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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 15th October - €5216

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €5527.54

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).

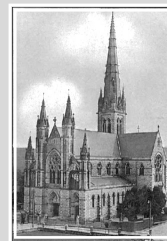
BAPTISM PREPARATION ~ We have uploaded a number of videos under 'Featured Videos' for Parents, in Preparation for their child's Baptism on our website: www.steunanscathedral.ie

The **CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP** meet in the Pastoral Centre on **Thursday evenings** from 7 pm - 8.30 pm and is open to all Secondary School Ages. It's normally an evening of games, chat and fellowship and we are happy to see new faces coming along. If you have any queries please phone 0830454010.

The Europe Direct Soapbox Public Speaking competition will take place in Central Library on Thursday 26th October at 6pm. All speeches will be assessed by a panel of independent judges and equal marks will be awarded for content, delivery, structure and overall impact. Some of our MEP's will be involved in judging the entries. The European Elections will take place in 2024 and the Soapbox competition is the perfect opportunity to inform political mindsets ahead of these important elections. Who knows we might even uncover a future member of the European Parliament"! Contestants can compete in one of two categories: **16 and under or 17 and over**. The regional winner from each category will receive a prize and will go forward to the national final in Dublin at the end of November. If you would like to take part in Soapbox 2023 please email eudirect@donegallibrary.ie for an application form all call into your local public library. Entries for this year's Soapbox competition will close on Wednesday 25th October at 5pm.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is a Weekend experience for any sacramentally married couple. Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and reconnect privately. The next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is from the 3rd - 5th November at the Cork International Hotel, Cork. Visit: www.marriageencounter.ie or phone: 087-2162436 for bookings/info.

DONEGAL HOSPICE BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP. A free, confidential, listening service. Supporting people who are bereaved and grieving. Please phone 089-4402787 between 10 am and 9 pm daily.



**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
LETTERKENNY
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 22nd October 2023
Mission Sunday**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday of the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. It is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. This weekend, collections will take place in every single parish where the Church is present. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. All offerings and donations made on World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's universal Solidarity Fund. This fund is a lifeline for struggling missionaries and the communities they serve across Africa, Asia and Latin America, where over 1,100 mission dioceses are found. These dioceses are often in remote areas devastated by war and natural disasters or where suppressed communities are just opening up to their needs. The World Mission Sunday collection offers young dioceses the financial and spiritual assistance they need to help their men, women and children survive and thrive.

The needs of overseas dioceses vary greatly. Anything from a motorbike, so a priest can celebrate Mass in a remote village, to a community hall to allow people to gather and celebrate in safety. Or more urgently, vaccinations and medicines to protect the vulnerable. In essence, World Mission Sunday: Provides Church centred infrastructure by helping communities build schools, clinics, parish halls and churches; Prepares the future leaders and carers of the Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, religious brothers, and catechists; Supports missionary programmes that protect and care for children's wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for the future.

Missio Ireland (Pontifical Mission Societies) coordinates World Mission Sunday. It is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission; his chosen instrument for sharing the gospel and building the Church throughout the world. Through the generosity of parishioners and donors, they can reach out to offer aid to struggling communities helping them to grow and thrive by bringing hope to places where there is often turmoil, poverty and uncertainty. They can provide mission dioceses with the essential support they need to become self-sufficient. Working through the local bishops, churches and missionary congregations, they ensure resources are distributed equitably and justly, based on need - local church directly helping local church!

In November of each year an Annual Mass for the **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RAPHOE DIOCESAN SOCIETY** is offered in a different parish. Mass this year will be celebrated in **St. Patrick's Church, Donegal Town** on **Thursday 16th November at 7pm**. Celebrant will be Bishop Alan McGuckian, SJ. To enrol a person in the RDS contact your local Priest or email: rds@raphoediocese.ie for further information. The enrolment fee is €15 per person living or deceased.

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.

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.

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. **Women's weekend: 9th - 12th November.**

TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST 'COME AND SEE' WEEKEND - EXPLORE PRIESTHOOD (19th - 20th November, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth). This is an opportunity for those who would like to find out more about the real-life experience of priestly life and what seminary formation is like. This 'Come and See' weekend will provide those attending, to meet seminarians and Priests and hear of their personal vocation stories. If interested in attending or would like further information, please email the National Vocations Office on: info@vocation.ie or contact Fr. Rory Brady, Diocesan Vocations Director on 074 9737015.

A YOUNG AT HEART SOCIAL will be held on Tuesday 24th October at 8pm in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road. Hosts are Letterkenny Golf Club and music by Dessie Carlin .

A CHURCH GATE COLLECTION will take place at all masses on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October for Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny.

Sunday 22nd October ~ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm October Devotions: 7 pm
Monday 23rd October ~ St. John of Capistrano, priest
10 am Mass ~ John and Monica O'Brien RIP
Tuesday 24th October ~ St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop
10 am Mass ~ Michael and Mary McGlynn RIP
Wednesday 25th October ~ Bl. Thaddeus Mac Carthy, bishop
10 am Mass ~ Mary and Michael Slattery and family and McDevitt family RIP Confessions ~ 7.30 pm Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting ~ 8pm
Thursday 26th October
8 am Mass ~ James and Kathleen Adams RIP 10 am Mass ~ Joseph Kelly RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Patsy (Patricia) Gallagher RIP (Month's Mind Mass) 7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre
Friday 27th October ~ St. Otteran, monk
8 am Mass ~ James O'Regan RIP 10 am Mass ~ Isobel Browne RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Colman Fox (First Anniversary), Shaun McDaid, Margaret Gallagher, Brian Gallagher, Kevin Peoples, Brendan Peoples, Alfie Peoples, Tessie Wilkie, Peter Wilkie, Julia O'Hanlon, Kathleen Blake, Bridie Patton, Peggy Doogan, Joseph Kelly and Barney Coyle (Jnr) RIP
Saturday 28th October ~ Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles
10 am Mass ~ Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm 4 pm ~ Baptisms 6 pm ~ Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th October ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm October Devotions: 7 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366 We Care - Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325