

A Social for the **YOUNG AT HEART CLUB** will be held in the Social Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road on **Tuesday 25th October** at 8 pm. This social will be hosted by the Conwal Church Ladies.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY will hold its monthly meeting in the Pastoral Centre on **Friday 28th October** at 8 pm. Everyone welcome.

The **BROWN SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL** will be blessed and distributed after Devotions on Sunday 30th October at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral.

MASS IN HONOUR OF BLESSED ALEXANDRINA will be held in Termonbacca on **Sunday 30th October** at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome.

The Annual Diocesan Mass for **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PIONEER ASSOCIATION** will take place in the Church of the Irish Martyrs on **Thursday 3rd November** at 7.30 pm. Celebrant will be Bishop Philip Boyce. Everyone is welcome.

Letterkenny & District Flower Club are holding their annual Flower Demonstration in the Mount Errigal Hotel on **Monday 7th November** at 8 pm. Demonstration titled '**CHRISTMAS TIDINGS**' will be given by Carmel Burns - admission €10. Tickets can be purchased from any club member or at the door. Proceeds in aid of Pieta House and Action for Hope, Donegal.

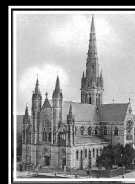
Donegal Local Development Company are currently recruiting participants and community organisations for their **RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME** waiting list. The scheme provides income support for farmers/fishermen who are currently in receipt of long term social welfare payments. Contact Stephen on 9127056.

Letterkenny Community Development Programme (LCDP) is presently taking applications for their Grant Aided **SENIOR ALERT SCHEME (SAS)** for further details please contact 9120633. This Scheme is funded by the Department of Environment, community and Local Government.

The Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council have produced a pack of six **CHRISTMAS CARDS** (€6 per pack). The Recipient's intentions are included in all Masses in the Cathedral from the 24th December until 1st January. The cards are **ON SALE** in Veritas, Lower Main Street and from the Parochial House. Any profit will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME JOB VACANCIES: Driver/Caretaker (Cara House) and **Caretaker** (Glenswilly). These are developmental opportunities and no experience is necessary. Contact 9120654 for more details.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE will take place on the 6th September 2017 for 7 days with Spiritual Director. Cost: €729 per person. **EARLY BOOKING OFFER** €100 OFF if paid in full by the 9th December. For further information and to book please contact Kathleen on 9121641 or 086-3721962.



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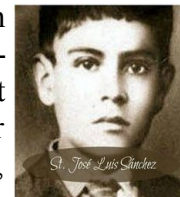
Sunday 23rd October 2016

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SAINT JOSE SANCHEZ DEL RIO - "MY FAITH IS NOT FOR SALE"

During the 1924-1928 religious persecution by Mexican President Plutarco Elias Calles, St. Jose became a Mexican-Cristero, fighting against the anti-Catholic legislation that sought the abolishment of the Catholic faith by whatever means necessary. The onslaught against Catholics was brutal, with some 50,000 deaths. In self-defence, Catholics took up arms to defend their faith. Whenever they charged into battle, the Cristeros, as they were called, shouted: "Viva Cristo Rey!" "Long live Christ the King!"



During this period, many Catholics were martyred, including Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio. From a young age he had a great love and enthusiasm for the Blessed Sacrament, and encouraged his friends to have more devotion to Our Lord and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Jose longed to defend his faith and his country. He pleaded with the Cristero General Mendoza to let him join the movement, which he eventually did.

In a certain battle, Jose was captured by the federalists and locked up in a church sacristy that had been turned into a prison. There he was severely tortured. Despite all attempts to get the young Jose to denounce Jesus Christ, and live, he refused, exclaiming: "my faith is not for sale".

