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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 10th March - €6091

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €3378.62

**Standing Orders/iDonate/Revolut for February** ~ €4969.71

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

### **CONFESSION TIMES FOR PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK**

**Saturday 23rd March:** 10.30 am - 5 pm

**Sunday 24th March:** 3 pm - 5 pm

**Monday 25th March:** 11 am - 1 pm and 7 pm

**Tuesday 26th March:** 11 am - 1 pm and 7.30 pm

**Wednesday 27th March:** 11 am - 5 pm and Penitential Service at 7.30 pm followed by confessions.

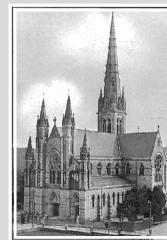
(If there is a Funeral at 11 am on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday: Confessions will take place after the Funeral until 1 pm)

**No CONFESSIONS on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday**

**A THREE HOUR MINI-RETREAT** will take place in the Divine Mercy Centre on Saturday, 23rd March from 2pm-5pm. The Sisters of Merciful Jesus invite you for an afternoon with Jesus. All of history culminates in Holy Week! Jesus lives the days of Holy Week intensely. It is so important to be aware of the movements of Jesus and their meaning. Come and learn Scriptural details and pray for graces to journey moment by moment with Jesus in an extra special way this year through Holy Week. We will have a talk, Holy Hour, and tea together. You are most welcome. Please call ahead so we have an idea of how many to expect. Tel. 0749169934, or e-mail dvmletterkenny@gmail.com

**St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny:** 9129503/9122366

**We Care – Letterkenny Food Bank:** 087-1471325



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



**Sunday 17th March 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Lent (St. Patrick's Day)**

### **Congratulations to Father Eamonn**

We congratulate our former curate, Monsignor Eamonn McLaughlin, upon his recent appointment as adjunct under-secretary at the Dicastery for Clergy at the Vatican. Father Eamonn has worked at the Dicastery for Clergy since his transfer to Rome in 2017. It is the office of the Vatican that assists the Pope in the oversight of the training ["formation"], life and discipline principally of diocesan clergy.

The position to which Mons. McLaughlin has been appointed by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, is a senior position within the department in the section that deals specifically with priestly formation or training. This section of the Dicastery, among other things, deals with setting the programme of studies to be followed in seminaries and the steps to be followed in the journey to priestly ordination for seminaries throughout the world; it oversees seminaries and addresses any issues that cannot be resolved or addressed by the local bishops who are principally responsible for their seminaries. The section for seminaries for the Dicastery for Clergy encourages the promotion of priestly vocations, particularly for the diocesan priesthood, and it supports this work throughout the world. The Dicastery also oversees the training of those who train our future priests, known as 'Formators'. What we term as "the Vatican" is properly known as the Roman Curia. This is the administration that assists the Pope to carry out his duties, across a very wide range of areas. There is a variety of offices with different duties, and these offices are known as "dicasteries". One deals with doctrine, another with the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church, another with Catholic education, another with the life of the religious orders, and so on. Father Eamonn works in the Dicastery that deals with the diocesan clergy and many of the practical issues that arise in the administration of parishes and dioceses. The Dicastery only intervenes in matters that cannot be addressed locally. Its function is one of oversight and appeal. The dicasteries of the Roman Curia are an extension of the Pope's ministry whose purpose is not to intervene in the proper authority and duty of a local bishop, religious superior, etc., but to ensure that the whole Church is one in following the same teaching and discipline.

We wish Father Eamonn well. His appointment is a recognition not only of his abilities but of his priestly life, and it is a compliment to this diocese of Raphoe that one of its priests is so considered by the Holy Father. It is also a compliment to this parish for its part in forming the priestly life of Father Eamonn. Go mbeannaí Dia é agus go dté sé faoi churam na Maighdeana Beannaithe, Naomh Pádraig agus Naomh Colmcille.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Phádraig ó gach duine i Trócaire!** Today is a day for celebrating our roots, our history and for many people, celebrating with our family. In Malawi, Malita is also proud to be part of a strong community. Despite the challenges they face, the community works hard to build a better future for their children through education, savings and loans initiatives and village gatherings. Trócaire is supporting communities in Malawi and around the world to provide basic needs so that families can thrive and enjoy life. To learn more, go to: <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>

**PALM SUNDAY RECITAL** will be performed by The Donegal Abbey Singers on Sunday 24th March at 5pm in St Patrick's Church, Donegal Town. This performance will be an hour of music, song and spoken word as part of the Donegal 550th celebrations and a beginning to Holy Week. Special guests are The Tir Chonnill Youth Choir, Goladoo - traditional group. Admission is free, Donations welcome and will be divided between the Townawilly Parish Building fund and the Donegal 550th Celebration fund.

**LEGION OF MARY ACIES:** The Legion of Mary are holding their Acies (Annual Consecration to Our Lady) on Sunday 24th March at 3pm in St. Mary's Church, Convoy. Legion Members and Auxiliary Members all welcome.

**Encounter Festival 2024:** A summer weekend retreat, for young adults, run by Carmelite Friars will take place at Kairos Centre, London from 28th—30th June. Go deeper in prayer, rest in the Lord's presence, grow in the Spiritual life, make great friends. Residential and day tickets available. For further information and to book a place visit: [www.encounter.uk.net/festival](http://www.encounter.uk.net/festival)

**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.

**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](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

**SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA CAMINO 2024 :** Join Focus Ireland 'In the Footsteps of St James' on a fully guided walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino de Frances and help support families in our community's experiencing homelessness. Departing: - 27th May to 3rd June. Ex Dublin. Contact Monica on 087 954 7007 or email [events@focusireland.ie](mailto:events@focusireland.ie) for details.

**Sunday 17th March ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent (St. Patrick's Day)**

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

**Monday 18th March ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

10 am Mass ~ Evelyn Logue (nee Roarty) RIP (First Anniversary)

**Tuesday 19th March ~ St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Mick Lewis RIP

6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

7 pm Mass ~ Michael Geary RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

**Wednesday 20th March**

7 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Grace and Peter O'Donnell RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Dessie Larkin RIP

Confessions: After 7 pm Mass

**Thursday 21st March ~ St. Enda, abbot**

7 am Mass ~ Charles Geoghegan RIP

10 am Mass ~ Michael Patton RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Eilish Sweeney RIP (First Anniversary)

7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre

8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

**Friday 22nd March ~ St. Macartan, bishop**

7 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Corney Shanahan RIP and Fr. Jeffrey Nevin RIP

7 pm Mass ~ James McHugh, Rosie McHugh, Roseanne McHugh, Michael McHugh, Trevor McBrearty, Jean Curran, Albert Sweeney, Willie Sweeney, Rita McGlinchey, Frank Larkin and Patsy Ferry RIP

Lectio Divina ~ 8 pm in the Conference Room

**Saturday 23rd March ~ St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop**

10 am Mass ~ Charlie McGinley RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

Confessions ~ 10.30 am - 5 pm and 7 pm

Baptisms ~ 4 pm

Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm

**Sunday 24th March ~ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

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

Baptisms: 2.30 pm

**Palm Sunday** ~ Our Procession will leave the Sacristy next Sunday 24th March at 11.50 am to process into the Cathedral for 12 noon Mass. You are invited to join our Procession into the Cathedral.