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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 6th October - €5,868

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €27,273.62 (Includes €15,261.71 Diocesan Dues)

DONATIONS ~ 1 x €40; (Donation towards Flowers 1 x €5 and 1 x €100)

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).

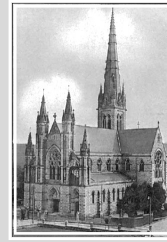
BAPTISM PREPARATION ~ We have uploaded a number of videos under 'Featured Videos' for Parents, in Preparation for their child's Baptism on our website: www.steunanscathedral.ie

ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL ~ COMMITTED ADORERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED! The following hours are available: **Sundays:** 2 pm – 3 pm and 6 pm – 7 pm; **Mondays:** 6 am – 7am and 12 noon – 1 pm; **Tuesday** 3 am – 4 am; **Wednesdays:** 3 am – 4 am and 8 am – 9 am; **Thursdays:** 1 am – 2 am and 2 am – 3 am; **Fridays:** 10 am – 11 am and 5 pm – 6 pm. Please phone Mary on 086-0870446.

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 the 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 its fulfilment only in God.

