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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 8th October - €6,017

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €3,667.13

**DONATIONS** ~ €105

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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

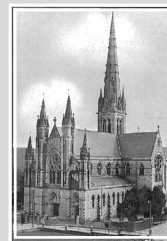
**Loreto Secondary School**, will host their **AGM** in the School Library at 8 pm on **Monday 16th October**. Guest Speaker: Cormac McCormack, SVP. All welcome.

**WEEKEND RETREAT: 'GOD'S GREATEST GIFT: THE EUCHARIST'** will be held in the **Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny** from the **10th - 12th November**. In the Eucharist God gives us Himself - there is no greater gift than that! The Eucharist is a wonderful gift of His Mercy. In this Retreat we will want to come closer to the great mystery of Christ's presence among us. We will learn more about the Mass and how to participate better in it. We will commence on Friday at 6 pm (Holy Mass in the Cathedral at 7 pm) and conclude on Sunday at 2 pm. **Please note: it is necessary to book for all our retreats.** Please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 0749169934 or email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com.

The theme for **WORLD FOOD DAY 2023** which takes place on the 16th October : *'Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind'*. Access to clean water is not only essential for survival but also plays a vital role in ensuring food security for all. Be conscious of how much water you use each day, find ways to reduce unnecessary consumption of water. Choose local, seasonal, and fresh foods. Be conscious of food waste. Visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) for further information.

A **CLOTHES JUMBLE SALE** will take place in the Community Centre, on **Sunday 22nd October** from 11 am - 4 pm. €10 Per Table. Clothes not sold can be left and will be donated to charity. Please phone 0749122761 to book your table.

**COLÁISTE AILIGH VARIETY SHOW 'SIANSA SAMHNA'** - Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th October at 8 pm. This bilingual show will include a variety of songs from Musical Theatre classics, old and new, including La La Land, Come From Away, Rent, Mamma Mia and many more. There will also be some intermittent drama to add variety and great raffle prizes. A must for all the family. Tickets can be purchased from An Grianan Theatre. [www.angrianan.com](http://www.angrianan.com)



## ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 15th October 2023**  
**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **The Mass – The Liturgy of the Word** **Cycle of Readings for the Seasons: The Easter Triduum – Holy Saturday**

The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday is made up of four sections: the Liturgy of Light [blessing the Paschal Fire, the blessing and lighting of the Paschal Candle, and the Exultet hymn], the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Liturgy of the Word is the richest in all the celebrations of the Church. There can be seven Old Testament readings, along with their accompanying psalms, along with the New Testament reading or Epistle and the Gospel of the Resurrection. The Old Testament readings follow a deliberate schema that brings us through the “history of salvation”, and reflects what Jesus has done for us by the Easter mystery of his death and resurrection. They are as follows: [1] The creation account from Genesis (1:1-2:2), to remind us that God has made a new creation at Easter; the Garden of Gethsemane and the Garden of the Resurrection are a new Eden, where the betrayal of sin is made good by God's fidelity in Christ and the new life that flows from the tree of the cross, forming a new marriage covenant between God and His people. Psalm 103 is a beautiful hymn to God's creating power through His Spirit, who recreates and makes new by grace. [2] The testing of Abraham and his fidelity (Genesis 22:1-18) – the story of the temptation to put the promise before the One who has promised, reflecting the mystery that God the Father did not spare His own Son but gave him up for us all. Jesus is the spotless lamb whom the Father has provided. Psalm 15 recalls trust in God who preserves us from evil. [3] The Exodus account of the Passover and crossing of the Red Sea [Exodus 14:15-15:1]. Jesus is the new Moses who leads his people from slavery to sin through the waters of baptism and into the land of grace. He offers himself as their redemption, the paschal lamb without spot or stain. The canticle of the freed from Exodus is sung (Ex. 15:1-6,16-17: I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!). [4] Isaiah 54:5-14 speaks of the Lord's faithfulness to his unfaithful people in terms of the marriage covenant, reminding us of how Christ describes himself again and again as the Bridegroom. Psalm 29 sings of the Lord's pity and fidelity. [5] Isaiah 55:1-11 is the beautiful and poetic reading of God's call to conversion and his promise of the water of life and the food of eternity. The canticle of Isaiah 12:2-6 sings how “with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation”. [6] The Prophet Baruch (3:9-15,32-4:4) speaks of the holy wisdom which is found in Christ and is the gift of his Spirit. Psalm 18 picks this up as it sings of the law of the Lord that “revives the soul”. [7] The reading from

the Prophet Ezekiel (36:16-28) again recalls baptism, for God promises he will cleanse His people and restore them in covenant with Him, remove the stone that is in our heart and place His Spirit within us. The beautiful psalm 41 follows – “like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God”. The Epistle is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans (6:3-11) where we find the great statement of baptismal faith (when we baptised with Christ we went into the tomb with him.../...so that as Christ was raised from the dead we too might live a new life). It is followed by the announcement of the Easter Alleluia and the Alleluia Psalm (117): “The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes”. The Gospel of the Resurrection then follows from Matthew, Mark or Luke, according to the year.

Next weekend, we will celebrate **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, the Holy Father’s annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Overseas missionaries and the communities they serve are facing extremely difficult challenges. You can help right now by using the special envelope marked ‘Mission Sunday’ in your box of Sunday envelopes next weekend, or you can donate €4.00 by texting the word ‘Mission’ to 50300. Alternatively, you can donate and also find out further information online at [www.misio.ie](http://www.misio.ie) or call Missio on 01-4972035.

**‘MERCY MEETS MISERY’** (Afternoon Retreat ~ Saturday 21st October) in the Divine Mercy Centre from 2 pm - 5.30 pm. During this afternoon, we want to encounter the Merciful Lord through Scripture. We will be looking in particular at the passage from Luke 7:36-50. There we find Jesus at the table in the house of Simon the Pharisee and a sinful woman who washes His feet. We will see how in His Mercy He appreciates her great love and forgives her all her sins. By praying with this passage we too will be able to meet Him. This retreat will consist of a talk, a time of prayer with the Scripture and sharing our experience of faith (also around a cuppa). **Please note: it is necessary to book for all our retreats.** For bookings and further information please phone the Divine Mercy Centre at 0749169934 or email: [dvmletterkenny@gmail.com](mailto:dvmletterkenny@gmail.com)

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.

**ONE MILLION CHILDREN IN THE WORLD PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR UNITY AND PEACE** ~ The Pontifical Foundation, Aid to the Church in Need, invites Families, Catechists, Teachers to join this prayer campaign to **PRAY THE ROSARY together with Children on Wednesday 18th October.** You are also invited to come to **St. Eunan’s Cathedral at 6 pm on Wednesday 18th October** to pray together for unity and Peace in the world. Prayer material and a video is available at: [millionchildrenpraying.org](http://millionchildrenpraying.org)

A **BUS is going to Knock Shrine** on Saturday 21st October from Letterkenny stopping at Ballybofey, Donegal Town and Ballyshannon enroute. A priest will accompany the group and Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine for the group. For more information or to book please phone: 087-7530132.

### Sunday 15th October ~ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Monday 16th October ~ St. Hedwig and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention  
10 am Mass ~ Roseanne Griffin and Deceased Family Members RIP

### Tuesday 17th October ~ St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

8 am Mass ~ Tessy Bejoy RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Susan Doogan RIP                      6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions  
7 pm Mass ~ Maureen Gillen RIP (First Anniversary)

### Wednesday 18th October ~ St. Luke, Evangelist

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention                      10 am Mass ~ Priest’s Intention  
7 pm Mass ~ John McGlynn RIP  
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm                      Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting ~ 8 pm

### Thursday 19th October ~ Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions, Martyrs

8 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving  
10 am Mass ~ Kieran McMacken RIP (First Anniversary)  
7 pm Mass ~ Bridie Patton RIP  
7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre  
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

### Friday 20th October

8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP  
10 am Mass ~ John McCafferty RIP  
7 pm Mass ~ James Whoriskey, Tina Brogan, Baby John Anderson, Thomas Smith, Bridie Herron, Sean Ginty, Mona Ginty and Hughie Gallagher RIP

### Saturday 21st October

10 am Mass ~ Priest’s Intention  
3 pm Mass ~ Mary Ferry RIP (Month’s Mind Mass)  
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm  
4 pm ~ Baptisms                      6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

### 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