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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 12th November - €6,364

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €5,215.36 **DONATIONS** ~ 1 x €90 & 1 x €50

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

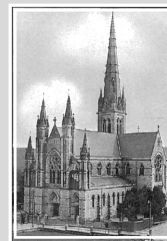
MARY'S MEALS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE will take place on Saturday 25th November in Trinity Hall (beside Cathedral Car Park) from 10.30 am - 4 pm. There will be lots of home made crafts, bakes, wreaths, decorations, hand knits and lots more. Fun for everyone and music will be provided by Gary Mangan. Mrs Claus will also be in attendance with a special guest..... All welcome.

8th - 10th December ~ ADVENT RETREAT ~ Facilitator: Philip McParland: In the weeks leading up to Christmas there is usually a lot going on in our lives. This weekend will offer you an opportunity to focus on your spiritual preparation. It will be both reflective and practical, suggesting ways to keep in touch with Jesus. For further details email: info@ardsfriary.ie or phone 0749138909 (Monday – Saturday 10 am - 4 pm) or 087- 4557796.

MARY'S MEALS CHRISTMAS GIFTS CAMPAIGN ~ With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement, Mary's Meals have launched their Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Please visit: marysmeals.ie to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/089-4339592.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT AT KNOCK BASILICA ~ Friday 1st December. An evening of songs of Faith, Hope and Love and Christmas. Featuring: Margo, Philomena Begley, Donna Taggart, John McNicholl, Marc Roberts etc. Tickets are €30 and available from ticketmaster.ie This special event will raise funds for Victim Assistance Ireland. Phone 0949000251/ 1800277477 for info

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 11th September 2024 for 7 days with a Spiritual Director. Cost €879 per person. EARLY BOOKING OFFER €100 OFF if paid in full by 12th December. Phone Mairead on: 087-7698195 or 086-3721962.



**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
LETTERKENNY
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 19th November 2023
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

BISHOP MCGUCKIAN recently attended the Synod of Bishops in Rome during the month of October. Its topic was 'synodality' in the life of the Church. Upon his return, he expressed the desire to share his experience with the people of the Diocese. One of the pivotal experiences of the Synod were 'Conversations in the Spirit', a means to help the work of discernment. He intends to share his Synodal experience and further the conversation about how we can continue the work of discernment within the Diocese. We have many contexts in which we need to develop and use the gift of discernment. **You are invited and warmly encouraged to join Bishop Alan for this experience at the Stranorlar Parish Centre on Monday 27th November at 7.30 pm.**

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CYCLE OF READINGS FOR THE SEASONS: THE EASTER SEASON

The Easter Season begins with the Easter Octave, sometimes referred to as the Great Sunday, which runs to the Sunday following Easter Sunday which has been known by various names over the centuries: Low Sunday, Dominica in Albis [White Sunday] and, more recently, Divine Mercy Sunday. Octaves are the week following the principal celebrations in the Church's liturgical year, of which the octaves of Christmas and Easter are the only ones retained in the liturgical calendar [there was one an octave following the feast of Pentecost].

The Easter Octave is really a prolongation of the feast of Easter, in both its rich Mass formularies and the readings chosen for these days. The first reading throughout this week, and stretching into much of the Easter Season, is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The Acts recount the first days and years of the Church after the resurrection and ascension of Our Lord. Reading them, we encounter the freshness of the Gospel when first proclaimed, and the transformation in courage and faith it effected in the apostles. In the days after Easter, we hear them witnessing to the experience of the resurrection, their encounters with the Risen Lord, and its meaning which transforms faith.

We realise that faith in the resurrection is the touchstone for faith in Jesus, who died to forgive our sins and reconcile us to the Father. The Gospel accounts of this week present the various encounters with the Risen Lord by Mary Magdalene and the Apostles.

Fundraising **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** will take place at the Community Centre on **Sunday 19th November** between 12 noon and 4 pm. free. All Admission proceeds to the Letterkenny Community Centre Development Fund.

Letterkenny Ceilí Club are hosting a **CEILÍ MOR** tonight, **Sunday 19th November** in Bonagee Hall from 8 pm - 11 pm. Music by Duntally. All are welcome!

