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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 24th March - €6127

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €37,792.69

(includes €30,523.42 ~ 2 instalments of Diocesan dues)

**Standing Orders/iDonate/Revolut for February** ~ €5465.34

**Thank you for your gift to God and His Church**

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

### **2024 PILGRIMAGES**

**RAPHOE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** led by Bishop Alan McGuckian will take place from the **27th May for four nights**. Direct return flights from City of Derry Airport to Lourdes. Optional return airport transfers from Letterkenny to City of Derry Airport €20 pp. **For bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours: 01-2410800; email: info@hoewalstours.ie** **ASSISTED SECTION: Apply in writing to Fr. Stephen Gorman, Parochial House, Milford, Co. Donegal. F92W5C8; email: lourdes@raphoediocese.ie or phone: 0749153236**

**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.

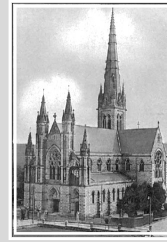
**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:** 12th September for 7 nights with full board. Spiritual Director: Fr Rory Brady. For further information please contact Olive on 087-7831468.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** - 11th September 2024 for 7 days with a Spiritual Director. 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. For more information and bookings, please phone Michael on 087-2922499

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024:** 7 Nights - Apartment/B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Phone: 01-4434510 or visit: www.med-irishcentre.com

**DIVINE MERCY CENTRE, LETTERKENNY** ~ Phone: 0749169934



## **ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 31st March 2024  
Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection**

### **The Day of Resurrection: Journey to the Father**

Journeys are often significant for our life. We were carried in our mother's womb as loved ones and friends rejoiced at the promise of life that we, by God's providence, turned out to be. By God's gift of health, we stood up and took our first steps. We have taken steps into life, decisions, and relationships. At a certain point, we came have come to observe that, although we think we are taking the initiative, boldly stepping out as we determine and decide, in fact often we are carried along – sometimes by circumstance, sometimes by the bearing of others on our life's journey, sometimes simply in confusion or unawareness as the currents move beneath us and carry us along.

Jesus too walked this path of our experience. On Palm Sunday he was carried along in triumph; on Good Friday in derision. He seemed almost passive as cloaks and palms were spread beneath him.

Today, however, Jesus takes up his life as he lay it down. He, the eternal and unseen God, the Word through whom all things came into being and by whose Spirit all things are held in being, entered into the journey by which he emptied himself into the Virgin's womb, walked in our shoes and entered into the mystery of suffering and death, indeed into the mystery of sin, although he is without sin. He was not robbed of the Spirit but freely gave it forth, pouring out his peace on the world [cf. John 19:30; John 14:27]. He is the one alone who has the power to lay down his life in sacrifice for us and to take it up again [cf. John 10:18-19].

Today Jesus takes up his life. He shows himself to be the only protagonist of life and death; he alone is an agent in the journey of life. He calls us to be 'protagonists' of this life he has given to us, making our way to the Father, through the portal of the cross and into the resurrection. This is the meaning of the baptismal journey and life: to join ourselves to Christ in his journey to the Father by continuously dying to sin and rising to new life.

**Bóthar is calling on people in Ireland to help people in Palestine this Easter.** Bóthar is asking for donations to provide immediate humanitarian aid through officially recognised UN and Irish Aid channels. All donations that include donor address details will receive a receipt. Cheques/Postal Orders may be sent to Bóthar, Regus Castletroy, Business Reply, Limerick, V94 Y6FD. Donations for emergency aid can also be made by phone on 1800 26 84 63 or online at Bóthar.ie.

**National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14th April** - Bus leaving Gaoth Dobhair at 6am -via Letterkenny, Ballybofey, Donegal Town. For information and to book contact Fiona (Gaoth Dobhair) on 0876578483 or Cáit (Letterkenny) on 0863074435.

Please **RETURN YOUR TRÓCAIRE BOXES** to the Sacristy or Parochial House AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please **DO NOT LEAVE BOXES WITH MONEY** sitting anywhere around the Cathedral, as your donations may not go to those which you intended it for!

#### **GRAVEYARD SERVICES FOR 2024**

Conwal Graveyard ~ Sunday 7th July ~ 4 pm  
 Aughanishin Graveyard ~ Monday 8th July ~ 7 pm  
 Old Leck Graveyard ~ Sunday 14th July ~ 3 pm  
 New Leck Graveyard ~ Sunday 14th July ~ 4 pm

**Anam Cara Donegal** meet on every 2nd Thursday (Sept-June) at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny from 7.20pm - 9pm. Anam Cara supports all bereaved parents regardless of the age of their child or the circumstances of their death. For further information contact 0852888 888.

**Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter** are holding their inaugural **Easter Craft Fair** in Conwal Parish Church Hall on Easter Saturday (6th April) from 12 Noon to 4pm. Admission is free and all are welcome

**M-PACT (Moving Parents and Children Together)** is a free eight-week programme rolled out by Alcohol Forum Ireland. The programme runs one evening per week from 6pm to 8.30pm with dinner provided. It is for families with child/children aged 8-17 who are or have been affected by parental alcohol or substance misuse. The next programme is scheduled to commence in Letterkenny on Tuesday 16th April. For further details please email [info@alcoholforum.org](mailto:info@alcoholforum.org) or ring 074 9125596.

**Females in the Gaeltacht** (Banfhiontraithe i gceantair Ghaeltachta) looking to start or grow a business. ATU iHub are rolling out their female entrepreneurship programme in conjunction with Údarás na Gaeltachta. [www.empowerprogramme.ie](http://www.empowerprogramme.ie) agus [FB.me/EMPOWERHer.ie](https://www.facebook.com/EMPOWERHer.ie)

**SeniorLine** is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm. Freephone 1800 80 45 91.

#### **Sunday 31st March ~ Easter Sunday**

**Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm - Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet**

#### **Easter Monday - 1st April ~ St. Ceallach (Celsus), bishop**

**10 am Mass ~ Special Intention ~ Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet**

#### **Easter Tuesday - 2nd April ~ St. Francis of Paola, hermit**

**10 am Mass ~ Bridie and Hugh Logue RIP - Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions**

#### **Easter Wednesday - 3rd April**

**10 am Mass ~ Frances Gallagher RIP (Month's Mind) ~ Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet**

#### **Easter Thursday - 4th April ~ St. Isidore, bishop**

**10 am Mass ~ Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room**

#### **Easter Friday - 5th April ~ St. Vincent Ferrer, priest**

**10 am Mass ~ Thomas (Tucker) and Bridie Crampsie RIP ~ Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**Nuptial ~ 1 pm**  
**7 pm Mass ~** Connie Callaghan, Charlie Boyle, Kathleen Boyle, Molly Callaghan, Mary O'Donnell, Joe O'Donnell, Eileen O'Donnell, Martha McGuinness, James Doyle (Snr), James Doyle (Jnr), Hugh Gallagher, Sarah Cunningham, Veronica Gallagher, Brigid Peoples, Nellie Drein, Martin Drein, and Kathleen Olive Agnes Wright RIP

#### **Easter Saturday - 6th April**

**10 am Mass ~ Goretti McMonagle RIP ~ Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm**  
**Nuptial ~ 1 pm**  
**Baptisms ~ 4 pm**  
**Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm**

#### **Sunday 7th April ~ Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm**                      **Baptisms: 1.30 pm**  
**3 pm ~ Divine Mercy Holy Hour**