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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 29th October - €5,783

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €4,820.97 **DONATIONS** ~ €120

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

UPCOMING RETREATS AT ARDS FRIARY

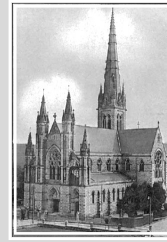
17th - 19th November ~ WALKING WITH THE MYSTICS ~ Facilitator: Fr. Richard Hendricks A Mystic is often defined as someone who lives from an experiential knowledge of the Divine. In this retreat we will encounter some of the great mystics of our tradition both male and female and see how we may integrate their insights into our own day to day lives to enrich our own spirituality and identify the inner mystic longing for the presence of God in our own hearts

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.**

PIONEER PLEDGE FOR THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS ~ A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers on 01-8054226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

A DAY RETREAT OF PRAYER FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SOULS IN PURGATORY will take place in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry on **Friday 17th November** from 10 am - 3 pm. Cost for the day, including light lunch €20. For bookings, telephone 028 71 262512.

ARE YOU - OR DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT PREPARING FOR THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE? Lionra Leitir Ceanainn is running study days for Ordinary and Honours Level students on **18th/19th November** to help them develop more fluency, confidence and a better vocabulary in Irish. For further details please contact pobal@lionralc.ie or 086-0136579



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER Sunday 5th November 2023 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mass – The Liturgy of the Word Cycle of Readings for the Seasons: The Easter Triduum – Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord is the great day of rejoicing. The readings reflect this, and also have a quietness about them after the abundance of the Vigil. The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles [10:34,37-43], presents Peter preaching to Cornelius and his household about the events of Jesus' death and resurrection. The passage is like a short creed in which Peter fulfils his most important witness, in union with the other apostles: he is a witness to Jesus' baptism in the Jordan at which he was anointed with the Spirit; he is a witness that he "went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil"; he is a witness that "they killed him by hanging him on a tree"; he is a witness that "three days afterwards God raised him to life"; and he is a witness that "we are those witnesses" to whom the Lord showed himself. He asserts: "we ate and drank with him after his resurrection from the dead" and "he has ordered us to proclaim this to everyone" since "all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name".

The Psalm [117] takes up the refrain that is the song of this day: "This is the day that was made by the Lord, let us be glad and rejoice in it", since "the stone rejected by the builders has become the keystone" and it is "a marvel in our eyes".

The second reading, from St. Paul to the Colossians [3:1-4], teaches us, "Since you have been brought back to life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is sitting at God's right hand". Before the Gospel, the Paschal Sequence, Victimae Paschali, is sung or read. It is an ancient hymn recounting Mary Magdalene's joy in her encounter with the Lord: "Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious King thy mercy show!"

The Gospel is read from St. John [20:1-9] recounts the events of Easter morning, where Mary of Magdala, Peter and John are the protagonists. Mary comes upon the empty tomb and runs to fetch Peter. John runs with him, but reaches the tomb first, being much younger. He is full of respect of Peter, who must be the first and the authoritative witness, and so he waits for Peter and allows him to enter in. John describes his own reaction: he saw and he believed". It is the call of each disciple on Easter morning: to see and to believe in the simple and marvellous fact of the resurrection.

CONFLICT IN THE HOLY LAND ~ The Diocese of Raphoe Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation group asks all Parishioners to pray for peace in the Holy Land and that the killing of all innocent children, women and men stop immediately and that a ceasefire is implemented to allow water, food, vital medical aid and supplies to reach thousands of people in Gaza.

A **EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE** will be held in All Saints Church, Newtowncunningham on Monday 6th November at 7.30 pm. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28. All welcome.

Would you like to be able to better understand and defend your Catholic faith? Have you ever been in a situation where you know what the Church teaches but can't explain exactly why? **'INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS' COURSE** will recommence on Wednesday 8th November at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny. Info: dpr@raphoediocese.ie / 0874504873

The **ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RAPHOE DIOCESAN SOCIETY** will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Donegal Town on Thursday 16th November at 7 pm. Celebrant will be Bishop Alan McGuckian, SJ. To enrol a person in the RAPHOE DIOCESAN SOCIETY, please contact your local Priest, Parish Office or email: rds@raphoediocese.ie for further information. The enrolment fee is €15 per person living or deceased.

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. **Please note: it is necessary to book for all our retreats.** Please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 0749169934 or email: dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com.

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR CATHEDRAL ALTAR SOCIETY. Can you spare an hour or two every 6 to 8 weeks? Please contact Adrienne on 086-3161376 or the Parish Office on 9121021. All are welcome.

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 for further information, please email the National Vocations Office on: info@vocation.ie or phone Fr. Rory Brady, Raphoe Diocesan Vocations Director on 0749737015.

NEW FREE BEREAVEMENT GROUP - Are you struggling to come to terms with the death of a loved one? Starting Monday 13th November from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Booking essential. Please contact CARA HOUSE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE on 0749123986 or 0861223029.

Sunday 5th November ~ Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 6th November ~ Feast of All the Saints of Ireland

8 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Raphoe Diocesan Society RIP
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention
7 pm Mass ~ NOVENA

Tuesday 7th November ~ St. Willibrord, bishop & missionary

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions
10 am Mass ~ Raymond Crossan RIP
7 pm Mass ~ NOVENA

Wednesday 8th November

8 am Mass ~ Anjo Duffy RIP
10 am Mass ~ William and Frances Duggan RIP
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm
7 pm Mass ~ NOVENA
Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting ~ 8 pm

Thursday 9th November ~ The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8 am Mass ~ Mary and Peter Gallagher RIP
10 am Mass ~ Ida McDevitt RIP (Recently deceased)
7 pm - 8.30 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room
7 pm Mass ~ NOVENA

Friday 10th November ~ St. Leo the Great

8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Chloe Gallagher Fanneran (First Anniversary), Lauri Faulkner (First Anniversary), Louis Bradley (First Anniversary), Liam Collins (First Anniversary), James Hunter (First Anniversary), Liam Bradley, Bridie Kelly, Gerard McDermott, Joseph Martin Conway, Brigid Kelly, Oonagh Gallagher, James Kelly, Margaret Kelly, Grace Marley, Karen Cullen, Hugh Mailey, Kathleen Mailey, Joe Kelly, Elaine Winston, Orla McNulty, Nora Friel, Mary Blake, Eddie Blake, Pat McBrearty, Pat Docherty, Francie McLaughlin and Marian Kelly RIP
10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

Saturday 11th November ~ St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

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

Sunday 12th November ~ Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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