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#### **SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 10th September - €5,935 **PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €2,579.98

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

**LORETO LETTERKENNY 5K RUN / WALK** on Thursday 28th September starting at 6.45 pm from Back Gate entrance to school. Adults €10, Students €7, Family €25 (all chipped times). Registration from 5 pm in the School Gym. Category Prizes and Spot Prizes. Presentation and Refreshments in school canteen afterwards.

**FÉILE AN FHÓMHAIR,** Líonra Leitir Ceanainn's Autumn Festival is coming soon which will include a 'Family Fun Day' in the Park on Saturday 30th September; the film 'Róise & Frank' in Century Cinema on Wednesday 4th October; 'Oíche Ghaelach' in Castle Grove Country House Hotel on Friday 6th October; plus a number of Ciorcal Comhrá conversation groups, guided walks and a Pop-Up Gaeltacht! For further information please contact Líonra LC on 0749127479, 086-0751663 or eolas@lionralc.ie

AR MHAITH LEAT SNAS A CHUR AR DO CHUID GAEILGE? Would you like to learn Irish or improve your Irish? Contact: Líonra 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.

**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.

The SVP Shop, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny are looking for **DONATIONS OF GOOD QUALITY CLOTHES**. We **DO NOT ACCEPT** Electrical goods or Toys. Thank you for your continuous support.

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# ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 17th September 2023 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

#### PRAYER TO ST. PADRE PIO

St. Padre Pio during your earthly life you sanctified pain and suffering and through you, the Lord performed miracles and works of healing. You always showed mercy and compassion for those who were ill, and you gave us a shining example of faith and obedience to the will of God. Beloved St. Padre Pio, we place our loved ones who are ill in your hands. We place in your care all those who are terminally ill, who have no earthly hope, and we humbly ask you to perform a miraculous work of healing for them.



Glorious Padre Pio, dry their tears. Give them faith and hope even when they feel afraid. Renew their faith so they may believe that everything is possible if it is God's will. Stay by them, every day, in weakness and in pain. Encircle them with compassion, so they never lack the strength and the courage to confront their illness with determination.

St. Padre Pio, let my prayer for healing be worthy to be heard in the heavens. Through your intercession St. Padre Pio, may the power of God and the Holy Spirit flow through every cell in their body, deep into their soul, to purify and heal them from any affliction.

Dearest St. Padre Pio, I know that to ask for the healing of a loved one faith must be pure and sincere, and so I open my soul and my heart to you. Fill me with glorious light and overcome my selfishness with your infinite goodness; make me more charitable and teach me to be more generous, with no thought for earthly compensation. St. Padre Pio, you are my guide, my heart's joy, my example of a life lived for Christ. Strengthen my hope that (name) may be healed.

Loving St. Padre Pio, intercede for (name), that his/her health may be restored, according to the Father's will. Show me your love and grant that my loved one may be healed for the glory of our Lord who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

(Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), 23rd September)

ANTHONY HARTNETT WILL BE ORDAINED A DEACON by Bishop Alan McGuckian on Sunday 24th September at 3 pm in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Stranorlar. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**'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.

**VIGIL MASS OF THE FEAST OF ST. EUNAN** will be celebrated in **St. Eunan's Terrace** (off Convent Road) on Friday 22nd September at 7 pm All are welcome to attend.

#### A TRIDUUM IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF PADRE PIO

(St. Pio of Pietrelcina) will take place in the Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh 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 **LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** will take place on **Sunday 24th September**. Bus leaving the Cathedral Car Park at 8 am sharp. Please bring a packed lunch. Bus fare: €30. For further details please contact Brigid 086-0630729 or Kay 085-1679214.

Would you like to be able to better understand and defend your Catholic faith? Have you ever been in a situation where you know what the Church teaches but can't explain exactly why? If so, this course is for you! 'INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS' COURSE will take place on Wednesday 4th October at the Raphoe Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny at 7 pm. The course is free of charge. Places are limited so please contact: dpr@raphoediocese.ie or phone: 0874504873 to book a place.

The Sisters of Merciful Jesus invite all adults to join them for their weekly gathering called **"ENCOUNTERING GOD'S MERCY"** on Thursdays at 7.45 pm. Enter more deeply into the mercy, peace, and joy of God with a teaching on the next Sunday's Gospel through the lens of the Image of Divine Mercy, followed by a time of quiet prayer with God's Word spoken to you. If you cannot attend every week, that is just fine, you are most 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 wo are interested. please contact Toni on 087-7830199.

# Sunday 17th September ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### **Monday 18th September**

8 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Callaghan Family RIP 10 am Mass ~ Martin Ward RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

#### Tuesday 19th September ~ St. Januarius, bishop & martyr

8 am Mass ~ Mick Gallagher RIP

10 am Mass ~ Marian Douglas RIP (First Anniversary)

## Wednesday 20th September ~ Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gan, Paul Chong Ha-sang

8 am Mass ~ Donor's Intention

10 am Mass ~ Paddy and Celia Murray RIP

Confessions  $\sim 7.30 \text{ pm}$ 

Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting ~ 8 pm

## Thursday 21st September ~ St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP

10 am Mass ~ Hugh, Catherine and Fr. Sammy Holmes RIP

7 pm Mass ~ St. Eunan's College First Year Mass

7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre

8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

# Friday 22nd September

8 am Mass ~ Michael Connolly RIP

10 am Mass ~ George McDermott RIP

7 pm Mass ~ P.J. O'Donnell (First Anniversary), Hugh McGlynn (First Anniversary), James McTaggart, Dan Gildea, Harry Doherty, Joseph Ward, Katie Ward, John McGarrigle, Rose McGarrigle, Richard Coyle and Carmel McCallion RIP

## Saturday 23rd September ~ St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

10 am Mass ~ John Kilcullen RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

**Confessions** ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm

1 pm ~ Nuptial 6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

4 pm ~ Baptisms

### Sunday 24th September ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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