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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 24th September - €5,680

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €44,691.75 (Includes: €35,685.66 Parish Insurance Renewal)

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

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 is situated in the grounds of Loreto Secondary School and beside the Divine Mercy Centre. **Would you consider giving one hour of your week to sit and pray in the presence of the Lord?** We are always looking for more adorers to commit to a specific hour each week. Maybe now the time is right for you to commit! The following hours are in need of Adorers: Sunday 1 pm - 2pm & 4 pm - 5 pm ; Monday: 12noon - 1 pm; Tuesday : 8 am - 9 am, 10 am - 11 am, 12 noon - 1 pm; Wednesday: 9 am - 10 am; Thursday: 12 noon - 1 pm and 1 pm - 2 pm; Friday: 10 am - 11 am, 11 am - 12 noon. **Please choose any hour that suits you.** Please contact 0860870446 if interested.

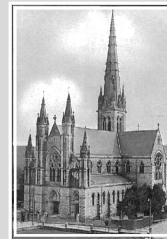
FÉILE AN FHÓMHAIR, Lónra Leitir Ceanainn's Autumn Festival: 'Róise & Frank' - Century Cinema. Wednesday 4th October; 'Oíche Ghaelach' - Castle Grove Country House Hotel, Friday 6th October; plus guided walks etc. For further information contact Lónra LC on 0749127479, 086-0751663 or eolas@lionralc.ie

Author of 'Understanding Divine Mercy' and 'After Suicide There's Hope for Them and You', **Fr. Chris Alar, MIC** will visit Veritas, Letterkenny on **Saturday 7th October:** 3 pm: Talk and Blessing: Bereavement, Suffering, Hope and Divine Mercy followed at 4 pm with a Book Signing. Everyone is welcome.

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 info.

There will be **NO FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY (7th October)** at the Market Square, as we are all going to the First Saturday Rosary and Consecration of Families at 1 pm at The Plaza, Knock (opposite the parish church) on that day.

WE ARE HIRING! COORDINATOR OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY in the Diocese of Elphin. Job description and application form available on: elphindiocese.ie (Closing date: 16th October 2023 at 5 pm) .



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1st October 2023
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE MASS – THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Cycle of Readings for the Seasons: The Easter Triduum – Good Friday

The readings for Good Friday are also invariable from year to year. The first reading is the powerful reading from chapters 52 and 53 of the Prophet Isaiah [52:13-53:12], reflecting on the figure of the “suffering servant”, all of which is a striking evocation of the suffering of Jesus and its redemptive purpose: “see my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights. As the crowds were appalled at seeing him - so disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human – so will the crowds be astonished at him, kings stand speechless before him...”. Psalm 30 compliments the meditation: “Into your hands I commend my Spirit”, the words spoken by Jesus as he gives his life on the cross; “My life is in your hands, deliver me” reflecting the cry of Jesus, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”. The Passion is always read from John on Good Friday. It is in fact shorter than the version given by the other three evangelists, but is filled with profound beauty and meaning. The dialogue between Jesus and Pilate resonates with believer and unbeliever alike, as Pilate looks mournfully at his own power and asks, “Truth? What is that? Jesus entrusts John and Mary to one another, and he gives forth his Spirit at the hour of the evening sacrifice in the Temple. John speaks from the text to say, “This is evidence of one who saw it - trustworthy evidence, and he knows he speaks the truth”. A unique element of the Liturgy of the Word on Good Friday is the Great Prayers, the ten universal prayers said in every church throughout the world on this day, each introduced by a deacon and then proclaimed by the celebrant. That these continue to be reserved to the sacred ministers says something about the intercessory role of the priestly ministry, representing the people not only at the altar of the sacrifice but also the altar of the word. The intentions are: for Holy Church; for the Pope; for all orders and degrees of the faithful; for catechumens [those who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil]; for the unity of Christians; for the Jewish People; for those who do not believe in Christ; for those who do not believe in God; for those in public office; for those in tribulation. The prayers range, therefore, across the whole range of belief and unbelief, underlining that God's saving mission is universal, reaching out to all mankind, calling them into relationship with Him at least by justice and good will if they are unable to know Him, the only true God.

