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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 19th November - €5,548

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €7,856.22

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

PRO-LIFE MASS ~ Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 12th December** (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) at 7 pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs. Everyone is very welcome.

YOUTH2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT (Age:16-35) will take place in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from the **8th - 10th December**. This is a three day Catholic event run by young people for young people. For information regarding free buses etc., please visit: youth2000.ie /socials 'Youth 2000 Ireland'. Donation only.

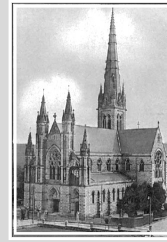
KNOCK ALL NIGHT VIGIL - 'A Light to Enlighten the World'. Confessions from 10 pm until Midnight on **Thursday 7th December**. The Vigil will continue in the Basilica from Midnight with Rosary, Holy Hour, Reflections and Prayer, concluding with Mass at 4 am. **A bus will leave the Cathedral Car Park on Thursday 7th December (time to be confirmed)**. Please phone Michael on 087-2922499.

Letterkenny 2024 Calendar (containing old photographs of people and buildings) is now available in Clarkes Newsagents. Price: €6

RAINBOWS, Letterkenny - applications are now open for a new Rainbows programme beginning February 2024. Rainbows is a free nine week programme for children (7-13 years) who have experienced a bereavement or parental separation. To receive an application form please contact the Pastoral Centre on 0749121853 or email: pastoralcentre@raphoediocese.ie. For more information on the Rainbows programme, please visit: www.rainbowsireland.ie

RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2024 will take place from the **18th - 25th July** accompanied by a Spiritual Director. For further details, please phone Mena on 0749121748/086-1655513 or Eileen on 083-1175135.

The Donegal N.E. Group PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2024 will take place on the 25th September for seven nights. Flight from Knock to Mostar. Vouchers are available. For more information and bookings, please phone Michael on 087-2922499.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26th November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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.**

ADVENT RETREATS

HOW TO CELEBRATE THE BEAUTIFUL SEASON OF ADVENT ~

Please join the Sisters of Merciful Jesus for this **ADVENT RETREAT** on **Saturday 2nd December** from 2 pm - 5.30 pm in the Divine Mercy Centre. We often wonder how to live out the time of Advent well? How to prepare best for Christ's coming? In this retreat we want to share some practical tips on how to increase our joy, hope, peace and love at this time. The retreat will consist of talks, a time of prayer and reflection and sharing our experience of faith. **Please note: it is necessary to book for all our retreats.** For more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 0749169934 or email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com

The **LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL RETREAT** will take place on **Sunday 3rd December** at 10 am in Ards Friary, Creeslough. The Retreat will be given by Fr. Colm Mannion. Auxiliary Members and Non Legionaries are all welcome. Bus leaving the Cathedral Car Park at 9 am. Cost for the Retreat: €25. **Please phone Bridget on 086-0630729 or Kay on 085-1679214 to book.**

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.**

BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES / STANDING ORDERS

- If you attend the Cathedral on a regular basis and would like to receive a Box of Cathedral Envelopes for 2024 OR perhaps you would like to set up a Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office on 9121021 in the coming week.
- Thirty-two boxes of envelopes were collected from the back of the Cathedral during 2023. Unfortunately the little card inside the boxes were never returned to us and therefore we have no record of the donors. At least eight of these donors could potentially help the Parish a little further by signing a CHY Certificate, whereby the Parish can claim Tax back on yearly donations of more than €250.
- It is important when setting up a Standing Order to make sure that **your name will appear** on the Cathedral Bank Statement. Please **do not use a Box of Envelopes Number**, as boxes are rotated every two/three years. We have the Cathedral **'Bank Account Number'** appearing on our Statement from a Donor; we have **'No 1 Account'** appearing from a Donor and we have regular **'Sent from Revolut'** donations appearing on our Bank Statement - but no Donor's name!

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are **ON SALE** in Veritas, Main Street; Mace 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CLEANING ~ Can you lend a hand with hoovering, dusting, glass cleaning etc? We invite you to come to the Cathedral on Monday 4th December at 6.30 pm for cleaning in preparation for Christmas. Everyone welcome.

LETTERKENNY MEMORIES will take place in the Station House Hotel on **Monday 27th November** at 8 pm. Everyone welcome.

A **Young At Heart Social** will be held on **Tuesday 28th November** at 8 pm in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road and will be hosted by Letterkenny Rotary.

Letterkenny Hospital Campaign Group are hosting an important **Public Meeting**: Re: **CONTINUING CONCERNS AT LETTERKENNY HOSPITAL** in the Mount Errigal Hotel at 8 pm on **Thursday 30th November**. People are invited to bring a written account of their experiences of the hospital which will be compiled and forwarded to the Minister for Health. Doctors/Consultants/Patients and advocacy groups are invited to speak on the night. Please phone Mary T. Sweeney on 087-6707002 or email Donna: letterkennyhospitalcampaign@gmail.com to be included on the program. We encourage people from across Donegal to make every effort to attend this meeting.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY will take place at 1 pm on **Saturday 2nd December** at the Market Square. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

Monday 27th November ~ St. Fergal, bishop & missionary

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Catherine and Phil McCafferty RIP

Tuesday 28th November

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

7 pm Mass ~ Terence Owens RIP (Month's Mind Mass) and Barry Owens RIP

Wednesday 29th November

8 am Mass ~ Seamus Broolly RIP

10 am Mass ~ Margaret Doherty RIP

7pm Mass ~ Deceased Members of St. Eunan's G.A.A. Club RIP

Confessions ~ 7.30 pm

Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting ~ 8 pm

Thursday 30th November ~ St. Andrew, apostle

8 am Mass ~ Breda Laffey RIP

10 am Mass ~ Peter and Annie McDermott RIP

7 pm Mass ~ John, Joe and Connie Harley and Deceased Family Members

7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre

Friday 1st December

8 am Mass ~ Jim and Mary McGeever RIP

1 pm ~ Nuptial

10 am Mass ~ John, Mary, John, Frances and Paula Brennan RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Karl Gormley (Month's Mind Mass), Akie O'Donnell (Month's Mind Mass), Hugh Mailey, Kathleen Mailey, Maureen Brennan, Jim Brennan, Deceased Members of the Brennan Family, Deceased Members of the Glackin Family, Mary Teresa Shiels, Tim Foley, Anton Diver, Deceased Members of the Diver Family, Henry Murray, Sheila Mailey, Brian Mailey, William Mailey, Elizabeth Mailey, Rose Dorrian and Michael Dorrian RIP

Saturday 2nd December

10 am Mass ~ Barbara McLaughlin RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

First Saturday Devotions ~ after 10 am Mass. Everyone welcome.

Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm

4 pm ~ Baptisms

6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Sunday 3rd December ~ First Sunday of Advent

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

Baptisms: 2.30 pm