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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 25th February - €5,694

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €10,474.26      **DONATIONS** ~ €85

**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

**MARY'S MEALS** Countywide Church Gate Collection will take place **this weekend, 2nd/3rd March.** €22.00 feeds a child for a full school year. **Mary's Meals** will hold an **ART SALE** in Frosses on the **9th/10th March.**

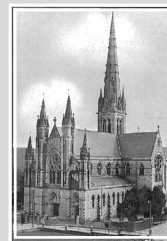
Fr. Terence O' Connell will conduct a **DAY RETREAT IN HONOUR OF SAINT CHARBEL** on **Thursday 14th March** from 10 am - 3 pm in the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca, Derry. A First Class Relic and Blessed Oil of St. Charbel also available on the day. For bookings, telephone 04871262512 for info.

There will be a **CURSILLO LENTEN & FRIENDSHIP RETREAT** in Ards Friary for **Cursillo Members only** from **Friday 22nd (7 pm) - Sunday 24th March** (after lunch). The liturgies will be led by Fr. Laurence Kettle, Spiritual Director. To enquire or to book a place, please phone Pat on 087-9374001.

**RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA** 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.

**Raphoe Justice and Peace and Integrity of Creation Group**

The Lenten Trócaire Campaign focuses on Malita, a mother from Malawi and her family's daily struggle with the extremes of too much and too little water. They face both flash flooding and long spells of dry weather which has devastating effects on their crops, food supplies and livelihood. Practical suggestions as to how we can be in solidarity with the people of Malawi this Lent: Mindful of conserving water; collect rain water in water barrels to use in the garden; buy local food in season; food waste - only buy what you need; compost vegetables, teabags, eggshells etc. to use in the garden; consider planting and growing some herbs/vegetables/fruit: start on a small scale growing in pots at first; plant a fruit tree; enjoy the therapeutic and health giving benefits of working with soil; donate to trocaire.org who help and support and work with people in Malawi and all over the world; pray for our brothers and sisters who are struggling with the effects of poverty and climate change.



## ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 3rd March 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

### THANK YOU

On Monday evening last, 26th February, it was clear how the Cathedral acts as mother church of the diocese. We welcomed not only our own parishioners and members of the wider community here in Letterkenny, but people from all across the diocese to bid farewell to Bishop Alan. The Bishop mentioned that, after his Mass of episcopal ordination, it was the most beautiful liturgy he has had the privilege to be part of. And the reception afterwards at Loreto Secondary School was an occasion of real community and rejoicing. Again, it was great to see people from all across the diocese and from the wider community, particularly our brothers and sisters from other Christian churches.

A word of thanks and acknowledgment is necessary for all involved: our Sacristans who prepared everything for the Mass, the Cathedral cleaning team who made sure the Cathedral was spotless to welcome our guests; the Floral Society for the lovely spring flowers on the High Altar; the Civil Defence for being present to help if needed; all who took part in the liturgy – readers, prayers of the faithful, the offertory; the massed choirs of the Diocese under the direction of Fr. Michael Carney, Gabrielle Fitzsimons and Una Marie O'Donnell, with Jonathan Durning at the organ (along with Gabrielle Fitzsimons for the psalm, sung by Caitríona Murray); our great team of altar servers; Mary Ellen Harley at the Parish Office and Marie McGill at the Diocesan Office; the organising committee who ensured that Loreto School was prepared to host well over six hundred guests (!); Geraldine Mullen and the staff at Loreto Secondary School for their generous welcome; the Knight of Columbanus and the small army of Volunteers who carried tables and chairs, arranged the rooms at Loreto, stewarded in the Cathedral, along the pathway to the school and within the school, moved pews and arranged chairs for the choir, and put up flags and bunting at the Cathedral and in the school; all the suppliers who provided bread, sandwich fillings, milk, etc.; all who baked and helped prepare food for the occasion and who helped with service on the night; those who setup the amplification in the school; John Harley who ensured lighting along the pathway; Paddy Tunney for compering the evening for us so effectively; Michelle Uí Churráin who spoke on behalf of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and Ciaran Maguire who spoke on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Legion of Mary and the Adoration Chapel Committee; John Baird and Johnny Boyle who produced two beautiful presentations for the Bishop at short notice; Mary Maguire for her poem to

celebrate Bishop Alan; Adrienne McGlinchey for arranging the cake, so wonderfully decorated by Anne Gillespie, and Clann Breathnach for playing uplifting airs throughout the evening; all who made donations to defray the costs of the evening.

Above all, a sincere word of thanks to all who came to the Mass and the reception and who gave the Bishop such a heartfelt and encouraging farewell. We will continue to pray for him as our Bishop until the feast of Saint Joseph, 19th March, particularly as he now enters into a period of spiritual preparation for his new mission as Bishop of Down and Connor. Faoi bhrat Mhuire go dté sé.

