Parish Office Hours: Monday to Thursday: 9.30am - 4.30pm/Friday 9.30am - 1pm
Phone: 074 - 9121021

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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ **25th August**- €5.360

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €10.005.91

**DONATIONS:** €145

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

Ar mhaith leat snas a chur ar do chuid Gaeilge? **WOULD YOU LIKE TO IMPROVE YOUR IRISH?** Líonra Leitir Ceanainn has classes for 5th and 6th class pupils, 1st and 2nd year secondary school students, adult beginners and improvers, as well as Ciorcal Comhrá, Pop-Up Gaeltacht and Club Leabhar opportunities. Contact us on forbairt@lionralc.ie 086 0136579

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; email: info@ardsfriary.ie

On **Tuesday 24th September** at 7.30 pm, Sr. Cooey Fowler O.P. from Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph will present an evening at the Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny on the **'ANCHOR'** programme. This is a simple and foundational teaching about the essentials of the Faith, the Mass and the ways in which we live and pray that Faith. It can be used by any adult and is also valuable for parents, to help them hand on to their children the treasure of the Catholic Faith.

**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. Visit: www.marriageencounter.ie

**DIVINE MERCY CENTRE, LETTERKENNY** ~ Phone: 0749169934



# ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER Sunday 1st September 2024

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### **MASS FOR EXPECTANT FAMILIES**

Awaiting the birth of a child is both a time for joyful waiting and great anxiety. To rejoice with you and help you through this time, we invite all parents - married, single and adoptive to a Mass for Expectant Families on **Thursday 5th September** at 7 pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral. Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Gillespie, Diocesan Administrator. All are welcome.



#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Parents whose children wish to serve at the altar can collect the forms in the Sacristy. *Please return them if possible by next Sunday, 8th September*. Parents of existing Altar Servers who wish to continue must also complete the form and return it by next week.

#### **PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

Dear Lord, help us:

To live deeply, with purpose;

To live freely, with detachment;

To live wisely, with humility;

To live justly, with compassion;

To live lovingly, with fidelity;

To live mindfully, with awareness;

To live gratefully, with generosity;

To live fully, with enthusiasm;

Help me to hold this vision,

and to daily renew it in my heart. Amen



## THE PASTORAL CENTRE COUNSELLING & PSYCHOTHERAPY

**SERVICE** - We offer child, adolescent and adult counselling services across different areas of the Diocese and County. These include: Buncrana, Carndonagh, Dunfanaghy, Dungloe, Letterkenny and Stranorlar. We also offer support to people affected by the Creeslough Disaster. To make a referral for you or someone else simply call on 074-9121853 or email: pastoralcentrelky@gmail.com

#### **CATHEDRAL ALTAR SOCIETY ROTA**

**6th September** ~ Carmel O'Donnell & Edwina Friel

13th September ~ Mary McHale & Edel Hayden

20th September ~ Linda Boyce & Rose Boyce

27th September ~ Dara Boyce & Rita Bonner

A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR will take place in All Saints Church, Newtowncunningham for 7 consecutive Sundays, from 6 pm -7.30 pm, beginning on Sunday 1st September. Registration opens at 5.30 pm. The Seminar is completely free. All are welcome.

Cara House Family Resource Centre 'AFTERNOON TEADANCE' (supported by OPTUM) takes place in Conwall Parish Hall on Monday 2nd September from 1 pm – 3.30 pm. This is a free event – donations accepted.

**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.

**FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY** ~ Saturday 7th September at 1 pm at the Market Square. We will be joined this month by the Men's Travelling Rosary. Everyone welcome.

The SISTERS OF MERCIFUL JESUS lead the **'LITTLE RAYS MEETING'** in the **Divine Mercy Centre**, resuming 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!

**UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE** ~ A new online Adult Faith Formation Course will begin in the Diocese of Raphoe on Wednesday 11th September at 8 pm and will take place once a week for eight consecutive weeks. This eight-part study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father's unfailing love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others. For further details and to register, email: dpr@raphoediocese.ie or call/text: 0874504873. All are welcome.

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.

Applications for the **RAINBOWS PROGRAMME** are now open for the 2024/25 year. Rainbows is a 9-week support programme for children aged 7-14 years old who have been affected by bereavement or separation in the family. Please contact the Pastoral Centre: 0749121853 or email: pastoralcentre@raphoediocese.ie Visit: www.rainbowsireland.ie for more information.

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

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

# **Monday 2nd September**

8 am Mass ~ Dolores McIntyre RIP 10 am Mass ~ Eamonn McGee RIP (First Anniversary)

# Tuesday 3rd September ~ St. Gregory the great, pope

8 am Mass ~ Anton Gallagher RIP 10 am Mass ~ Peg Allison RIP 6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

## Wednesday 4th Septmeber ~ St. Mac Nissi, bishop

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention

10 am Mass ~ Neil, Katie, Michael and Rose Anne Toner RIP

Confessions: 7.30 pm

# Thursday 5th September

8 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP

10 am Mass ~ Billy O'Donnell RIP (First Anniversary)

7 pm Mass ~ Mass for Expectant Families

8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

## Friday 6th September

8 am Mass ~ Mary O'Donnell RIP

10 am Mass ~ Mary Brady RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Dessie Rowan (Month's Mind Mass), Sean Foody (First Anniversary), Monica Collier, P.J. O'Donnell, Peadar Higgins, Sean Kyles and Áine Ronaghan RIP

# Saturday 7th September

10 am Mass ~ Vincent Carron RIP

**Confessions** ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm

Baptisms ~ 4 pm

Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm

## Sunday 8th September ~ Twenty-Third 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 We Care – Letterkenny Food Bank: 087-1471325