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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 17th September - €5,663

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €4,995.23

**RECENT DONATIONS:** 1 x €1,000; 2 x €500; 1 x €300; 2 x €250;  
2 x €100; 4 x €50; 1 x €25 and 2 x €20

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

**SCHOOL TRANSPORT BUS ESCORT** needed for Woodland NS. Monday to Friday. Please contact the Principal at 074 9124498.

**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.

**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.

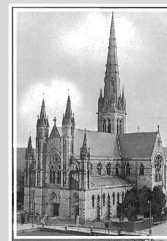
**FÉILE AN FHÓMHAIR**, Lónra Leitir Ceanainn's Autumn Festival: 'Family Fun Day' in the Park, Saturday 30th September; 'Róise & Frank' - Century Cinema. Wednesday 4th October; 'Oíche Ghaelach' - Castle Grove Country House Hotel. Friday 6th October; plus guided walks etc. For further information please contact Lónra LC on 0749127479, 086-0751663 or eolas@lionralc.ie

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN IRISH OR IMPROVE YOUR IRISH?**

Contact: Lónra Leitir Ceanainn on 086-0136579 or email: pobal@lionralc.ie to find out more about day/evening classes and the conversation groups. Classes will begin from **Tuesday 19th September** and cost between €10 - €40 per 8 week course.

**St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny:** 9129503/9122366

**We Care – Letterkenny Food Bank:** 087-1471325



## ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 24th September 2023**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **THE MASS – THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** **Cycle of Readings for the Seasons: The Easter Triduum**

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday form a unit in the liturgical year known as the Easter Triduum, three days that stand together – Holy Saturday runs into Easter Sunday as the Easter Vigil is the high point of the liturgical year. The three mysteries of these days – the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and death of Our Lord, and the Resurrection are three parts of the one mystery, marking every other aspect of our faith. The readings for these days do not vary from year to year. Holy Thursday focuses our mind on the Last Supper and its significance.

The first reading, from Exodus, presents the Passover, when the people of Israel ate unleavened bread and a lamb without spot or stain before their liberation from Egypt. This is a foretaste of the Last Supper, where Jesus himself is the Lamb sacrificed to bring us from slavery to sin to freedom in grace, and whose abiding memorial remains with us under the signs of bread and wine now become his body and blood.

The second reading of Holy Thursday is from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, recounting the Last Supper. He himself had not been there, of course, but the very fact that he says "This is what I received from the Lord and in turn pass on to you" shows the nature and significance of the Last Supper.

The Gospel of the Holy Thursday is not from Matthew, Mark or Luke, who carefully retell the words and actions of Jesus, but of Saint John, who recounts the washing of feet. This sign that Jesus worked manifests the meaning of the Eucharist, in which Jesus sacrifices himself (taking off his outer garment, that is to say his divinity in a manner of speaking), and washing the feet of the disciples (the washing of sins by the shedding of his blood). It also speaks of what the Eucharist means for life, in which we are called to love one another as Jesus has loved us. By the Eucharist, we encounter and are welcomed into the mystery to unfold between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, namely Christ's death and resurrection, the defeat of sin and death, our salvation.

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

**SMA NOVENA** in honour of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Patroness of the Missions) **Saturday 23rd September to Sunday 1st October**. Daily Mass & Novena Prayers at **10 am and 7.30 pm**. All are welcome. SMA Chapel Dromantine, African Missions, Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH. You can also join via our webcam at: [www.sma.ie](http://www.sma.ie)

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](mailto: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. Divine Mercy Centre: 0749169934.

**LETTERKENNY MEMORIES** will be held in the Station House Hotel on **Monday 25th September** at 8 pm. All are welcome. Light refreshments served.

A **YOUNG AT HEART SOCIAL** will be held at 8 pm on **Tuesday 26th September** in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road. Hosts will be the Celtic Supporters Club and music will be provided by Gerry O'Sullivan.

**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.

**LETTERKENNY AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB** resume at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 28th September** in the Letterkenny Day Centre F92 DE20. Former and new members always welcome.

**CURSILLO** is a movement of ordinary men and women who share their faith in friendship, rejoicing in the knowledge that we are each of us loved by God. The Cursillo weekends are held in Ards Friary, Creeslough and run from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon. The programme consists of talks and discussions, liturgies and laughter. Lifts are available to and from Ards. For more information or to book a place please contact: Pat on 0879374001 or Martina on 0873749024. **Men's weekend: 19th - 22nd October/Women's weekend 9th - 12th November.**

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

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

**Monday 25th September ~ St. Finbarr, bishop**

**8 am Mass** ~ Deceased Members of the Neary and Caulfield Families RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ Patrick, Hannah, Joe and Maureen Glackin RIP

**Tuesday 26th September ~ Ss. Cosmos and Damian, martyrs**

**8 am Mass** ~ Michael and Eileen Browne RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ Willie McGinley RIP (First Anniversary)  
**6 pm** ~ Holy Face Devotions

**Wednesday 27th September ~ St. Vincent de Paul, priest**

**8 am Mass** ~ Jackie Boyce RIP and James Russell RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ Special Intention  
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting ~ 8 pm

**Thursday 28th September ~ St. Wenceslaus, martyr**

**8 am Mass** ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ Thomas and Margaret Kelly RIP  
**7 pm - 8.30 pm** ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre  
**8 pm** ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

**Friday 29th September ~ Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

**8 am Mass** ~ Special Intention **10 am Mass** ~ Priest's Intention  
**7 pm Mass** ~ John Mullen (Month's Mind Mass), Ita Blake (First Anniversary), Jim Lynch (First Anniversary), Maurice Sweeney (First Anniversary), Helen Kostrzewa (First Anniversary), Christy Creevy, Owenie McGinley, John Shiels, Michael Duffy, Mary McDermott, James Larkin, Nell Crumlish, Rory McGlynn, Pauline McGranaghan and Mary Blake RIP

**Saturday 30th September ~ St. Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church**

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

**Sunday 1st October ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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