The **ROSARY** will be prayed every Tuesday - Friday evening after the 7 pm Mass at Our Lady's Altar for the month of October. As there is no Mass on Monday evenings, the Rosary will be prayed at 7 pm on that day. Everyone welcome.

GAMBLING & GAMING ADDICTION AWARENESS EVENING will be held on Tuesday 3rd October from 7 pm - 9 pm in Jackson's Hotel. Guest Speaker: Tony O'Reilly, Gambling Addiction Counsellor and Co-Author of 'Tony10'. For further information: 086-0675183/0749131245. All are welcome.

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.

'LEARN TO TRUST WITH ST. FAUSTINA' ~ The Church celebrates the memorial of St. Faustina on the 5th October. Following that event, we would like to invite you to spend some time to come to know St. Faustina better. She has a lot to teach us. And she is a wonderful guide not only for religious, but also for lay faithful and priests. In this retreat we will focus on her trust in the Lord and see how we can also become more trusting. **This retreat will take place in the Divine Mercy Centre beginning on Friday evening (6th October at 6 pm) and concludes on Saturday evening (7th October at 6 pm).** Meals will be provided. Staying on site for the night can help us distance ourselves from the everyday busyness and go deeper into our prayer. Cost: €89 pp. Please note: it is necessary to book for all our retreats. To do so, or for more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 074916 9934 or dvmletterkenny@gmail.com

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday morning, 6th October after the 10 am Mass. Everyone welcome.

SEASON OF CREATION EVENT ~ The Diocese of Raphoe Justice and Peace Group invite you to a **GUIDED WALK** in Ards Friary to celebrate the Season of Creation, on Saturday 7th October from 2 pm to 4 pm. Meet at reception. Led by Noel Foley, An Taisce, we will discover the many different trees to be found in the grounds and their many benefits to us. Weather permitting, we will enjoy the beauty of God's creation and consider how we can all take action to protect and enhance our natural environment. Refreshments after the walk. All welcome.

A **CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION** to honour 'Our Lady of Fatima' will take place at 7.45 pm on Friday 13th October. Beginning at the Market Square proceeding to the Famine graveyard (High Road). Procession and Rosary will be led by Fr. Eamon Kelly. All are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366
We Care - Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325

Sunday 1st October ~ Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm
 Baptisms: 2.30 pm October Devotions: 7 pm

Monday 2nd October ~ The Guardian Angels

8 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the McBride and Gallagher Families RIP
 10 am Mass ~ Eamonn McGee RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

Tuesday 3rd October ~ Bl. Columba Marmion, priest

8 am Mass ~ Pat and Anne Hoare RIP 10 am Mass ~ Kathleen Dillon RIP
 7 pm Mass ~ May and Tommy Wilson and Kathleen Sweeney RIP
 6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

Wednesday 4th October ~ St. Francis of Assisi

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Celine Gallagher RIP
 7 pm Mass ~ Special Intention
 Confessions ~ 7.30 pm Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting ~ 8 pm

Thursday 5th October ~ St. Faustina Kowalska, virgin

8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
 10 am Mass ~ Brigid McDaid RIP
 7 pm Mass ~ Catalina Keys 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 6th October ~ St. Bruno, priest (First Friday)

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Peter and Hannah Gallagher RIP
 7 pm Mass ~ Michael Duffy, Donal Costigan, Samuel Keenan, Bernadette Pyper, Harry McManus, Mary McManus, Peter Gallagher, Danny Breslin, Horace Friel, Mark Geraghty, Anne Doherty, Celine Gallagher, Jacqueline Gormley and Kieran Gallagher RIP

Saturday 7th October ~ Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Sunday 8th October ~ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm
 Baptisms: 2.30 pm October Devotions: 7 pm