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

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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 1st September - €6,277 Sacred Vestments/Vessels (15th August): €2,820 PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €7.929.74 DONATIONS: €115

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

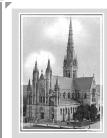
**"THE CELEBRATION OF "THE SEASON OF CREATION"** began on the 1st September and ends on the 4th October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Christian Churches around the world will unite with the theme **"TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION"**, inspired by Romans 8:19-25. Pope Francis asks "everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful". Resources available at: <a href="https://www.trocaire.org">www.trocaire.org</a> and <a href="https://www.trocaire.org">www.seasonofcreation.org</a>

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. Phone: 0749121853 for details.

**RETREATS AT ARDS FRIARY** ~ 'Welcoming Autumn – Reflections on Retirement': Wednesday 25th September 10.30 am - 4 pm (day includes a full lunch). 'The Path to Self-Acceptance': Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September. Both retreats led by Philip McParland. For enquiries, cost and bookings please contact Ards on 0749138909 or email: info@ardsfriary.ie

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.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** ~ 8 pm - 9 pm: Thursday 26th September: A time of praying with each other for fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



# ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER Sunday 8th September 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### **CHILD SAFEGUARDING NOTICE**

To report a suspicion, concern, or complaint of child abuse, either current or historical, please contact Margaret Northage, the Designated Liaison Person for the Diocese on 0862183011.

You are advised also to contact statutory authorities:

Tusla (Child & Family Agency) - Tel: 074 9102233

Gardaí National Protective Services Bureau - Tel: 01 6663430/6663435

In an emergency, please contact Letterkenny Garda Station – Tel: 074 9167100.

Free Counselling & Support is available through Towards Healing, an independent organisation providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland.

Freephone - ROI: 1800 303416

Freephone - N. Ireland & UK: 0800 0963315 Freephone - Hearing Impaired: 085 8022859

#### ST PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL

Now that summer holidays are over, work life returns to normal, schools are open and we are all trying to find routine again. Would you consider giving one hour of your week to Eucharistic Adoration? We are very fortunate in this parish to have St. Pius X Adoration Chapel, situated on the grounds of Loreto Secondary School behind St. Eunan's Cathedral. The Adoration Chapel is open from 1 pm Sunday to 8 pm Friday. For the past 36 years people responded generously and have maintained their level of commitment and have been very faithful to the Lord in quiet prayer. In order for this to continue we need more adorers, someone to commit to one hour per week. We all have heavy demands on our lives but Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest". No matter how busy we are, no matter how many things need to get done, the greatest need is to take time out - one hour per week to spend in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This hour is absolutely the best and most fruitful time that we will spend on earth. Can you give one hour per week?

If the answer is YES, please contact 0860870446 for more details.

An **AFTERNOON RETREAT** will take place in the **Divine Mercy Centre** on **Saturday 14th September** from 2 pm to 5.30 pm. The theme will be "**The Power of the Cross**". On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, we will explore how the cross is an important part of our Christian Faith, the power we receive from it and how it is linked to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 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: <a href="mailto:dvmletterkenny@gmail.com">dvmletterkenny@gmail.com</a>

**FORMED.ORG** is an excellent resource for the Catholic faith. If you are interested in signing up for 'Formed' in our parish, (1) Google: https://formed.org (2) Click on 'Formed for Parishes' (3) Click on 'Find your Parish subscription' (4) Under 'Create your account' - type in 'St. Eunan's Cathedral' (5) Click 'next' (6) Click on 'St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny (7) You may need to repeat the last few steps (8) Type your name (9) Type your email address (10) click 'sign up'! You can download the 'formed app' to your phone, computer or ipad (search App Store or Google Play)!

**LETTERKENNY CEILÍ DANCING** (a member of Cairde Rince na hEireann) will resume dancing on **Monday 9th September** from 8 pm - 9.30 pm at the prefab in Letterkenny Community Centre. All are welcome. No dance experience necessary.

A **YOUNG AT HEART SOCIAL** will be held at 8 pm on Tuesday 10th September in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road. Hosts are Marley Buses.

Online Adult Faith Formation Course will begin on Wednesday 11th September at 8 pm (once a week for 8 consecutive weeks). This study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE makes the complex simple. 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 details and to register, email: dpr@raphoediocese.ie or call/text: 0874504873. All are welcome.

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 for 23 weeks. Please contact Brian on 0749121853.

The 'LITTLE RAYS MEETING' will resume in the Divine Mercy Centre on Tuesday 17th September from 6 pm to 7 pm.

A **TRIDUUM** in preparation for the **Feast of St. Padre Pio** (St. Pio of Pietrelcina) will take place at the **Franciscan Friary**, **Rossnowlagh** from **Friday 20th** - **Monday 23rd September** (inclusive). **Mass**, **Homily and Blessing with Mitten at 7.30 pm each evening**.

**'Sing 550'** ~ As part of the Donegal Town's 550th anniversary celebrations, a Big Sing will take place in St. Agatha's Church. Clar at 5.50 pm on **Sunday 22nd September**. 550 singers are invited to register on Eventbrite - sing 550 to take part in this event. Registration fee is  $\in$ 5.50. No experience needed and is open to over 18's only. Closing date is Sept. 15th. The public are welcome to come and enjoy the performance. Admission is free and donations will be welcome after the event.

# Sunday 8th September ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

#### Monday 9th September ~ St. Ciaran, abbot

8 am Mass ~ Margaret and Anton Browne RIP 10 am Mass ~ Martin Forrest RIP

#### Tuesday 10th September ~ St. Peter Claver, priest

8 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention 10 am Mass ~ Kathleen and Martin Logue RIP 6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

# Wednesday 11th September

8 am Mass ~ John McDermott RIP 10 am Mass ~ Eileen Browne RIP

Confessions: 7.30 pm Youth 2000: 8 pm in the Cathedral 8 pm ~ Medjugorje Prayer Meeting in the Pastoral Centre

### Thursday 12th September ~ The Holy Name of Mary & St. Ailbe

8 am Mass ~ Nora McShane RIP
10 am Mass ~ Mary Boyle RIP
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

### Friday 13th September ~ St. John Chrysostom

8 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention 10 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving 7 pm Mass ~ May Lynch (Month's Mind Mass), Patricia Duffy (First Anniversary), Catherine McGinty, Thomas McGinty, Mary McGinty, Michael Doherty, John Quigley, Sheila Quigley, Caroline McCosker and Troy Morris RIP

# Saturday 14th September ~ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10 am Mass ~ Kathleen Doherty RIP (Month's Mind Mass) Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm

Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm

Baptisms  $\sim 4$  pm

# Sunday 15th September ~ Twenty-Fourth 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