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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 10th November - 6,265 PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ 4,596.63 DONATIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL: 80

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

SPARK: A weekend of fun, faith and friendship for 12-16 year olds. Do you know a young person who would like to build their faith and make new friends? Spark is a weekend experience which follows core themes from YouCat, as well as stories of role models such as Bl. Carlo Acutis and Sr. Clare Crockett, to help young people learn about their faith, while making friends and hopefully having a bit of craic in the process! This weekend will take place from the **22nd – 24th November** in Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry. For bookings, cost and further information please Text or WhatsApp Brendan on 0868043065.

There will be a **CRAFT FAIR** in Trinity Hall on **Saturday 23rd November** in aid of **MARY'S MEALS DONEGAL**. Please contact Fr. Kelly on 0879077985.

A MASS TO CELEBRATE THE DIAMOND JUBILEE of SR. SUSAN EVANGELIST and to give thanks for her Ministry in the Diocese, especially to the Cursillo movement, will be held in St. Mary's Church, Stranorlar on the 24th November at 4 pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Sr Susan has requested no gifts. Her books will be on sale with proceeds going to Cursillo.

SCOIL CHOLMCILLE, CONVENT ROAD, LETTERKENNY, invites the parents of prospective Junior Infant students to **come for a tour of our school** on **Tuesday 26th November** at 10 am and **Thursday 28th November** at 1 pm. **ENROLMENT DAY** will be on **Wednesday 4th December** with applications being accepted until 29th January 2025.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are **ON SALE** in Veritas, Main Street, Macs Deli, High Road; Clarke's Newsagents, Lower Main Street; County Dry Cleaners, Lower Main Street; Certa Oil, Port Road; Kernans Shop, Lower Main Street; Kernans Shop, Oldtown; Kernans Shop, Tullygay; Tinney's Oil, Bonagee; and from the Sacristy and Parochial House. (€5 per packet of 5).



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER Sunday 17th November 2024

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Catholic charity, **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**, dedicated to providing pastoral and humanitarian support to persecuted Christians around the world, calls **Wednesday 20th November (RED WEDNESDAY)**. Red is the colour that has been traditionally associated with martyrs, those courageous men and women who refused to deny Christ and shed their blood in defence of their faith.

The colour 'red' also points us to the Holy Spirit. Red vestments are worn on Pentecost Sunday and whenever the sacrament of Confirmation is being administered. This is very appropriate as the word 'martyr' means 'witness' and it is the Holy Spirit who gives us the courage to witness.

Today, over 360 million Christians experience high levels of persecution and discrimination worldwide. This includes violent oppression, government imposed restrictions, societal discrimination and social exclusion. Pope Francis pointed out recently that one in seven Christians face discrimination because of their faith.

Today, at the invitation of Aid to the Church in Need Ireland, we are asked to pray for all those who are suffering for their faith in various parts of the world and to remember the martyrs of yesterday and today. As we commemorate them, we pray for a little of their strength and conviction and for the determination to be true to our Christian faith despite any suffering it may bring.

Aid to Church in Need supports over 6,000 vulnerable Christian communities in 140 countries. You can support those who are suffering by your prayers, generosity and becoming a friend of ACN IRELAND. For more information please visit: www.acnireland.org

God our Father, You have warned us through your Son Jesus Christ that those who follow Him may be oppressed and abused because of their faith. We ask that you comfort and give courage to all your children who fall victims to unjust imprisonment, physical harm, and intimidation at the hands of their oppressors. For those who have given their lives in the fight for freedom to openly share and live out their faith, may they be welcomed into your warm embrace. For those who persecute our brothers and sisters, may their spirits be touched by the incredible faith of those who they attack. And may they turn away from sin and open their hearts to your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Pius X Adoration Chapel ~ COMMITTED ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS: Sunday 6 pm - 7 pm; Monday 12 noon - 1 pm; Tuesday 12 noon - 1 pm; Wednesday 1 pm - 2 pm, 2 pm - 3 pm and 3 pm - 4 pm; Thursday 4 pm - 5 pm. Please phone Mary on 086-0870446.

EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE, will take place today, **Sunday 17th November** at 6 pm in **All Saints Church**, **Newtowncunningham**. All are welcome.
'Unload all your burden on to him, since he is concerned about you.' 1 Peter 5:7

The **ALZHEIMER SOCIETY** invites you to the **Donegal Launch of Dementia Inclusive Communities** on **Tuesday 19th November** at 7 pm at Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey. We hope to have a broad range of agencies, businesses and public attending. For further information please email: heather.cassidy@alzheimer.ie ~ For Further Information on Friends of ASI Dementia Inclusive Communities visit: alzheimer.ie

A **COFFEE MORNING** will take place on **Tuesday 19th November** in Dillons Hotel at 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. Join us at Dillons for a delightful morning of coffee, sandwiches and delicious baked treats. There will also be the option to buy tickets for the raffle which includes some wonderful prizes.

ERRIGAL COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT 2024 ~ Errigal College will hold their annual open night on **Thursday 21st November**. The event is a fantastic opportunity for 5th and 6th class pupils to view their facilities, meet staff and sample the subjects on offer in the school. Open Night will be divided into two sessions: Session 1 from 5.15 pm - 7 pm and session 2 from 7 pm - 8.30 pm. To register for one of the sessions and find out more please visit; www.errigalcollege.ie

APPEAL OF FATIMA TO THE WORLD ~ Presented by Professor William A. Thomas. Join us on Thursday 21st November at 7 pm in the Plaza Community Hall, Buncrana Main Street, for an EVENING OF INFORMATION ON FATIMA - Why Our Lady appeared in Fatima; third secret of Fatima discussed etc. Also showing the documentary: 'Fatima - the ultimate mystery'. Tickets €10 (Cash only)

The Sisters of Merciful Jesus invite you to an AFTERNOON RETREAT on Saturday 23th November. The theme of the retreat will be "MOTHER OF MERCY". On the 16th November we celebrate the Feast of Mother of Mercy. The retreat starts at 2 pm and continues until 5.30 pm. It will consist of talks, a time of prayer and reflection and sharing our experience of faith (also around a cuppa). Please note: it is necessary to book for all our retreats. To do so, or for more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 0749169934 or email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com

A **BLOOD DRIVE** will take place in the **Waterfront Hotel**, **Dungloe** on **Tuesday 19th November** from 4.30 pm - 8.45 pm. Giving blood saves many lives.

A **CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** will take place on **Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th November** with proceeds going to Cursillo. Your support would be appreciated.

Sunday 17th November ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Baptisms $\sim 2.30 \text{ pm}$

Monday 18th November → The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul

8am Mass ~ Willie Crawford RIP

10 am Mass ~ Eddie and Charles Grant RPI

Tuesday 19th November

8 am Mass ~ Charles Butler RIP

10 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Hegarty Family (Drumany) RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Mary Harley and Adrian Hughes RIP

Wednesday 20th November

8 am Mass ~ Eddie Tinney RIP

10 am Mass ~ Susan and Michael O'Boyle RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Deir dre Gallagher RIP (First Anniversary)

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

Medjugorje Praver Group: 8 pm in the Pastoral Centre

Thursday 21st November ~ The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary RIP

10 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving

7 pm Mass ~ Cabrini McConnellogue RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group in the Pastoral Centre

8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 22nd November ~ St. Cecelia, virgin and martyr

8 am Mass ~ Joe and Annie McConnell RIP

10 Mass ~ Maureen Brogan RIP

7 pm Mass ~ Ryan McCauley (Month's Mind Mass), Michael Curran, Barry Owens, Margaret Kelly, James Kelly, Grace Marley, Belinda Martin, Thomas McGinty, Liam Collins, Pat Docherty, John McDaid, Cassie McDaid, Margaret Keogh, Annabelle Fisher, Barney McBrearty and Sean Keeney RIP

Saturday 23rd November ~ St. Columban, abbot and missionary

10 am Mass ~ Patsy O'Neill RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1pm and 7pm

Baptisms ~ 4 pm

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

Sunday 24th November ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Baptisms: 2.30 pm