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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 29th September - €5,279

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €7,476.63

DONATIONS ~ 1 x €40 1 x €20 (Donation towards Cathedral Flowers)

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 **ST. FAUSTINA'S WEEKEND** continues today, **Sunday 6th October** in St. Mary's Church, Convoy with devotions from 2 pm - 4 pm.

The **ROSARY** will be prayed Tuesday to Friday evening after the 7 pm Mass at Our Lady's Altar during October. On Monday evenings the Rosary will be at 7 pm.

The Sisters of Merciful Jesus invite you to watch **"THE SONG OF BERNADETTE" MOVIE** on **Wednesday 9th October** at 6 pm in preparation for the visit of St. Bernadette's relics. We will have tea afterwards. To book please phone: 0749169934 or email: dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com

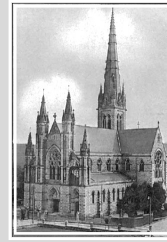
A **YOUNG AT HEART SOCIAL** will be held at 8 pm on **Tuesday 8th October** in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road. Hosts: Rotary Club; Music: Dessie Carlin.

CLEANING in preparation for the visit of **ST. BERNADETTE'S RELIC** will take place on **Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October at 2 pm each day**. Please contact 0863161376 if free at the above times to lend a helping hand.

Church Gate Collection in aid of **THE FRIENDS OF LETTERKENNY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL** will take place on the 12th/13th October.

FATIMA CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION will take place on **Sunday 13th October** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima at 7.15 pm. The procession will leave from the Market Square and continue to the Famine Graveyard on the High Road.

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY for unity and peace on **Friday 18th October** at 6 pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral. The Pontifical Foundation, Aid to the Church in Need, invites you to join the prayer campaign, inviting families, catechists and teachers to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity in the world.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6th October 2024

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

A PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE AND BEAUTY

One day, when asked about the visions, St. Bernadette replied: "The Virgin used me as a broom to remove the dust. When the work is done, the broom is put behind the door again". In this remark, we see the humility of the visionary of Lourdes. Despite the clamour of the crowds, she set herself aside, and placed the 'beautiful lady' at the heart, she who had asked so courteously if Bernadette "would have the goodness to come here for fifteen days". Mary's first message to Bernadette would be: "Penance, Penance, Penance!", words by which Bernadette would live and which would grace her lips as she lived her last agony at the convent of Nevers. Then she would ask Bernadette to scrape in the rocky soil, where she revealed a spring of pure water. Later, she would tell Bernadette to ask the priests to come to that place in procession and to build a chapel there. Finally, the 'beautiful lady' told her name: "I am the Immaculate Conception". Here we see the building blocks of what Mary had wanted of Bernadette and of us: to do penance for sins; to be reminded of our baptism – healed first in our soul and made whole in our bodies; to gather in God's House, coming together as brothers and sisters carrying the symbol of our common baptism. Mary is herself an image of the Church, Christ's body, and enjoys the fruits of the redemption before ever she came to be: I am the Immaculate Conception. In her, there is no stain of sin, or its confusion. She is all beautiful. The visit of the relics of St. Bernadette allows us to live the call of Lourdes. Bernadette sets herself aside. She makes way for the message Mary brings, and that message will be expressed during our pilgrimage in three ways. We will be blessed by Lourdes Water, and Holy Water will be blessed, reminding us of our baptism, the original font of all healing. We will be called to the renewal of baptismal grace, namely reconciliation with God and with one another by the Sacrament of Penance: confessions will be available all afternoon on Friday and for much of the day on Saturday. We will walk in pilgrimage in honour of our Blessed Mother, holding candles as a sign of our baptism, imitating Bernadette's beautiful gesture of 19th February. During the night vigils, Our Lord will be exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, since he is the source and summit of our life: Our Lady leads us to him and Bernadette directs us. If we are invited to venerate this lovely person who saw and obeyed Our Lady, it must be to bring us closer to Christ. She allows each one to take a step closer: maybe for you it will be the most important one on your journey of faith. Jesus awaits you.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE		
Friday 11th October		
12 noon - 6.30 pm	Liturgy of Welcome followed by Veneration of the Relics	Confessions available
3.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
7.00 pm	Mass with Anointing of the Sick	
8.30 pm	Rosary Procession	
10.00 pm	Holy Hour	
11.00 pm - 9.00 am	Night Vigil	
Saturday 12th October		
9.00 am	Morning Prayer	
10.00 am	Mass of Our Lady followed by Public Rosary	
11.00 am - 3.00 pm	Veneration of the Relics (Confessions available)	
3.00 pm	Mass with Anointing of the Sick	
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm	Veneration of the Relics (Confessions available)	
6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	
7.00 pm	Youth Prayer	
9.00 pm	Rosary Procession	
10.00 pm - 8.00 am	Night Vigil	
Sunday 13th October		
8.00 am	Mass	
9.00 am - 10.00 am	Veneration of the Relics	
10.00 am	Family Mass	
11.00 am - 12 noon	Veneration of the Relics	
12 noon - Solemn Mass and Conclusion: Departure of Relics to Derry		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VOLUNTEERS for Stewarding and Hospitality Tent are required. • We require the assistance of 'HOME BAKERS' (Phone: 0860870446) • Please write PETITIONS prior to your visit - this will save time. Please do not put money with petitions. All Petitions will be sent to Lourdes. • Please phone the Parish Office on 0749121021 (before 1 pm Tuesday) 		

Sunday 6th October ~ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms ~ 2.30 pm October Devotions: 7 pm	
Monday 7th October ~ Our Lady of the Rosary	
8 am Mass ~ Patrick and Hannah Gallagher RIP 10 am Mass ~ Brigid McDaid RIP	
Tuesday 8th October	
8 am Mass ~ Agnes Keenan RIP 10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention 6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions 7 pm Mass ~ Peter, Nora and Johnny McMenamin RIP	
Wednesday 9th October ~ St. John Henry Newman	
8 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention 10 am Mass ~ Josephine Flanagan RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Fr. Billy Gallagher RIP (Recently deceased in South Korea) Confessions: 7.30 pm Youth 2000: 8 pm in the Cathedral	
Thursday 10th October	
8 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention 10 am Mass ~ Anne O'Sullivan RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Ita Jarman RIP (First Anniversary) 8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room	
Friday 11th October ~ St. Canice, abbot & Saint John XXIII, pope	
8 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention 10 am Mass ~ Clement Harvey RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Julia Connolly (First Anniversary), Hugh McLaughlin (First Anniversary), Liam Kelly, Bernadette Pyper, John McGarrigle, Rose McGarrigle, Frank Curran, Rosie Early, Danny Breslin, Mark Geraghty, Peter McLoone and Sally McLoone RIP	
Saturday 12th October	
10 am Mass ~ Duncan Doherty RIP (Month's Mind Mass) Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm	
Sunday 6th October ~ Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm	