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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 26th November - €4,701

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €2,301 **DONATIONS** ~ €70

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

Bonagee United Football Club will hold a collection in the Club House from 10 am - 1 pm in aid of the **We Care Letterkenny Food Bank** on Saturday 9th December. Items required include: Pasta, spaghetti, sauces, tinned meat, tinned veg., coffee, sugar, jam, powdered milk, custard and cooking oil. In the run-up to Christmas, it is vital that the food bank is in a position to cater for as many people as possible. The food bank is an intervention service to help families/individuals in crisis for a limited period of time. Your support would be appreciated.

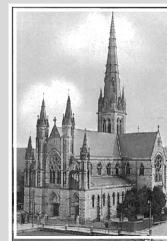
ANAM CARA DONEGAL, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly **PARENT EVENING FOR BEREAVED PARENTS** on Thursday 14th December at 7.15 pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the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

THANK YOU ~ The Young People who recently organised a **Bake Sale** in aid of the **Irish Pilgrimage Trust** would like to thank you most sincerely for your generosity on the day. The amount raised was €535.

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@rphoediocese.ie. Please visit: www.rainbowsireland.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.



**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
LETTERKENNY
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 3rd December 2023
First Sunday of Advent**

ADVANCE NOTICE ~ FAMILY MASS

It is always important that we give the future generation a deep understanding of our Catholic faith. Our next **FAMILY MASS** is on **Sunday 10th December** at 10 am. For some individuals/families, Christmas will be a difficult time so we are going to try and improve on this situation.

During our **FAMILY MASS** we are going to take up presents at the Offertory. These presents will be given to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society who will distribute them during the Christmas season.



We encourage all families to participate and help make Christmas special for all our neighbours. The present - one from each family - can be anything you like: a book, a small toy, a small item of clothing, a box of sweets, etc. Please wrap and mark on them 'boy' and 'girl' and a rough guide as to the age for which the present would be appropriate.

ADVANCE NOTICE ~ CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

The Cathedral Carol Service will take place on
Sunday 17th December at 7.30 pm.

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.

The annual **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** will take place next weekend, 9th and 10th December. Your continued support is deeply appreciated.

**BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE NOW
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.

The **CURSILLO THANKSGIVING MASS** will be held in the Parish Centre, Stranorlar this afternoon, **Sunday 3rd December** at 3 pm. Everyone welcome.

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 at 6.30 pm**. Please phone Michael on 087-2922499.

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.

'The World in Solemn Stillness Lay' ~ Get ready for Christmas with a **NIGHT OF MUSIC** with the Danu Young Women's Choir, in Ards Friary Chapel on **Friday 8th December at 7. 30 pm**. Admission: Adults: €15/Children 13 and under: €5.

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.

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: dvmlletterkenny@gmail.com.

Sunday 3rd December ~ First Sunday of Advent

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

Monday 4th December ~ St. John Damascene

8 am Mass ~ Mary and John Doherty RIP
10 am Mass ~ Frank Doherty RIP

Tuesday 5th December

8 am Mass ~ Frank and Theresa Sweeney
10 am Mass ~ Noel and Mary McGroarty RIP and Joe Gorman RIP
6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions
7 pm Mass ~ Patsy Sweeney RIP (First Anniversary)

Wednesday 6th December ~ St. Nicholas

8 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving
10 am Mass ~ Kathleen Harkin RIP (First Anniversary)
7pm Mass ~ Kathleen Harkin RIP (First Anniversary) and Packie Harkin RIP
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm
Youth 2000 Prayer Meeting ~ 8 pm

Thursday 7th December ~ St. Ambrose

8 am Mass ~ James Duffy RIP
10 am Mass ~ Maureen Murphy RIP (First Anniversary)
7 pm Mass ~ VIGIL MASS
7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre

**Friday 8th December ~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

MASS TIMES: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 7 pm

Saturday 9th December ~ St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzim

10 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm
4 pm ~ Baptisms
6 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Sunday 10th December ~ Second Sunday of Advent

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