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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 5th May - €5,969

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €41,649.14 (Includes €34,045.74 Ramp at Cathedral)

**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

**DAY RETREAT FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

will take place at Ards Friary on **Saturday 18th May**, led by Philip McParland. This day will begin at 10.30 am and finish at 4 pm. It will include some input, silent time, social time and a full lunch. To book, phone: 0749138909/email: info@ardsfriary.ie

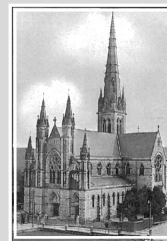
**HOME OF THE MOTHER - Regional Encounter (Donegal)** will take place on **Saturday 18th May** in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parochial House, Old Parish Hall - Crossroads, Killygordon F93PN0X from 11 am - 6 pm. For those of you who have never been to a Family day with the Home of the Mother, you are most welcome! During the day there will be activities for adults, teens and children and a creche available for little ones. There will be Mass, Rosary, Faith Formation/ Teens & Children's Groups. Please bring a packed lunch. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask! Please email to register. hmactivitiesireland@gmail.com

**DAY CAMP FOR BOYS** (10+) on **Sunday 19th May** after Mass: 10 am - 4 pm in St. Patrick's Church, Crossroads F93PNOX - sign up at hmactivities@gmail.com

**5-DAY SILENT GUIDED BIOSPIRITUAL FOCUSING RETREAT**

(Friday 31st May - Wednesday 5th June) - In this guided retreat, we will explore the practice of BioSpiritual Focusing as based on the work of Eugene Gendlin and Fr. Pete Campbell and Fr. Ed McMahon. Facilitators: John Keane and Fr. Philip Baxter. Please phone Ards Friary on: 0749138909 or email: info@ardsfriary.ie

**ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY** - Will take place in Knock on **Saturday 1st June**. Commencing at **9.30 am** with a Marian Conference in St John's Centre. A rosary talk will take place in the Basilica at **1 pm**. Outside Stations of the Cross will take place at **2 pm**, followed by Rosary Procession at **2.30 pm**. Concelebrated Mass (and anointing of the sick) with Archbishop Francis Duffy at **3 pm**. Please contact Veronica on 0877970531 or Caroline on 0871548184 a bus to Knock information.



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

**Sunday 12th May 2024  
The Ascension of the Lord**

**The Mass – The Liturgy of the Word: The Creed**

From the earliest times, the Church has recited creeds, a series of statements that express the most fundamental elements of our faith. Even the New Testament has basic 'creedal statements'. The creed was used principally for the baptismal statement of faith of those wishing to enter into the faith. It is unsurprising that at the weekly gathering of the baptised for the Eucharistic celebration – the Mass - the creed should be recited, since only those who profess the one faith can partake of the one bread. As St. Paul puts it: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" [1 Corinthians 10:17]. There are three formulas of creed used in the Mass. The first is the renewal of baptismal promises, which is used at Easter and may be used throughout the year but particularly during the Easter season. The format makes use of the second formula, which is the Apostles Creed, has its roots in the creed used in Rome as far back as the fourth century. It is shorter and we are used to saying it at the beginning of many of our prayers, for example the Rosary. On most Sundays and solemnities, we use the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, a combination of the creeds devised by the Council of Nicaea [325] and the Council of Constantinople [360]. This fundamental statement of the faith has been professed throughout the Christian world from that time to this, and holds pride of place in the Church's profession of faith. To recite the creed at Sunday Mass is to remind ourselves that our faith is not only a deeply personal relationship with God, but also a profession of something that has been revealed, given and taught by Christ, through the Apostles and in the teaching of the Church. We profess one faith by confessing or acknowledging that we have received it, and that it forms the basis of the unity in one body that is formed by communion in the one faith.

