Parish Office Hours: Monday to Thursday: 9.30am - 4.30pm/Friday 9.30am - 1pm
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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 5th November - €6,946 **PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €10,885 **DONATIONS** ~ €126

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  $\sim$  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

**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.

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.



# ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 12th November 2023**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN SJ ON THE CONFLICT IN THE HOLY LAND

Dear Parishioners, I ask for your continued prayers for peace in the Holy Land as we continue to see the horrific impact of war, terror, death and destruction in Israel and Palestine. Let us pray particularly for those who have been taken hostage, those who have been killed, those who have been injured, and are being driven from their homes. We also pray that people in positions of power and authority receive the wisdom to guide them into ways of peace and justice.

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land you might also consider giving to Trócaire. Two years ago I witnessed first-hand the outstanding work of Trócaire and their partners in providing aid and advocating for the human rights of the people in Gaza and the West Bank. On the Trócaire website www.trocaire.org there are good guidelines for ways to help and advocate for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

May our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, through our prayers and solidarity, know our desire to remain close to them at this most difficult, terrifying, and testing of times.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.

# 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.

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.

A **YOUNG AT HEART SOCIAL** will be held at 8 pm on Tuesday 14th November in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road. Hosts are the PWA; music by Alec and Sinead Black.

**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, Una Nolan and Schola Cantorum Basilicae. Tickets are €30 and available from ticketmaster.ie This special event will raise funds for Victim Assistance, supporting victims of crime and trauma victims in Ireland. Doors open at 6.30 pm. Show begins at 8 pm sharp. More information from Victim Assistance head office on 0949000251/1800277477.

**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.

#### **ALTAR SOCIETY ROTA**

17th/24th November: Veronica Molloy, Grace Kelly, Caroline Patton

1st/8th December: Carmel O'Donnell, Fiona Tunney, Mary McHale, Rena Peacock 15th/22nd December: Paul McHugh, Kathleen McHugh, Samuel Akhiwo, Justina Akhiwo.

29th December/5th January: Stainslous Mako, Florence Mako, Roman Martiny, Swapny Byjoy

12th/19th January: Mena McBride, Edwina Friel, Elizabeth McCormick, Lisa Geraghty

26th January/2nd February: Samuel Akhiwu, Justina Akhiwu, Adrienne Mc Glinchey

9th/16th February: Anne Omudsra, Olitha Mpofu, Terry

**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.

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

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

#### **Monday 13th November**

8 am Mass ~ Oonagh Gallagher RIP 10 am Mass ~ Dessie Kelly RIP

#### Tuesday 14th November ~ St. Laurence O'Toole, bishop

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Hegarty Family RIP

6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

7 pm Mass ~ Liam Duddy RIP (First Anniversary)

## Wednesday 15th November ~ St Albert the Great

8 am Mass ~ Brian and Brid Walsh RIP

**10 am Mass** ~ Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary/Our Lady of Knock Praesidium/Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium RIP

7pm Mass ~ Brian Ward RIP (First Anniversary)

### Thursday 16th November ~ St. Margaret and St. Gertrude

8 am Mass ~ Sr. Catherine Duffy RIP

10 am Mass ~ Frank Duff (Servant of God) RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Bridie Drein RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

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

#### Friday 17th November ~ St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8 am Mass ~ Charlie and Ellen McMenamin RIP

**0 am Mass** ~ Priest's Intention

7 pm Mass ~ Mary Harley, Adrian Hughes, Michael Curran, Hannah Gaffey, Rachel McDevitt, Jean Russell, Kathleen Gallagher, Nora Gallagher, Annabella Fisher, Barney McBrearty, Mary Elizabeth Giblin, Mary Ferry, Jackie Houston and Michael Bohan RIP

# Saturday 18th November ~ The Dedication of the Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul

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

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

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