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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 4th February - €6,718

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €3,061.13

Parish Youth Ministry ~ €510

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

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE ~ A bus will depart from Letterkenny for the Divine Mercy Conference on **Saturday 24th February**. Please purchase your Conference ticket online for the 24th February at www.divinemercyconference.com before booking the bus! To book your place on the bus please phone: 087-7488174.

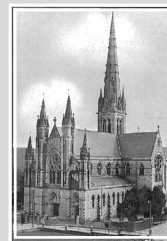
ANNUAL MOTHERS PRAYER WEEKEND in St. John's Rest, Knock from **Friday 16th - Sunday 18th February** (no cover charge). Come and pray for your children/grandchildren. Phone: 087 6184110 or email: ireland@mothersprayers.org

WEEKEND CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT ~ Join us for contemplative prayer, stillness, solitude and reflection in the peaceful surroundings of Ards Friary, Creeslough from **Friday 16th - Sunday 18th February**. Facilitators: Harriet Andrews & Vincent Behan. For Bookings/Registration please phone: Eileen on 0876017709 or email: contemplativeoutreachireland@gmail.com

LENT: SEASON OF WELL-BEING – A Retreat led by Philip McParland from **23rd - 25th February** at Ards Friary. Lent is a suitable time to practice the things that are good for our physical, mental and spiritual health. Please phone 0749138909 (Monday to Friday: 11 am – 4 pm) or email info@ardsfriary.ie

DONEGAL ETB'S 2024 FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING FAIR will be held in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny on **Wednesday 28th February**, from 7 pm - 9 pm and on **Thursday 29th February** from 10 am - 2 pm

THE LAST PRIEST IN IRELAND? IT DEPENDS ON YOU! Are you concerned about the decline in Vocations? What can I do to promote Vocations? The National Vocations Office in collaboration with 'The Hook the Faith', are running an online zoom webinar on **Tuesday 5th March** at 8 pm Keynote speaker: Breda O'Brien. To register, email: thehookoffaith@gmail.com



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11th February 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mass – The Liturgy of the Word **Cycle of Readings for the Seasons: The Easter Season – Pentecost**

Pentecost is the culmination of the Easter Season, just as it was of the mission of Jesus. The sending of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and, through them, upon the whole Church, begins the new and definitive phase of salvation history. We live now in the time of the Spirit, and the works of the Spirit are to be seen in the Church and its holy people. The final part of the Apostles Creed acknowledges this reality, as we pray: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting. The Spirit makes the Church through the Sacraments, the Spirit is the agent of the forgiveness of sins, in the Spirit the body will rise from the dead and reconstituted in the general resurrection of the dead on the Last Day, and we are made for life in the Spirit which endures for eternity.

The significance of this feast is reflected in the liturgy. There may be an extended Vigil that mimics to some degree the Easter Vigil, with four Old Testament readings: Genesis 11:1-9 [with Psalm 32] - the tower of Babel, where the languages were scattered, in contrast to Pentecost where the Apostles could be understood in every tongue, reflecting the unity of the Church across the nations; Exodus 19: 3-8,16-20 [with the canticle of Daniel 3] - Moses' encounter with God in the sight of the people, which reflects the mystery St. Paul describes, namely that the baptises see God face to face; Ezekiel 37:1-14 [with psalm 106]: the vision of Ezekiel and the valley of the bones, where the breath of God brings the dry bones to life, a prophecy of the life of the Spirit and of the general resurrection to come; Joel 3:1-5 [with psalm 103] - "I will pour out my Spirit on all mankind. Your sons and daughter's will prophecy, your old men will dream dreams" – we are all called to bear witness to God and His works. The second reading at the Vigil, be the Vigil the short or the long form, is from Saint Paul to the Romans [8:22-27], presenting the image of the whole creation eager to give birth to the works of the Spirit. Saint Paul speaks about the Spirit interceding on behalf of the saints, "and the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God". The Gospel of the Vigil Mass is from Saint John [7:37-39]: "If any man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.../....He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive".