**HELP NEEDED!** ~ We would appreciate the assistance of more volunteers to help with the 'Basket Collections' at weekend Masses. If interested, please contact the Parish Office on 0749121021 or Rosa on 083-8688667.

The **NATIONAL IRISH SYNODAL PATHWAY TEAM** has requested that each diocese facilitate another round of discussions based on the 'Conversations in the Spirit', which Bishop McGuckian experienced at the Synod in Rome in October. The Diocese of Raphoe Irish Synodal Pathway Team has organised three upcoming sessions in the Diocese: **Monday 4th March** in the **Franciscan Friary, Rosstownlough**: 7 pm - 9 pm facilitated by Michelle Curran/Máire Ní Bhroin; **Thursday 7th March** in the **Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny** 7.45 pm - 9.45 pm facilitated by Michelle Curran/Anne McDwyer; **Wednesday 13th March** in **Ards Friary**: 7 pm - 9 pm facilitated by Fr. Michael McKeever/Joe Conroy;

**PRAYER IN SCRIPTURE:** Friday 8th - Sunday 10th March (Silent weekend Retreat). As Catholics, we are all called to develop a personal, deep relationship with God through prayer. But how to do this? Scripture teaches us how to pray. We have the great example of Jesus to contemplate in the Bible, but also all His words and parables about prayer. We have the writings of other biblical authors. This retreat will be a real feast and time of learning to deepen our prayer! To do so, we will spend the time in silence, to learn to listen to the Lord better. This is a weekend residential retreat, with talks, times of silent prayer and sharing. We will commence on Friday at 6 pm (Holy Mass at 6.30 pm in our chapel) and finish on Sunday approx. 2 pm. **Please note: it is necessary to book for all our retreats.** For cost and further information please contact the **Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny** on: 0749169934 or email: [dvmletterkenny@gmail.com](mailto:dvmletterkenny@gmail.com)

An **EXHIBITION of the 'Eucharistic Miracles of the World'** designed and created by **Blessed Carlo Acutis** will take place in **St. Patrick's Church and Hall, Drumkeen (F93 FW64)** on the **13th, 14th and 15th March**. **Exhibition:** 11 am - 8 pm (Friday 11 am - 5 pm); **Mass and Talk:** 10 am and 7 pm; **Eucharistic Rosary:** 11 am; Video throughout the day until 7 pm (Friday: 5 pm); **Holy Hour** 3 pm - 4 pm; **Eucharistic Stations of the Cross:** 3 pm - 4 pm (Friday); **Adoration:** 11 am - 3 pm.

**MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP** will commence on **Wednesday 13th March** from 6.20 pm - 7.30 pm in the Cathedral Conference Room. All welcome.

<b>Sunday 3rd March ~ Third Sunday of Lent</b>	
<b>Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm</b>	<b>Baptisms: 2.30 pm</b>
<b>Monday 4th March ~ St. Casimir</b>	
<b>7 am Mass ~ Special Intention</b>	<b>10 am Mass ~ Donal McBride RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 5th March ~ St. Kieran, bishop</b>	
<b>7 am Mass ~ Paddy Doherty RIP</b>	
<b>10 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the McDermott Family RIP</b>	
<b>6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions</b>	
<b>7 pm Mass ~ Andy McGranaghan RIP</b>	
<b>Wednesday 6th March</b>	
<b>7 am Mass ~ Kathleen Butler RIP</b>	
<b>10 am Mass ~ Brendan McCafferty RIP</b>	
<b>5.30 pm ~ First Confession ~ Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin</b>	
<b>7 pm Mass ~ Noel Hegarty RIP</b>	
<b>Confessions: After 7 pm Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday 7th March ~ St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, martyrs</b>	
<b>7 am Mass ~ Special Intention</b>	
<b>10 am Mass ~ Kate Leavy RIP</b>	
<b>7 pm Mass ~ Teresa Peoples RIP</b>	
<b>7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre</b>	
<b>Friday 8th March ~ St. John of God, religious and St. Senan</b>	
<b>7 am Mass ~ Fr. James Chesney RIP</b>	
<b>10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention</b>	
<b>7 pm Mass ~ Mary McCafferty (Month's Mind Mass), Patsy Molloy, Sally Molloy, Mary McKendrick, Helen Murray, Mary McMonagle, Gary O'Brien, Joseph O'Hanlon, Josephine Doherty, Larry Doyle, Charlie McGlynn, Ellen McGlynn, Mary Mansfield, Mary McNamee, Deceased Members of the McNamee Family, Patrick Kirwan and Deceased Members of the Vaughan Family RIP</b>	
<b>Lectio Divina ~ 8 pm in the Conference Room</b>	
<b>Saturday 9th March ~ St. Frances of Rome, religious</b>	
<b>10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention</b>	
<b>Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm</b>	
<b>Baptisms ~ 4 pm</b>	
<b>Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday 10th March ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	
<b>Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm</b>	
<b>Baptisms: 2.30 pm</b>	