**PETITIONS FOR LOURDES**

**From 6 pm on Saturday 18th May to 7 pm on Sunday 26th May**, there will be a box in the Sanctuary area of the Cathedral for anyone wishing to place petitions. These petitions will be taken to Lourdes on Monday 27th May on the Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage and placed at the Our Lady's Grotto where Mass will be offered for all intentions. **Please do not include money with petitions.**

## PRAYING THE ROSARY DURING MAY

- Our Lady's Altar, St. Eunan's Cathedral - Monday at 7 pm; Tuesday to Friday after the 7 pm Mass. All are welcome.
- Ros Sulighe/Oldtown - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6.30 pm. All are welcome.
- Letterkenny Town Park (next to the hospital): Monday at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

**ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL** is situated behind St. Eunan's Cathedral on the grounds of Loreto Secondary School. The Adoration Chapel offers 24 hours of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 1 pm Sunday to 8 pm Friday. We need more committed adorers - that is, someone who will be there faithfully every week (or someone in your place) at an hour suitable to you. The following hours are in need of Adorers: **Monday: 12 noon - 1 pm and Wednesday: 8 am - 9 am and a number of the night hours.** If you are in a position that you can give one hour of your week to God in silent prayer, please contact: 086-0870446.

**LETTERKENNY CATHEDRAL QUARTER** will be hosting their **AGM** in Dillon's Hotel on **Monday 13th May** at 8 pm. New members are welcome.

A **YOUNG AT HEART SOCIAL** will be held on **Tuesday 14th May** at 8 pm in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road. Hosts are the SVDP and Music by Alec & Sinead Black.

We will celebrate the **FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** on **Sunday 2nd June**. Our Procession will begin at 3 pm from the Cathedral. More details later.



### GRAVEYARD SERVICES

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

### CHILD SAFEGUARDING

The pain and suffering of child abuse continues to live amongst the people of our Diocese. It is not something that belongs in the past but a hurt that survivors and those close to them carry in their hearts everyday of their lives. To report a concern, or complaint of child abuse, either current or historical, please contact the **Designated Liaison Person, Margaret Northage - Phone: 086-2183011.**

You can also go directly to the authorities:

- **Garda National Protective Services Bureau** – 01-6663430/01-6663435
- **Tusla (Child & Family Agency)** – 0749102233
- **Towards Healing** provides free counselling and support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland - Freephone: RoI: 1800 303416 Freephone - N. Ireland & UK: 0800 0963315 or Freephone - Hearing Impaired: 085 8022859

## Sunday 12th May ~ The Ascension of the Lord

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

## Monday 13th May ~ Our Lady of Fatima

8 am Mass ~ Matthew Peoples RIP  
 10 am Mass ~ Hughie Gallagher RIP

## Tuesday 14th May ~ St. Matthias, Apostle

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention      10 am Mass ~ James McDaid RIP  
 6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions  
 7 pm Mass ~ Barney & Annie Doherty and Deceased Members of the Murphy and Doherty Families RIP

## Wednesday 15th May ~ St. Carthage, bishop

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention      10 am Mass ~ Rosaleen McCarron RIP  
 7 pm Mass ~ Hugh and Teresa Travers RIP and Bernie and Karen Cahill RIP  
 Confessions: After 7 pm Mass      Youth 2000: 8 pm in the Cathedral

## Thursday 16th May ~ St. Brendan, abbot

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention      10 am Mass ~ Frances Creevy RIP  
 7 pm Mass ~ Special Intention  
 7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre  
 8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

## Friday 17th May

8 am Mass ~ John Lagan RIP  
 10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention      Nuptial ~ 1 pm  
 7 pm Mass ~ Martin Houston (First Anniversary), Mary McNally, Claire McNally, Frances Creevy, Paul Gibson, Nicola Gibson, Damien Callan, Baby Liam Gibson, Seamus McGlynn, Anne O'Sullivan, Sean McGinley, Hannah McElwaine, Mary Molloy, Oonagh McCafferty and Helen McKendrick RIP

## Saturday 18th May ~ St. John I, pope and martyr

10 am Mass ~ Sally Blake RIP (Month's Mind Mass)  
 11 am ~ Gaelscoil Adhamhnaín ~ First Holy Communion  
 Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm  
 Baptisms ~ 4 pm      Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm

## Sunday 19th May ~ Pentecost Sunday

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