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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 27th August - €5,477

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €8,987.48

DONATION: €30

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

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.

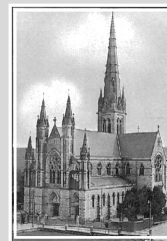
Letterkenny Reunion Committee invite members of the public to an **UNVEILING OF A MURAL** at the Devlin Hall, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny on **Friday 15th September** at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

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), Mother Adela Galindo and Mission Team (Miami), Fr. Barry Braum (Tyburn, London. 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 **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.

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.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND ~ We invite you to get involved with Radio Maria's mission which is to bring Christ into every home through Prayer, Catechesis, Music, and Formation. Radio Maria is a charity organisation, and rely on our volunteers to help us in the running of Radio Maria. For more information contact us at promoter@radiomaria.ie or call us at 01-4123456.



**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
LETTERKENNY
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 3rd September 2023
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Mass – The Liturgy of the Word
Cycle of Readings for the Seasons:
Weekdays of Lent and Holy Week**

The weekday readings for the six weeks of Lent draw from the Old Testament, particularly from the prophets. The same readings are used each year. They form a series of the principal scripture passages that reflect on repentance, conversion, charity, mercy and forgiveness. Similarly, the Gospel readings draw from all four Gospels to present Christ's teaching in all of these themes, the great encounters that manifest them and, as the weeks move towards Easter, a series of extracts from the Gospel of St. John is read.

These are some of the most profound Gospel accounts in which Jesus speaks of himself and his mission. The Church – that is to say the faithful through the ages – reads them with the understanding of the cross and resurrection. The readings of Monday – Wednesday of Holy week draw from the prophet Isaiah and his image of the Suffering Servant, taken to refer to Christ in his passion and death. The Gospel extracts relate the days leading to the events of Holy Week, particularly Jesus' betrayal. As usual, the psalms are chosen to reflect the first reading and are to be read as if Christ himself were speaking in them – which indeed he is!

MASS FOR EXPECTANT FAMILIES

Awaiting the birth of a child is both a time for joyful waiting and great anxiety. To rejoice with you and help you through this time, we invite all parents - married, single and adoptive to a **Mass for Expectant Families** on **Tuesday 5th September** at 7 pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral. Celebrant will be Bishop Alan McGuckian. All are welcome.



Afternoon RETREAT 'The Image of God' in the Divine Mercy School of Prayer, Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny. This Retreat will take place on **Saturday 9th September from 2 pm - 5.30 pm**. Jesus is the Image of the invisible God (Col 1:15). He teaches us the truth about the Father. In this Retreat we will want to look at some common misconceptions about God (our distorted image of Him) and learn through the Gospel and Divine Mercy Image who He truly is. The retreat will consist of talks, a time of prayer and reflection and sharing our experience of faith (also around a cuppa). **To book this particular retreat, or for more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre on 0749169934 or email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com**



The **LITTLE RAYS OF THE MERCIFUL JESUS** shall recommence their activities on the **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.

LECTIO DIVINA ~ The New Springtime Community is happy to announce that it will be hosting a weekly online Lectio Divina (divine reading) starting on **Monday 4th September** at 7.30 pm. (Zoom meeting). It will focus on the gospel reading for the following week. This course is free. Curated Fr. Pat Collins who is a well known figure, author and thought after speaker. A poster with further information is on the Cathedral Noticeboard. For further information, please phone: 089 449 0683; email: janeforde@gmail.com, visit: www.newspringtime.ie

ASIST TRAINING DAYS will take place in the **Diocesan Pastoral Centre**, Letterkenny on the **6th and 7th September** from 9 am - 5 pm. Anyone interested in these training days are asked to contact on Tommy 086-3310066

The **SEASON OF CREATION** continues until the **4th October**, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. "Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme of this year, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24). Pope Francis urges us to listen to the heartbeat of Creation. We can and must prevent the worst effects of climate change from happening, he writes. The Diocesan Justice and Peace Committee suggests to "green your parish and your home", for example to include Creation Care in prayers; to reduce, re-use, recycle and compost; to plant fruit trees, seeds and bulbs this month and to hold a cycle/walk to church.

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

Sunday 3rd September ~ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 4th September ~ St. Mac Nissi, bishop

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention

Tuesday 5th September

8 am Mass ~ Áine Ronaghan RIP
10 am Mass ~ Anton Gallagher RIP

Wednesday 6th September

8 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving
10 am Mass ~ Peg Allison RIP
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm

Thursday 7th September

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention
7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 8th September ~ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Kathleen and Martin Logue RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Ellen Nee, Áine Ronaghan, Peadar Higgins, Vladyslav Volodemar and Monica Collier RIP

Saturday 9th September

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

Sunday 10th September ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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