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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 6th October - €5,868

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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

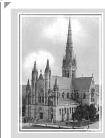
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DONEGAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024 ~ Four classical music concerts organised: a Wainfest Family concert in An Grianán Theatre (12th Oct.) and three concerts in Conwal Parish Church: Classical Guitar concert (13th Oct.), Tango music (19th Oct.), and the Donegal Chamber Orchestra (20th Oct.). For more info please visit www.donegalstrings.com

LIVING WELL is a programme for Adults with long-term health conditions. Living Well is a free group programme delivered over 6 workshops. It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions. **The programme will take place every Wednesday from the 30th October to th 4th December from 10.30 am - 1 pm in Letterkenny Community Centre.** To book your place, please email: Livingwell.hse.ie or phone 0871800286. Long term health conditions include COPD, Asthma, Diabetes, Stroke, Heart conditions, Multiple Sclerosis, Arthritis, Cancer, Crohn's Disease, Chronic pain and Depression.

FIGHT OF THE GOOD MAN CONFERENCE FOR MEN: 2nd – 3rd November. Venue: St. Eunan's College. Open to any man over 18, to discuss a variety of subjects to support men in their identity and lives: health, code of honour, how to handle financial freedom, inner strength in facing your demons. Each day begins at 10 am sharp. €40 charge, lunch and drinks provided. Speakers include Enda Masterson, Dr Helen Gogarty; Tait Pilgaard. For more details contact us at fightofthegoodman@gmail.com



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13th October 2024
Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE SOME POINTS OF REFLECTION

As we bid farewell to the mortal remains of Saint Bernadette and conclude our 'local pilgrimage' to Lourdes, we can think of some points that may sustain us in our pilgrimage of faith.

- 1. Mary asked Bernadette with great courtesy if she would visit her for fifteen days. Although Bernadette did not know who the "beautiful lady" might be, she knew that she was a heavenly messenger and therefore trustworthy. After our pilgrimage, we could reflect on whether we place our trust sufficiently in the heavenly things given to us from God: His word, the sacraments, the Church.
- 2. On 21st February 1858, Mary said to Bernadette: "You will pray for sinners" and on 24th February she said to her: "Penance! Penance! Penance! Pray to God for sinners! Kiss the ground as an act of penance for sinners!". This call to penance and repentance is also clear at Fatima. We are called to take stock of this and to consider how we can do penance and to pray for sinners.
- 3. On 25th February, Mary pointed Bernadette to a spring of water. She asked her to drink of it and to wash in it. Mary did not explain the purpose of the spring, but it is not hard to see the connection with baptism. While many miracles have been attributed to the spring of Lourdes, we are surely called to rediscover the living spring of our baptism, and never to cease from clearing it of the overgrowth and silt that so easily gathers, having recourse above all to the Sacrament of Penance.
- 4. On 25th February, Mary said to Bernadette: "Go, tell the priests to come here in procession and to build a chapel here". The apparitions of Our Lady at Knock, at Lourdes and at Fatima are clearly linked to the Eucharist the Mass. In addition, pilgrimage is an action which Christians undertake together. Our pilgrimage calls us to reflect on our understanding of the Eucharist as the "source and summit" of our life and of the life of the whole Church. It also invites us to rediscover the sense of the Church, and of the bonds that create the community of believers: these bonds are supernatural and bring us into the life of grace together.
- 5. When asked her name, Mary said "I am the Immaculate Conception". We loved Our Lady for all her beauty. It can be easy to lose sight of the journey's end amidst the troubles, confusions and sufferings of this world. Let us seek the beauty that is hers, that comes from God, is found only by the things of God and finds it fulfilment only in God.

FATIMA CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION will take place this evening, **Sunday 13th October** in **honour of Our Lady of Fatima at 7.15 pm**. The **PROCESSION** will be led by Fr. Eamonn Kelly and **will leave from the Market Square** and continue to the Famine Graveyard on the High Road.

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.

Letterkenny Community Health Forum are hosting a **'FREE HEALTH & WELL BEING EVENT'** on **Wednesday 16th October**, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Radisson Hotel Letterkenny. Free Health talks, Free Health Check, Information stands, tea and coffee. No need to book – just come along. Everyone welcome!

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.

An AFTERNOON RETREAT about the **ORIGINAL IMAGE OF THE DIVINE MERCY** will take place in the Divine Mercy Centre on Saturday 19th October from 2 pm to 5.30 pm. We will share about the history of the image and give an explanation of it. 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: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISER INCLUDES: FASHION SHOW / DANCE / BUFFET / DISCO in the Clanree Hotel on Saturday 19th October. Tickets available from the Vincent's Shops, Letterkenny.

ABIDE in His Love Women's Conference will take place from the 15th - 17th November in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Join us for an inspiring weekend with guest speakers including: Lisa Cotter (Colorado), Dominican Sisters (Nashville), Fr. Barry Braum (London), Kathleen Nichols & Celine Kelly (Magdala, Israel), Bishop Kevin Doran (Elphin), Catherine DiNuzzo (Kansas), and Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR, among others. This conference will celebrate the beauty and dignity of women in the Church and the world today. It offers a wonderful opportunity to come together, form new friendships, be uplifted by powerful talks, and experience the transformative presence of Christ in the Eucharist. To register, visit Eventbrite.ie and search for "Abide in His Love". Further information, including accommodation details, will be sent via email upon registration.

LITTLE ANGELS SCHOOL is looking for **BUS ESCORTS** in the Letterkenny and Ballybofey areas. Part-time and full time positions are available. If you are interested in working with us please contact the office on 0749122456.

AA MEETING ~ LADIES ONLY MEETING! Wednesdays from 6 pm - 7 pm in the Raphoe Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny. Phone: 0749121853

Sunday 13th October ~ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon (Departure of Relics after Mass) and 6 pm Baptisms ~ 2.30 pm October Devotions: 7 pm

Monday 14th October ~ St. Callisus I, pope and martyr

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Ida McDevitt RIP

Tuesday 15th October ~ St. Teresa of Avila

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Mary and James McNally RIP

6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

7 pm Mass ~ May and Tommy Wilson and Kathleen Sweeney RIP

Wednesday 16th October ~ St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alocoque

8 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

10 am Mass ~ Roseanne Griffin and Deceased Family Members RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Priest's Intention

Confessions: 7.30 pm **Youth 2000**: 8 pm in the Cathedral

Thursday 17th October ~ St. Ignatius of Antioch

8 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

10 am Mass ~ Sue and Liam Doogan RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Kathleen Higdon RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group in the Pastoral Centre

8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 18th October ~ St. Luke, Evangelist

8 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention

10 am Mass ~ Mally and Tommy McEvoy RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Bernard Dillon (Month's Mind Mass), James Whoriskey, Hughie Gallagher, Tommy McGuigan, Maureen Gillen, Baby John Anderson, Helena Quinn, Kathleen Gallagher, Michael Bohan and Thomas Smith RIP

Saturday 19th October - Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Paul of the Cross

10 am Mass ~ Connie Maguire RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm

Baptisms ~ 4 pm

 $\textbf{Vigil Mass} \sim 6 \text{ pm}$

Sunday 20th October ~ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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