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**SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 13th October - €8,621**

**PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €31,408.26**

**DONATIONS TOWARDS THE VISIT OF ST. BERNADETTE'S RELICS: €8,580**

**DONATION TOWARDS CATHEDRAL FLOWERS ~ 1 x €50 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).

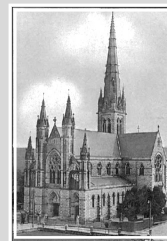
**BAPTISM PREPARATION** ~ We have uploaded a number of videos under 'Featured Videos' for Parents, in Preparation for their child's Baptism on our website: www.steunanscathedral.ie

**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.

**Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group 'DAY OF PRAYER, PRAISE & HEALING'** in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh on **Sunday 10th November.** Registration from 9.30 am, Holy Mass in the afternoon. Theme: "With God nothing is impossible." (Lk 1.37). Guest speaker: Fr. Eamonn Kelly. Cost: £30 includes morning coffee and lunch. Please book by Sunday 3rd November. Phone 00447876411435 or 00447596609041

**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.

**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](mailto:fightofthegoodman@gmail.com)



## ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 20th October 2024**

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

The visit of the relics of St. Bernadette were, from the point of view of attendance, a tremendous occasion. The sick were here as they are the "lords of Lourdes". Many came with hidden prayers and sufferings, and were consoled. The young and the old, the devout and the distant prayed and sang and walked together. However, we are unable to say to what degree all who came on pilgrimage allowed divine grace to make an impact on their souls. It was offered through the saint's intercession, the veneration of Our Lady, the worship of God through the sacraments of Confession, the Anointing of the Sick and the Holy Eucharist [the Mass], the power of Holy Water, the experience of welcome, both spiritual and practical. The grace that was offered is still offered. We should pause and ask ourselves: is my soul open to God who is standing at my door, not only waiting to be invited in, but waiting to invite me into his heart. Bernadette shows us the way. Mary reminds us of what God does by our baptism and all that flows from it. Let us not let our pilgrimage pass without gathering up, like Bernadette, the kindling to be brought to so many homes where the fire of the Holy Spirit needs to be rekindled.

It would be impossible to thank individually the army of volunteers who have made the visit of the relics such a success and an occasion of great grace for so many people whom the Cathedral, as the mother church, has welcomed from around the diocese and beyond. However, we would like to acknowledge the following groups: Our Sacristans who have dedicated so much time to preparation and presence throughout the visit; The Knights of Columbanus for coordinating the stewarding and for their generous and dedicated service; The "Hospitality of Lourdes" – the Lourdes volunteers and wide Lourdes Pilgrimage Family for their professional and reliable service, led by Fr. Stephen Gorman and his team; all involved in our Hospitality Tent that was such a huge sign of welcome to our diocesan family and that was so much appreciated night and day throughout the Visit; and thank you to all the individuals and businesses who prepared food and baked goods for our hospitality: it was greatly appreciated; our choirs and soloists who have of their time and talent so generously for the Masses, Liturgies and during times of veneration; the Cathedral army of cleaners who ensured the Cathedral

looked so well and who, in a practical sign of hospitality, made sure the toilets were kept clean and presentable; the Altar Society, especially those who prepared the flowers and the astonishing achievement of the Lourdes grotto in the Sanctuary; Mary Ellen and Eibhlin in the Parish Office; Eamonn Murray and his team from Ponsonby's for making so many practical details possible and done with great attention to detail; a word of thanks to John Harley for making sure we had sufficient lighting and for hooking everything up where it was needed; A word of thanks to Letterkenny Senior Accordion Band for their presence at the welcome ceremony for the relics, the children of St. Bernadette's School who formed the Guard of Honour for their patron, and the staff and students of Scoil Mhuire gan Smál and Loreto Secondary School for their beautiful music at the Liturgy of Welcome; to Reynolds of Raphoe for ensuring we had external amplification; thanks to St. Eunan's College, Scoil Cholmcille and Scoil Mhuire gan Smál for making their parking available at busier times; the Civil Defence and An Garda Síochána for their presence and assistance. To one and all, a heartfelt: go raibh mile, mile maith agaibh!

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 HERITAGE GROUP** invites you to unveiling of a plaque in memory of Nurse Peggy Harkin this afternoon, **Sunday 20th October at 3 pm, 79 Lower Main Street.** Refreshments will be available in Station House afterwards. All welcome.

**VACANT AND DERELICT PROPERTIES GRANT INFO SESSION:** Monday 21st October ~ 4 pm - 7 pm ~ Letterkenny Public Services Centre.

**LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL AGM** will be held in the School Library on **Monday 21st October at 7.30 pm.**

A **YOUNG AT HEART SOCIAL** will be held at 8 pm on **Tuesday 22nd October** in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road. Hosts are the Rotary Club and music by Clement Clark.

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** in aid of **Loreto Secondary School Funds** will take place on **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October.** Your support would be appreciated.

**CURSILLO** is a movement of ordinary lay women and men who share their faith in their everyday lives, bringing the love and hope of Jesus into ordinary events. The joy of the Good News that God loves us, irrespective of who we are or what we have done, is central to the Cursillo weekend. It is expressed through talks, discussions, prayer, laughter and friendship. Up coming weekends in Ards Friary, Creeslough: **Men's weekend 24th - 27th October; Women's weekend 31st October - 3rd November** under the direction of Fr. Laurence Kettle. If you would like more information please contact Martina on 087-3749024 or Pat on 087-9374001.

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

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm  
Baptisms ~ 2.30 pm                      October Devotions: 7 pm

### Monday 21st October

10 am Mass only ~ Special Intention

### Tuesday 22nd October ~ St. John Paul II, pope

10 am Mass only ~ Anthony Blake RIP  
6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

### Wednesday 23rd October ~ St. John of Capistrano, priest

10 am Mass only ~ John and Monica O'Brien RIP  
Confessions: 7.30 pm  
Medjugorje Prayer Group: 8 pm in the Pastoral Centre

### Thursday 24th October ~ St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

8 am Mass ~ Josephine Keeney RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Mary and Michael McGlynn RIP  
7 pm Mass ~ William Bradley RIP (First Anniversary)  
7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group in the Pastoral Centre  
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

### Friday 25th October ~ Bl. Thaddeus MacCarthy, bishop

8 am Mass ~ Kathleen Blake RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP  
7 pm Mass ~ Shaun McDaid, Brian Gallagher, Margaret Gallagher, Tessie Wilkie, Peter Wilkie, Anthony Blake, Kathleen Blake, Kevin Peoples, Brendan Peoples, Alfie Peoples, Deceased Members of the Peoples Family, John McCafferty, Julia O'Hanlon, Eilish Hunter, Kathleen Gamble, Tony Breslin, Annie Callaghan, Joseph Callaghan and Tina Brogan RIP

### Saturday 26th October

10 am Mass ~ Maureen Brogan RIP (Month's Mind Mass)  
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1 pm and 7 pm                      Baptisms ~ 4 pm  
Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm

### Sunday 27th October ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm  
Baptisms: 2.30 pm                      October Devotions: 7 pm