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# **SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 3rd December - €6,171 **PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €4,210.81

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

This Christmas, **VERITAS**, Main Street, Letterkenny invites you to share the joy through gifts that go beyond the ordinary: meaningful gifts that remind us what Christmas is all about: Children's Books, Nativity Sets, Advent Candles, Cards etc.

**TRÓCAIRE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? **Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2024 in the Donegal Area.** If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have a few free hours during Lent then we would love to hear from you! For more information call Casey Schell on 02890 808033 or email casey.schell@trocaire.org

**MARY'S MEALS CHRISTMAS GIFTS CAMPAIGN**  $\sim$  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  $\in$ 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.

**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.

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

**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. Please phone Michael on 087-2922499 for details.



# ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th December 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

Please join us to celebrate **'BAMBINELLI SUNDAY'** at Masses next Sunday, 17th December. Children/Adults are invited to bring along their 'Baby Jesus' crib figure from their homes to Mass for a special blessing. They will then take them back home in preparation for placing them in the Crib on Christmas Eve.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE ~ CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE**

The Cathedral Carol Service will take place on Sunday 17th December at 7.30 pm. A practice for all Choirs/Soloists will take place on Saturday 16th December in the Cathedral at 2.30 pm

# **CHRISTMAS CONFESSION TIMES**

Saturday 16th December: 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm Sunday 17th December: 3 pm - 5.30 pm Tuesday 19th December: 10.30 am - 12 noon and 7.30 pm Wednesday 20th December: 10.30 am - 12 noon and 7.30 pm Thursday 21st December: 10.30 am - 12 noon and 7.30 pm Friday 22nd December: 10.30 am - 12 noon and 7.30 pm Saturday 23rd December: 10.30 am - 5 pm

# BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION

If you delivered the boxes of envelopes for us in previous years, we would appreciate your help once again this year. 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. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.

**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.

An afternoon **RETREAT** will take place the **Divine Mercy Centre**, **Letterkenny** on Saturday **16th December from 2 pm - 5.30 pm** ~ our theme will be: 'GOD'S **BIRTH IN YOU: ALL HEAVEN REJOICES'**. Christmas is just round the corner. With this in mind we want to prepare not only our houses, decorations, tables, trees, but most importantly our hearts. In this retreat we will see how Christ can be born in us. And in a special way we want to focus on how much joy that brings to God, indeed to all of heaven! The angels not only celebrated the birth of Jesus, they celebrate every time Christ is born in you! The retreat will consist of talks, a time of prayer and reflection and sharing our experience of faith (also around a cuppa). **Please note: it is necessary to book for all our retreats**. Please contact the Divine Mercy Centre on 0749169934 or email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com

#### **PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The Cathedral Parish Christmas cards are **ON SALE** in Veritas, Main Street; Macs Deli, 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.

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING NIGHT** will take place in All Saints Church, Newtowncunningham on **Monday 11th December** at 7.30 pm. "The LORD sustains them on their sickbed; in their illness you heal all their infirmities." Psalm 41:3. All welcome.

**"CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS WITH THE CONWAL SINGERS"** will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 8m in Conwal Parish Church. Conducted by Karen Patton, the singers will perform seasonal carols. Special guests include local musicians, the spoken word from Donal Kavanagh and organist Denise Roper. There will be a voluntary retiring collection followed by mince pies and festive fare in Conwal Parish Centre.

**ANAM CARA DONEGAL,** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly **PARENT EVENING FOR BEREAVED PARENTS** on **Thursday 14th December** at 7.15 pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01-4045378.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LOUGH DERG THIS CHRISTMAS**: The online Lough Derg Christmas Shop is now open at: www.loughderg.live/shop Mass Bouquets, Christmas Cards, the limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle, and a large range of Nativity Sets and other gifts. The Christmas shop provides much needed financial support to support the mission and ministry of Lough Derg outside the Pilgrimage Season. Thank you for your support.

#### Sunday 10th December ~ Second Sunday of Advent

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

# Monday 11th December ~ St. Damasus I, pope

8 am Mass ~ Liam O'Neill RIP

10 am Mass ~ Patrick Bradley RIP (First Anniversary)

### Tuesday 12th December ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

8 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving

10 am Mass ~ Ita McDevitt RIP (Recently Deceased) 6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions 7 pm Mass ~ Madeline Carroll RIP (First Anniversary)

### Wednesday 13th December ~ St. Lucy

8 am Mass ~ Forgotten Clergy in Purgatory RIP

10 am Mass ~ Packie and Brigid O'Donnell RIP

**7pm Mass** ~ Kay and Tommy Gallagher and Deceased Family Members RIP

**Confessions** ~ 7.30 pm Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting ~ 8 pm

# Thursday 14th December ~ St. John of the Cross

8 am Mass ~ Dan Collins RIP

10 am Mass ~ Paddy, Kian and Lizzie Curran RIP & Joey & Hugo Travers RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Molly Coyle RIP

7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre

# Friday 15th December

8 am Mass ~ Brendan O'Boyle RIP

10 am Mass ~ Kathleen Fox RIP (First Anniversary)

7 pm Mass ~ Anne O'Donnell (First Anniversary). Bridie Orr, May McCaul, Joe Wilkie, Brigid Anne Keeney, Noel McLaughlin, Lily McLaughlin, John McDonald, Richard Duffy, Johnny Duffy, Packie Duffy, Deceased Members of the Duffy Family, Liam O'Neill, Jimmy Kehoe, Annie Kehoe, Eddie McGlynn. Terry McDermott, Michael Kelly, Mary Kelly, Willie Doogan, Margaret Patton, Bridie Boyce, Colette Browne and Bozena Gruszewska RIP

#### Saturday 16th December

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

### Sunday 17th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

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

Baptisms: 2.30 pm Confessions: 3 pm - 5.30 pm