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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 18th August- €5.810

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €1,501.63

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

The **SISTERS OF MERCIFUL JESUS** lead the **'LITTLE RAYS MEETING'** in the Divine Mercy Centre, and it will be back on **Tuesday 17th September** from 6 pm to 7 pm. The age group is from four years old to twelve years old. At our meetings, we explain the gospel and answer questions of the children, teach them about the faith, there is a time for prayer, for singing, fun and games. All are very welcome to join us!

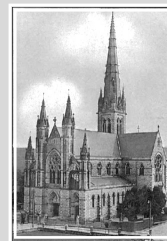
The **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) for those wishing to be formed for entry to the Catholic Church will begin on **Monday 16th September** at the Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny and will continue each Monday evening for 23 weeks. For further details, please contact Brian at: dpr@raphoediocese.ie or 0749121853.

RETREATS AT ARDS FRIARY ~ 'Welcoming Autumn – Reflections on Retirement': Wednesday 25th September 10.30 am - 4 pm. Cost: €45. Day includes a full lunch. 'The Path to Self-Acceptance': Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September. €220. Both retreats led by Philip McParland. For enquiries and bookings please contact Ards on 074 913 8909; E: info@ardsfriary.ie.

CATHEDRAL ALTAR SOCIETY ROTA

9th & 16th September ~ Carmel O'Donnell, Fiona Tunney, Mary McHale and Rena Peacock; **23rd & 30th September** ~ Mena McBride, Edwina Friel, Elizabeth McCormick, Lisa Geraghty; **6th & 13th October** ~ Olitha Mpofo, Anne Ombudsura, Therry and Opeyemi Olanyian; **20th & 27th October** ~ Adrienne McGlinchey, Angela Hegarty, Edel Hayden and Dara Boyce

Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend in Ireland is a weekend experience for married couples who want more in their marriage - more fun, communication, understanding etc. The next weekend will be: **8th - 10th November** at Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Online booking: www.marriageencounter.ie



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25th August 2024
Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Irish Catholic Bishops have announced that the Relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every Diocese during September and October this year.



The relics of St. Bernadette will visit St. Eunan's Cathedral on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th October.

- This very special, once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their diocese.
- During the thirteenth apparition, the Virgin Mary asked of Bernadette, "Go and tell the priests to build a chapel here and that people should come in procession." Bernadette thus became the Virgin Mary's missionary, passing on her request to Father Peyramale, the parish priest of Lourdes.
- Today, the Sanctuary Our Lady of Lourdes wants to respond to this request in a new way. The visitation of the holy relics is an opportunity to have Lourdes come to your diocese so that we can all experience the pilgrimage in Lourdes at home in Ireland.

Further information will be released from the Raphoe Diocesan Office in September regarding the visit of the Relics.

PILGRIMAGE PRAYER

Our Lady of Lourdes, help our faith! Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognise God's call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps. Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love especially at times of trials and illness. Remind us that those who believe are never alone. Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us. We make this prayer through your Son, Christ our Lord.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.
St. Bernadette, pray for us.**

FRIENDS OF ARDS FRIARY have organised a **CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** (Countywide) this weekend **24th & 25th August** in aid of the 'Ards Redevelopment Fund'. Your support would be deeply appreciated

The **DONEGAL HALF MARATHON** takes place today Sunday 25th August. Traffic management will be in place between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon around the town centre and Newmills/Conwal so please plan for some delays.

An **AFTERNOON RETREAT** will take place in the Divine Mercy Centre on **Saturday 31st August** from 2 pm to 5.30 pm. The theme will be "**PLAN YOUR DAY WITH GOD: HOLY SPIRIT TIME MANAGEMENT**" which we will explore through the lives of St. Faustina and Blessed Michael Sopocho. The Sisters of Merciful Jesus invite you to a time of talks, moments of prayer, sharing and tea. *Please note it is necessary to book for all retreats.* To do so, or for more information please call us at 0749169934 or email: dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com.



Fr. Jacob Vattackattu, a regular visitor to our Parish, works with mentally challenged children/young adults in 'Precious School', Kerala, India. A **COFFEE MORNING** will take place on **Sunday 1st September** after the **8 am, 10 am and 12 noon Masses** to assist Fr. Jacob with his ongoing works in Kerala, India. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

From **Wednesday 4th September**, we will continue the online **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** programmes on Zoom. This was a great success back in May and there has been increased demand for it from more parishes and parishioners around the Diocese. We will run this on a continuous basis throughout the year exploring various courses. Phone the Diocesan Pastoral Centre on 0749121853 for details.

GIVE BLOOD - SAVE A LIFE! Venue: Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town on **Wednesday 4th September: 3 pm - 5 pm and 7 pm - 9.30 pm** also **Thursday 5th September: 2.30 pm - 6.30 pm.** Phone: 1800731137 to book an appointment.

The **DIOCESAN MASS FOR EXPECTANT FAMILIES** will take place in St. Eunan's Cathedral on **Thursday 5th September** at 7 pm. Celebrant: Monsignor Kevin Gillespie, Diocesan Administrator. "It was you who created my inmost part and knit me together in my mother's womb".

The national **CURSILLO PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE** will take place on **Saturday 7th September.** There will be a bus leaving Letterkenny at 8 am, stopping in Stranorlar, Donegal Town, Ballyshannon and Bundoran. To book a seat please contact Clare on 0871375567.

WALK THE CROSS: 11th-14th September - Pilgrimage will begin with Mass at 8 pm on Tuesday 10th September at Clonmacnoise. Walk begins on Wednesday from Mullingar to Kinnegad; Thursday: Kinnegad to Enfield; Friday: Enfield to Maynooth; Saturday: Maynooth to Dublin City Centre. For further details please email: walkthecross33@gmail.com or see poster on Cathedral Noticeboard.

DIVINE MERCY CENTRE, LETTERKENNY ~ Phone: 0749169934

Sunday 25th August ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 26th August

8 am Mass ~ Frances, Myles and May McBride RIP
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention

Tuesday 27th August ~ St. Monica

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention RIP
10 am Mass ~ Eileen Browne RIP
6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

Wednesday 28th August ~ St. Augustine, bishop & doctor of the Church

8 am Mass ~ Tony Leavy RIP
10 am Mass ~ Margaret Coyle RIP
Confessions: 7.30 pm

Thursday 29th August ~ The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8 am Mass ~ John Milligan RIP
10 am Mass ~ Ellen Nee RIP
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 30th August ~ St. Fiacra, monk

8 am Mass ~ Dan Gallagher RIP
0 am Mass ~ John Mullen RIP (First Anniversary)
7 pm Mass ~ Willie John Price, Maggie Price, Jim Price, Margaret Price, Dan Gallagher, Eileen Boyle, Liam Doherty, Anne McCabe, Joseph Murray, Sean Murray, Frances Murray, Agnes Foy and Pat Foy RIP

Saturday 31st August ~ St. Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop & missionary

10 am Mass ~ Hugo McNulty RIP
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm
Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm
Nuptial ~ 1 pm
Baptisms ~ 4 pm

Sunday 1st September ~ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St. Vincent de Paul Letterkenny: 9129503/9122366
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