On the way to execution, soldiers struck him savagely with sharp machetes. This made Jose cry all the louder, "Viva Cristo Rey!". Jose's torturers cut off the soles of his feet and forced him to walk on salt to his grave. The boy screamed with pain but would not give in. The soldiers said: "If you shout, 'Death to Christ the King', we will spare your life." His reply was defiant: "Long live Christ the King! Long live Our Lady of Guadalupe!" Stabbed relentlessly and eventually shot on the 10th February 1928, Jose entered eternal life. He was Beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on the 20th November 2005 and was canonised by Pope Francis last Sunday 16th October, and declared a Saint. This young boy is an inspiration to us all.

[A Must See Film: *For Greater Glory*] ~ Saint Jose, pray for us.

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEK: Fr. Eamonn McLaughlin

Sunday 23rd October

Masses ~ 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6.30 pm

Baptisms - 1.30 pm

St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open at 1 pm

Polish Prayer Group in the Cathedral ~ 4.30 pm - 7 pm

October Devotions in the Cathedral ~ 7.30 pm

Al-Anon Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8 pm

AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 11 am and 8.30 pm

**Divine Mercy
Chaplet
3 pm everyday**

Monday 24th October ~ St. Anthony Mary Claret

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Anne Parke Scott

7.30 pm Mass ~ Michael and Mary McGlynn

St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open

Confessions in the Cathedral - 8 pm

Grow Meeting in Cheshire Apartments, Long Lane - 7.30 pm

AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.30 pm

**Morning Prayer (9.40 am)
(Monday to Saturday)
Evening Prayer (7.10 pm)
(Monday to Friday)**

Tuesday 25th October ~ Blessed Thaddeus MacCarthy

8 am Mass ~ Don d'Castro

10 am Mass ~ ®

7.30 m Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Crumlish Family

St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open

Legion of Mary Meeting in the Conference Room after 10 am Mass

Baptism Preparation in the Parochial House on Tuesday 1st November - 8 pm

Legion of Mary Meeting in the Parochial House at 7 pm

Divine Mercy Prayer Group in the Crib Room - 8 pm

Gamblers' Anonymous Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.15 pm

Wednesday 26th October

8 am Mass ~

10 am Mass ~ John Tynan

7.30 pm Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving

St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open

Mother's Prayer Group Meeting - Conference Room - 7 pm

Youth 2000 Prayer Group - Parochial House - 7.30 pm

Cathedral Choir Practice in the Conference Room - 8 pm

St. Vincent de Paul ~ Parish of Conwal and Leck ~ 9129503

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Thursday 27th October ~ St. Otteran

8 am Mass ~

10 am Mass ~ ®

7.30 pm Mass ~ Tessie and Peter Wilkie

St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open

AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 5.30 pm

Charismatic Prayer Meeting in the Conference Room - 8 pm

**Fr. Kemmy will visit the Sick,
Elderly and Housebound of his
Area today and tomorrow.**

Friday 28th October ~ St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

8 am Mass ~

10 am Mass ~

7.30 pm Mass ~ Margaret Kelly (Month's Mind Mass), Art McLoone, Elaine Winston, Julia O'Hanlon, Mike Sweeney, Martin Margey and Anne Louise Ward

St Pius X Adoration Chapel is open

Al-Anon Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 10.30 am

AA Meeting for Women in the Conference Room - 1 pm

AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 5.30 pm

Gamblers' Anonymous Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 8.15 pm

Saturday 29th October ~ St. Colman

10 am Mass ~ Mary Gallagher (First Anniversary)

12 noon ~ Nuptial

7.30 pm ~ Vigil Mass

Baptisms ~ 5 pm

Confessions: 12 noon - 1 pm and after 7.30 pm Mass

AA Meeting in the Pastoral Centre - 11 am

**Morning
Prayer
9.40 am**

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 4.30 pm)



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OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS ~ 16th October - €5,792

PARISH EXPENDITURE: €6133.36

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

RECENT BAPTISMS ~ We welcome into God's Community

Ignacy Antoni Rutkowski ~ Finbar Thomas McMenamin

ROSARY at **OUR LADY'S ALTAR** after the 7.30 pm Weekday Mass