MICA/DEFECTIVE BLOCK SUPPORT INFORMATION EVENING ~

Will take place on **Monday 20th November** from 7 pm - 9 pm in Cara House Family Resource Centre, Pearse Road, Letterkenny. (**Booking Essential – Limited Places**) Information on how to apply for the Redress Scheme | Talk on how to manage stress. Information stands from other community groups. Free refreshments. To book a place call Cara House on 0749123986 or 0861223029.

ERRIGAL COLLEGE will hold their annual **OPEN NIGHT** on **Thursday 23rd November**. The event is a fantastic opportunity for 5th and 6th class pupils to view their facilities, meet staff and sample the subjects on offer in the school. The Open Night will have two sessions: from 5.15 pm to 7 pm and from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. To register for one of the sessions and find out more please visit www.errigalcollege.ie

BALL WITH THE SAINTS ~ Saturday 25th November: 6 pm - 10 pm in the Divine Mercy Centre. In November we not only remember to pray for the Holy Souls, but we also remember about the Saints. Before the start of Advent we would like to invite adults and children to a time of fun and dancing. Please come dressed up as your favourite Saint (or any Saint of your choice). The best costumes will be rewarded. Through spending time together we want to remember our own call to holiness and also get to know more about our friends in heaven. Phone 0749169934.

Mary's Meals are happy to announce their **ART SALE** which will take place at Frame Masters, Canal Road, Letterkenny on **Thursday 23rd November** from 6.30 pm - 9 pm. Over one hundred and fifty paintings have been given to Mary's Meals for this event. We gratefully acknowledge the work and generosity of all the artists. Everyone is invited and light refreshments will be served on the night. Any unsold paintings will be left on display at Frame Masters until Wednesday 29th November. As always Mary's Meals deeply appreciates your kindness and support.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are **ON SALE** in Veritas, Main Street; Macs Mace, High Road; Clarke's Newsagents, Lower Main Street; County Dry Cleaners, Lower Main Street; Certa Oil (formally Jones Oil), Port Road; Kernans Shop, Lower Main Street; Kernans Shop, Oldtown; Kernans Shop, Tullygay; Tinney's Oil, Bonagee; The Bookmark, Letterkenny Shopping Centre and from the Sacristy and Parochial House. (€5 per pack of 5). **The Recipient's intentions are included in all Masses in the Cathedral from the 25th December until the 1st January.** Any profit, after printing costs, will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society. *We are very thankful to all businesses who have kindly agreed to sell the Parish Christmas Cards on our behalf.*

Sunday 19th November ~ Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 20th November

8 am Mass ~ Willie Crawford RIP 10 am Mass ~ Special Intention

Tuesday 21st November ~ The Presentation of the B.V.M

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Charles Butler RIP
6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions
7 pm Mass ~ Eddie Tinney RIP (First Anniversary)

Wednesday 22nd November ~ St. Cecilia, virgin and Martyr

8 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the McCarron Family RIP
10 am Mass ~ Maura Maguire RIP
7pm Mass ~ Pat, Nancy and Patti Ann Gallagher RIP and Barbara Molloy RIP
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting ~ 8 pm

Thursday 23rd November ~ St. Columban, abbot and missionary

8 am Mass ~ John McCarter RIP
10 am Mass ~ Paddy Carr RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Catherine and Phil McCafferty RIP
7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre

Friday 24th November ~ Ss. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

8 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention
7 pm Mass ~ William Bradley (Month's Mind Mass), James Doherty, Mary Doherty, Thomas McGinty, Mary McMEnamin, Paddy McMEnamin, Tom O'Reilly, Harry McKinney, Anna Cowman, Brendan Conaghan, Caroline McCosker, Anthony McGinty, Roberto Logica, Troy Morris, David Nesbitt, Michael Buchanan, Marsha McConnell, Stephen Kelly, Jane Boyd Sweeney, John McDaid and Cassie McDaid RIP

Saturday 25th November ~ St. Catherine of Alexandria

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm
4 pm ~ Baptisms 6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Sunday 26th November ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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