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**SUNDAY COLLECTION** ~ 17th November - €5,624

**PARISH EXPENDITURE** ~ €21,419.33

**DONATIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL:** 1 x €10; 1 x €20, 1 x €30 and 1 x €40

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

### **CATHEDRAL ALTAR SOCIETY SCHEDULE**

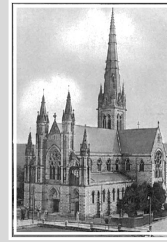
29th November/6th December ~ Mary McHale, Carmel O'Donnell, Fiona Tunney and Edel Hayden; 13th/20th December ~ Caroline Patton, Veronica Molloy and Rita Bonar; 27th December/3rd January ~ Frankie, Anne Omodara, Foia and Olitha **\*PLEASE NOTE:** CLEANING IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS will take place on Tuesday 10th December from 2 pm - 4 pm. Volunteers invited to help with hoovering, dusting, glass cleaning etc.

Join **PRECIOUS LIFE** on Thursday 5th December at Mount Errigal Hotel, at 7.30 pm for the launch of **Life Link**, a ground breaking all-Ireland pregnancy care initiative! Be part of this evening as we unveil our plans for a powerful new support network dedicated to protecting unborn babies and empowering women across Ireland to choose life. For more information, please contact, Precious Life on 0482890278484

**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.

**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE** will take place on Sunday 15th December at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

**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 24th November 2024**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

### **FROM THE BISHOPS' STATEMENT FOR ELECTION 2024**

The Bishops have issued a statement outlining some of the priorities they see for the incoming government. Firstly, they emphasise that voting is an important participation in the democratic process, even if one cannot find a candidate or party to reflect one's views. Catholics might also consider the following in engaging with candidates and deciding how to vote:

**Living with dignity.** Too many people in Ireland are still suffering financial hardships due to increased costs of food and energy. The continuing increase in the levels of homelessness is a scandal. All families, regardless of income level, should be able to access housing that is adequate to their needs.

**Welcoming those who come to us in their need.** Our political leaders should strive to alleviate the key shortcomings in our economy and social fabric so that all those who come to Ireland to seek a better life and contribute to our society will be welcome and know that they belong.

**Valuing every life in every condition.** Since the introduction of the legislation in 2018, 40,000 abortions have been carried out in Ireland. Some politicians want to make it even more liberal. The outgoing Dáil has accepted a recent report from an Oireachtas Committee that assisted dying should be allowed. We totally reject that recommendation because a fundamental principle of civilised society is that no person can lawfully take the life of another.

**Caring for our common home.** We all have a responsibility to protect the future of our planet, our common home.

**Work so that peace may reign in our hearts and our world.** The war in Gaza and the Middle East must stop now. Enough is enough! Similarly, the international community has a role to play in bringing peace to Ukraine and to other areas of conflict in our world, including Sudan, Myanmar and Yemen. We ask all political parties to ensure the budget for overseas development aid is maintained and increased over the coming mandate.

**Church-State structured dialogue is not functioning and in need of review.** Churches and faith communities have an important contribution to bring to the national and local conversation by helping build and sustain an Ireland that protects and values the potential of every person. The current structures for Church-State dialogue are not functioning for the greater good of society and are in need of review.

## BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES/STANDING ORDERS

- 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 in the coming week.
- The following Boxes of envelopes were **collected from the back of the Cathedral during 2024**: 551, 552, 555, 556, 557, 559, 562,563, 565, 569, 570, 571, 573, 577, 581,582, 584, 585, 587, 592, 594, 599, 601, 602, 603, 604, 610, 615, 620, 633, 639, 645 and 652, **Unfortunately, no information was given from the donors!**
- It is important when setting up a Standing Order to make sure that **your name will appear on the Cathedral Bank Statement**. Please do **not use a Box of Envelopes number**, as boxes are rotated every two/three years.

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, this afternoon Sunday 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.



**ADVENT: A TIME OF PREPARATION - PENANCE - PRAYER** ~ You are warmly welcome to join us for 'ADVENT WREATH MAKING' on **Saturday 30th November** at 11 am in the Divine Mercy Centre. **Materials needed:** Evergreen foliage, candles, oasis or base of your choice. Be creative!! Cuppa and craic!

**Letterkenny Tidy Towns Committee** invites the public to the 38th Annual Cleaner Community Campaign Awards in the Mount Errigal Hotel on **Monday 25th November at 7 pm**. Guest of Honour, Charlie McConalogue TD, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine. All are welcome.

**LETTERKENNY MEMORIES** will take place on **Monday 25th November** at 8 pm in the Station House Hotel. Everyone welcome. Light refreshment served.

A **YOUNG AT HEART SOCIAL** will be held on **Tuesday 26th November** at 8 pm in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road, Hosts: Man. Utd Supporters club.

**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.

As part of the 170th celebrations, Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny, are hosting an evening to launch Ms Ann Carroll's book entitled "**THE CONVENT**", on **Friday 29th November at 5 pm** in the School Lobby Everyone is welcome - especially past pupils and former colleagues.

## 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

## Monday 25th November ~ St. Catherine of Alexandria

8am Mass ~ Michael Phelan RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Bobby Doherty RIP (Month's Mind Mass)

## Tuesday 26th November

8 am Mass ~ Maura Maguire RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Frank McCarron RIP and Sr. Mary McCarron RIP  
7 pm Mass ~ Paddy Carr RIP

## Wednesday 27th November ~ St. Fergal

8 am Mass ~ John McCarter RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Cassie and Phil McCafferty RIP  
7 pm Mass ~ Pauline Grant RIP (Month's Mind Mass)  
Confessions: 7.30 pm      Youth 2000 ~ 8 pm in the Cathedral

## Thursday 28th November

8 am Mass ~ John and May Doherty RIP  
10 am Mass ~ Peter and Hannah McDermott RIP  
7 pm Mass ~ Charlie and Ellen McMenamin RIP  
7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group in the Pastoral Centre  
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

## Friday 29th November

8 am Mass ~ Seamus Brolly RIP  
10 Mass ~ Margaret and Danny Doherty and Raymond Cassidy RIP  
7 pm Mass ~ Margaret Harvey (Month's Mind Mass), James Duffy, Patrick Carr, Liam Collins, Pat McBrearty, Charlie McGinley, Brigid Duffy, Johnny Duffy, Packie Duffy and Deceased Members of the Duffy Family RIP

## Saturday 30th November ~ St. Andrew, Apostle

10 am Mass ~ Anne (Nan) Kelly RIP (Month's Mind Mass)  
Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1pm and 7pm  
Nuptial ~ 1 pm      Baptisms ~ 4 pm  
Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm

## Sunday 1st December ~ First Sunday of Advent

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