There will be a **MASS OF THANKSGIVING** with Bishop Alan McGuckian on Monday 26th February at 7 pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral, to mark his departure from the Diocese as he prepares to take up his duties as Bishop of Down and Connor. We hope that people from all across the diocese will participate. Mass will be followed by refreshments at Loreto Secondary School, behind the Cathedral. If you would like to help with practicalities or by preparing baked goods, please contact Mary on 086 0870446.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

7 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 7 pm

(Please note the earlier Mass time of 7 am from Monday to Friday during Lent)

TRÓCAIRE LENT 2024: 'Let justice flow like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.' (Amos:5:24) Climate change in Malawi means flooding and droughts are becoming both more extreme and unpredictable. People are losing their homes, their livelihoods and even their lives. This Lent you are invited to help Malita and her family (pictured on the front of the Trócaire Box) and their communities to build a more secure future in the face of devastating climate change. **Trócaire boxes are available from the back of the Cathedral.**

A **CURSILLO ULTREYA** will be held at the Church of the Irish Martyrs tonight, **Sunday 11th February** at 7.30 pm.

You are invited to a series of **LENTEN REFLECTIONS** being held in the **Church of the Irish Martyrs** over the **Five Tuesdays of Lent beginning February 20th and ending on March 19th.** Each will last one hour, beginning at 7 pm. Reflection topics will cover five distinct areas: Prayer: The Environment/Laudato Si; Grief/Bereavement; Mental Health/Addiction and Holy Week. These evenings will be led by two Capuchins from Ards Friary - Br. Laurence and Fr. Philip Baxter. The first evening, **Tuesday 20th February**, Br. Laurence will lead us in a Reflection on 'Prayer through Scripture' which will be enriched with Sacred Music. "Be still and know that I am God", Ps 46:10. It promises to be a wonderful evening, an enriching foundation for our Lenten journey. So "Come and See" Jn 1:39.

A **SOCIAL FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART** will be held on **Tuesday 13th February** at 8 pm in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road. Hosts: Letterkenny Rugby Club, music by Dennis Sweeney

Líonra Leitir Ceanainn has **IRISH CLASSES FOR ADULT BEGINNERS** starting on **Wednesday 14th February:** 10.30 am - 12 noon. Classes will run in the Líonra office, 7 Castle Street. To register contact pobal@lionralc.ie or 086 0136579

The Sisters of Merciful Jesus, cordially invite you on the **'LITURGICAL MEMORIAL OF OUR FOUNDER, BL. MICHAEL SOPOĆKO'**, **Thursday 15th February** at 7 pm to spend an evening with us. We will learn more about Fr. Michael and spend some time in prayer. We will conclude with a veneration of the relics of Bl. Fr. Michael. Please note: it is necessary to book for all our retreats. To do so, or for more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 074 916 9934 or dvmletterkenny@gmail.com

Sunday 11th February ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Baptisms: 2.30 pm

Monday 12th February

8 am Mass ~ Shaun Crawford RIP

10 am Mass ~ Charlie and Nuala Shiels RIP

Tuesday 13th February

8 am Mass ~ Tommy Dillon RIP

10 am Mass ~ Eileen Moran RIP

6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

7 pm Mass ~ Michael and Donnelly Duffy RIP & Anton and Lily Rodgers RIP

Wednesday 14th February ~ Ash Wednesday

7 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

10 am Mass ~ Anne Kelly RIP

12 noon Mass ~ Jonathan Duncan RIP (First Anniversary)

7 pm Mass ~ Special Intention

Confessions: After 7 pm

Thursday 15th February

7 am Mass ~ Donor's Intention

10 am Mass ~ Hugh, Catherine and Fr. Sammy Holmes RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Priest's Intention

7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre

Friday 16th February ~ Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse

7 am Mass ~ Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral & all names in the Golden Book

10 am Mass ~ Mass of Atonement

7 pm Mass ~ Myra O'Reilly (Month's Mind Mass), Peadar Murphy, Patsy McLaughlin, Martin Ward, Charlie Ward, Thomas James Ward, Martin Reilly, Jimmy Bradley, Joseph McBride, Pat Dawson, Mary Dawson, Gerald Harvey, Kathleen Harvey and Evelyn Hegarty RIP

Saturday 17th February ~ Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm

Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm

Sunday 18th February ~ First Sunday of Lent

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

Baptisms: 2.30 pm

GENT'S WEDDING RING LOST

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