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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 24th November - €5,352

**RETIRED CLERGY COLLECTION** - €1,420

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €10,286

**DONATIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL:** 1 x €10; 1 x €20, 1 x €50

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

**HANDMADE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR** will be held in Conwal Parish Church Hall on Saturday 7th December from 11 am - 3 pm. Everyone welcome.

St. Eunan's Cathedral Parish Council are in the process of organising a **JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME** - No dates are confirmed at the moment but it is looking like **October 2025**.

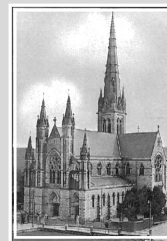
**RAPHOE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** (19th - 23rd May) Departing: City of Derry Airport. Led by Monsignor Kevin Gillespie, Diocesan Administrator. More details to follow very soon.

**RAPHOE DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS "JUBILEE OF YOUTH" PILGRIMAGE TO ROME** (30th July - 5th August) for 18-35 year olds. Cost: €1175 pps. Email: Raphoeyouthpilgrimage@gmail.com for further information. For bookings please call Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410800. See Cathedral Noticeboard.

**RAPHOE PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA** (17th July 2025) For 7 nights. Led by a Spiritual Director from the Raphoe Diocese. Cost: €929 pps. For information and bookings please phone Mena 0749121748 or Eileen 0831175135.

**The Donegal N.E. Group** have organised **TWO PILGRIMAGES TO MEDJUGORJE in 2025** ~ 14th May (Derry to Mostar) and the 24th September from (Knock to Mostar) for seven nights. Vouchers are available. For more information and bookings, please phone Michael on 087-2922499

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** will take place on the 3rd September 2025 for 7 nights with Spiritual Director, Afternoon Flight. Cost €929 per person. **EARLY BOOKING OFFER** €100 off if paid in full by the 15th December. For further information/booking please contact Mairead 087-7698195 or Kathleen 086-3721962.



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

*First Sunday of Advent*

### CATHEDRAL FAMILY MASS

It is always important that we give the future generation a deep understanding of our Catholic Faith. Our next **FAMILY MASS** is on **Sunday 8th December at 10 am**. For some individuals/families, Christmas will be a difficult time, so we are going to try and improve on this situation.

During our **FAMILY MASS** we are going to take up presents at the Offertory. These presents will be given to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society who will distribute them during the Christmas season.



We encourage all families to participate and help make Christmas special for all our neighbours. The present - one from each family - can be anything you like: a book, a small toy, a small item of clothing, a box of sweets, etc. Please wrap and mark on them 'boy' and 'girl' and a rough guide as to the age for which the present would be appropriate.

### ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

Will take place on **Sunday 15th December at 7.30 pm**. Everyone is welcome.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Cathedral 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**). The Recipient's intentions are included in all Masses in the Cathedral from the 25th December until the 1st January. Any profit, after printing costs, will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### CLOSURE OF VERITAS

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the official closing date for the Letterkenny branch of Veritas, Main Street, Letterkenny - **Friday 13th December**. We sincerely thank Sheila and all the Staff in the Letterkenny branch for their help, friendship and devotion to promoting our Catholic Faith. May God bless you all as you set out on the next chapter of your lives.

**BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION** ~ If you delivered the boxes of envelopes in previous years, we would appreciate your help once again this year. If you attend the Cathedral on a regular basis and would like to **RECEIVE A BOX of Cathedral Envelopes for 2025** OR perhaps you would like to set up a Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office on 0749121021.

**CLEANING IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS** will take place on **Tuesday 10th December** in **St. Eunan's Cathedral** from 2 pm - 4 pm. Volunteers are invited to help with hoovering, dusting, glass cleaning etc.

The **SISTERS OF MERCIFUL JESUS** invite you to an **AFTERNOON RETREAT** on **Saturday 7th December**. The theme of the retreat will be **"ADVENT IS A TIME 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](mailto:dvmletterkenny@gmail.com).

**SCOIL CHOLMCILLE, CONVENT ROAD, LETTERKENNY, ENROLMENT DAY** will be on **Wednesday 4th December** with applications being accepted until 29th January 2025.

You are invited to the launch of **'LIFE LINK'**, a ground-breaking all-Ireland pregnancy care initiative on **Thursday 5th December at 7.30 pm** in the Mount Errigal Hotel. This project is a step forward in providing compassionate support to women facing unplanned pregnancies, empowering them to choose life, and building a culture that cherishes every child. Speaker: Bernadette Smyth Founder/Director Precious Life

**DONEGAL PRO-LIFE** will hold their monthly Vigil/Gathering at the Hospital Roundabout, Letterkenny on **Friday 6th December at 1 pm**. We also ask that people pray at 6 pm in their homes/local church for the protection of the unborn

**FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY** will take place on **Saturday 7th December** at 1 pm at the Market Square, Letterkenny. Everyone welcome.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL** ~ Christmas is a time of plenty but unfortunately for many of the families that we support, Christmas can be a time of dread and worry as they see their families go without. We take up our **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** on the **7th and 8th December** and once again appeal to your generosity. Please help us to help those in need this Christmas. Thank you.

**'DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS'** will take place on **Sunday 8th December** in **St. Eunan's Church, Raphoe** at the 11 am Mass. Each person who has died on our roads will be remembered but if you would like a name of a loved one who has died as a result of an RTA called out, please email the name to: [eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com](mailto:eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com) or text the name to: 0879077985. It would be appreciated if we could have all names before **Wednesday 4th December**.

<b>Sunday 1st December ~ First Sunday of Advent</b>	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm	Baptisms ~ 2.30 pm
<b>Monday 2nd December</b>	
8am Mass ~ Patrick Farren RIP	
10 am Mass ~ Mass of Thanksgiving	
<b>Tuesday 3rd December ~ St. Francis Xavier, priest</b>	
8 am Mass ~ Margaret Bonner RIP	
10 am Mass ~ Michael and Eileen Browne RIP	
7 pm Mass ~ Joe Gorman, Noel and Mary McGroarty RIP	
<b>Wednesday 4th December ~ St. John Damascene</b>	
8 am Mass ~ Margaret McGlinchey RIP	
10 am Mass ~ Frank Doherty RIP	
7 pm Mass ~ Kathleen and Packie Harkin RIP	
Confessions: 7.30 pm	Youth 2000 ~ 8 pm in the Cathedral
<b>Thursday 5th December</b>	
8 am Mass ~ Patrick Bonner RIP	
10 am Mass ~ Patrick (Packie) and Kathleen Harkin RIP	
7 pm Mass ~ Special Intention	
7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group in the Pastoral Centre	
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room	
<b>Friday 6th December ~ St. Nicholas, bishop</b>	
8 am Mass ~ Jim and Mary McGeever RIP	
10 Mass ~ Mary, John, John (Jnr.), Frances and Paula Brennan RIP	
7 pm Mass ~ Bridie Orr, Hugh Mailey, Kathleen Mailey, Sheila Mailey, Brian Mailey Elizabeth Mailey, William Mailey, Rosie Dorrian, Mickey Dorrian, P.J. Blake, Anton Diver, Mary Theresa Shiels, Maureen Murphy, Tim Foley, Henry Murray, Patsy Sweeney and Eddie McGlynn RIP	
<b>Saturday 7th December ~ St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church</b>	
10 am Mass ~ Paddy Murray RIP (First Anniversary)	
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1pm and 7pm	
Baptisms ~ 4 pm	Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm
<b>Sunday 8th December ~ Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm	Baptisms: 2.30 pm