and the roles of priest, prophet and king which will be fulfilled in Jesus (I have found David my servant, and with my holy oil I have anointed him). The second reading is from the Apocalypse and presents the fulfilment of the Lord's mission at the end of time. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end—words that will be taken up in the blessing of the Paschal Candle at the beginning of the Easter Vigil, a symbol of the Lord risen from the dead, scattering the darkness of sin from the light of grace. The Gospel, from St. Luke, presents Jesus preaching in the synagogue of Nazareth at the beginning of his public ministry. He quotes from the prophet Isaiah the very passage read in the first reading (The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me), and says: "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen". Each of these readings leads us to reflect both on the saving ministry of Jesus, and on our own participation in it by baptism and by priestly ordination.



Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

O God, Our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo, a life example for the young, and a message of love for everyone. You made him become enamoured with Your Son Jesus, making of the Eucharist his "highway to heaven". You gave him Mary, as a most loving Mother, and with the Rosary, you made him a poet of tenderness. Receive his prayer for us. Above all, gaze upon the poor, whom he loved and helped. Grant for me too, by his intercession the grace that I need (..) and make our joy fulfilled, placing Carlo among the Saints of your Church, so that his smile may shine again for us in the glory of your name. Amen. (*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father*)

The **LITTLE RAYS OF THE MERCIFUL JESUS** shall recommence their activities **Tuesday 12th September**. They are a group for primary school children. The Little Rays are run by the Sisters of Merciful Jesus in the Divine Mercy Centre (behind the Cathedral). Meetings take place on Tuesdays at 6 pm and last an hour. We have a lot of fun together: we read the Gospel, learn about our faith, pray, do arts and crafts, play games, sing and so much more! New members are very welcome. For more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at dvmletterkenny@gmail.com or call 074 916 9934.

'THE WILL OF GOD' RETREAT - Saturday 23rd September ~ Time goes by so quickly. If we pray the Lord's prayer ("Our Father") on a regular basis, we repeat the words "Thy will be done" quite often. But what do they mean? What is the will of God? In other words: what does God desire? In general and also very personally, for me? Today? We will be talking about this during our retreat. The retreat starts at 10 am with Mass in the Cathedral and continues until 7 pm. It will consist of talks, moments of prayer and reflection and sharing our experience of faith. We will also gather around the table for lunch. Cost: €20 inclusive **Please note that it is necessary to book advance for this retreat.** To do so, or for more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 0749169934 or dvmletterkenny@gmail.com.

The **CURSILLO ULTREYA** will be held in the Church of the Irish Martyrs at 8 pm on **Sunday 10th September**.

A **YOUNG AT HEART SOCIAL** will be held on **Tuesday 12th September** at 8 pm in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road. Hosts will be the Conwal Ladies.

Letterkenny Active Retirement Group (LARA) returns on **Thursday 14th September** from 2 pm - 4 pm in the Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road. We look forward to welcoming all existing members and will warmly welcome new members. We organise coffee mornings, walks, outings etc. All are welcome.

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). 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.

A **TRIDIUM IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF PADRE PIO** (St. Pio of Pietrelcina) will take place in the Franciscan Friary, Rosstown from the **20th - 23rd September** (inclusive). Mass, Homily and Blessing with Mitten (Glove) at 7.30 pm each evening. Preacher: Fr. Pius McLaughlin OFM who met Padre Pio. Mass offered for all making the Triduum, and all petitions. All welcome.

The **CATHEDRAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will recommence on **Sunday 8th October** for the Family Mass at 10 am. We invite children from 3rd class upwards who are interested. please contact Toni on 087-7830199.

Sunday 10th September ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm	
Monday 11th September	
8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Peter and Bella Duffy RIP	
Tuesday 12th September ~ The Most Holy Name of Mary	
8 am Mass ~ Nora McShane RIP	10 am Mass ~ Special Intention
Wednesday 13th September ~ St. John Chrysostom, bishop & docto	
8 am Mass ~ John and Sheila Quigley and Deceased Family Members RIP 10 am Mass ~ Brendan Doherty RIP (First Anniversary) Confessions ~ 7.30 pm	
Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting ~ 8 pm	
Thursday 14th September ~ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
8 am Mass ~ Paddy O'Grady RIP 10 am Mass ~ John McDermott RIP 7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre 8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room	
Friday 15th September ~ Our Lady of Sorrows	
8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Brendan Doherty (First Anniversary), William Devenney, Catherine McGinty, Thomas McGinty, Mary McGinty, Martina Madigan (nee Molloy), Agnes Geary, John Quigley, Sheila Quigley, Deceased Members of the Quigley Family, Caroline McCosker, Troy Morris, Maud Gormley, Eddie McCauley, Bernadette O'Donnell, John McGarrigle and Rose McGarrigle RIP	
Saturday 16th September ~ Ss. Cornelius, pope & Cyprian, bishop	
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm 4 pm ~ Baptisms	
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass	
Sunday 17th September ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm	
St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366 We Care - Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325	