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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 28th April - €5,897

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €3,301.75

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

5-DAY SILENT GUIDED BIOSPIRITUAL FOCUSING

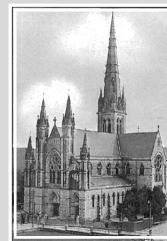
RETREAT (Friday 31st May - Wednesday 5th June) - In this guided retreat, we will explore the practice of BioSpiritual Focusing as based on the work of Eugene Gendlin and Fr. Pete Campbell and Fr. Ed McMahan. Participants will attend morning group sessions of learning and discussion, and each afternoon, will meet one-on-one with a Focusing Companion. There will be evening sessions for discussions, providing observations and opportunities for questions. Facilitators: John Keane and Fr. Philip Baxter Phone: el: 074 91 38909. 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.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S BEST SELLING 6 PART SERIES ON

THE MASS is available to watch for free for a limited time. **Episode 1 - A Privileged Encounter** <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1> **Episode 2 - Called Out of the World** <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode2> **Episode 3 - God Speaks Our Story** <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themass-episode3> **Episode 4 - Responding to God** <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themass-episode4> **Episode 5 - Preparing for Sacrifice** <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode5> **Episode 6 - The Real Presence Creates Communion** <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode6>



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

Sunday 5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY: A MONTH FOR MARY

May is Mary's month. It seems most suitable. The hedgerows have begun to bloom with so many wild flowers, and they will continue to show their wonder and beauty throughout the month. The chill of the early Spring gives way and the promise of summer warmth makes itself felt. It all reflects in nature what God has done by grace in Mary, and what he promises to do for every soul that serves Him. "Blessed are the pure of heart", Jesus tells us in the Gospel [Mt. 5:8]. This can be said with the greatest confidence of Mary, for her whole being was kept without the stain of original sin from the first moment of her existence. Consequently, all beauty can flourish within her. Indeed, he who is beauty, truth and goodness itself has flourished within and was given from her as a harvest is given by the field. As the moon reflects the light of the sun, so Mary reflects the light of Christ Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father. Or rather, she not only reflects the light but shows it forth with tremendous clarity. Perhaps we could say that the divine light that made Moses cover his face, that caused Peter, James and John to fall down in fright and adoration, that shone forth from the wounds of the risen Jesus, shine gently from Mary to give us courage to approach him and to open out hearts to his work of purification and grace. We too are called to bring a harvest of beautiful things, the work of his hand within us. Let us walk with Mary in this month and take up with renewed devotion her rosary, so that we can open our hearts by her gentle company and allow Jesus to be the light that guides, restores and prepares in us a harvest for God's glory.

An **AFTERNOON RETREAT** will take place in the **Divine Mercy Centre** on **Saturday 11th May** from 2 pm - 5.30 pm. The Sisters of Merciful Jesus invite you for the time of encountering the Risen Lord who brought us peace. The theme will be: "Let us atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world". In this retreat we wish to spend some time reflecting on the Scripture and the devotion to Divine Mercy. We will have talks, moments of prayer, sharing and time for tea. You are most welcome. **Please note: it is necessary to book for our retreats.** To do so, or for more information please call us at: 0749169934 or email: dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com

As May begins with its bounty of flowers, you are encouraged to remember the beautiful tradition of erecting a **MAY ALTAR** in your homes, setting fresh flowers before an image of Our Lady and gathering as a family, household or friends to recite the rosary. If anyone would like to submit photographs of their May Altar, please email: office@steunanscathedral.ie and we will try to post them over the course of the month on the parish Facebook page.

PRAYING THE ROSARY DURING MAY

The Rosary will be prayed every evening after the 7 pm Mass in the Cathedral - Tuesday to Friday at **Our Lady's Altar** for the Month of May. Since there is no Mass on a Monday, the Rosary will be at 7 pm. All are welcome.

The Legion of Mary will recite the Rosary for the Month of May at **Ros Suilighe/Oldtown** on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6.30 pm.** - commencing Wednesday 1st May. All are welcome.

The **Rosary in the Park** will take place on the **Monday evenings of May at 7.30 pm** in Letterkenny Town Park (next to the hospital). All are welcome.

NORTH WEST 10K ~ Will take place on **Monday 6th May** commencing at the Community Centre, Pearse Road, Letterkenny at 11 am. Traffic diversions will be in place. Visit: www.northwest10k.com for further information

A EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE will take place in All Saints Church, Newtowncunningham on **Monday 6th May** at 7 pm. 'I am the Lord who heals you' Ex 15:26. All welcome.

LÁ SPRAOI NA GAELIGE, a day to celebrate the Irish language will take place throughout the Market Square and Cathedral Quarter areas of Letterkenny on **Saturday 11th May** from 12 noon to 4 pm. There will be street theatre, clowns, music at the bandstand, storytelling, dance, drama and circus skills workshops, sensory play session for babies/tots, Ciorcal Comhrá for learners, information about Irish lessons, organisations, resources Come along and enjoy this free afternoon

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

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 F93PN0X - sign up at hmactivities@gmail.com

Sunday 3rd May ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday)

10 am Mass ~ Special Intention

Tuesday 7th May

8 am Mass ~ Annie Mary Brolly RIP
 10 am Mass ~ Fr. Hugh Sweeney RIP
 6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions
 7 pm Mass ~ Priest's Intention

Wednesday 8th May ~ Bl. John Sullivan, priest

8 am Mass ~ Peggy Clay RIP
 10 am Mass ~ Breda Laffey RIP (First Anniversary)
 7 pm Mass ~ Hugh McDaid RIP
 Confessions: After 7 pm Mass Youth 2000: 8 pm in the Cathedral

Thursday 9th May

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
 10 am Mass ~ Collum Doogan RIP
 7 pm Mass ~ Rose McDaid RIP (Month's Mind Mass)
 7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group meet in the Pastoral Centre
 8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 10th May ~ St. Comgall & St. John of Avila

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
 10 am Mass ~ Damien Hunter RIP
 7 pm Mass ~ Brigid Mulhern (First Anniversary), Willie Peoples, Emma Peoples, Jenny Peoples, Mary McMenamin, Muriel Kelly, Charlie Kelly, Barry Neely, Frank Whelan, Seamus Ó Chnaimhís and Brid McGrath RIP

Saturday 11th May

10 am Mass ~ Jim Carson RIP (Month's Mind Mass)
 11 am ~ Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin ~ First Holy Communion
 Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm Nuptial ~ 1.30 pm
 Baptisms ~ 4 pm Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm

Sunday 12th May ~ The Ascension of the Lord

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