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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 27th October - €5,472

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €10,034.80

DONATIONS TOWARDS THE VISIT OF ST. BERNADETTE'S RELICS: €155

DONATIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL ~ €70

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

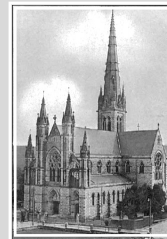
'DAY OF PRAYER, PRAISE & HEALING' in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh on **Sunday 10th November**. Registration from 9.30 am, Holy Mass in the afternoon. Phone 00447876411435 or 00447596609041

ABIDE in His Love Women's Conference will take place from the **15th - 17th November** in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Join us for an inspiring weekend with guest speakers including: Lisa Cotter (Colorado), Dominican Sisters (Nashville), Fr. Barry Braum (London), Kathleen Nichols & Celine Kelly (Magdala, Israel), Bishop Kevin Doran (Elphin), Catherine DiNuzzo (Kansas), and Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR, among others. To register, visit Eventbrite.ie and search for "Abide in His Love". Further information will be sent via email upon registration.

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. There will be a wide community reach on the night and we hope to have a broad range of agencies, businesses and public attending from around the County. All support is greatly appreciated. For further information please email: heather.cassidy@alzheimer.ie ~ For Further Information on Friends of ASI Dementia Inclusive Communities visit: alzheimer.ie

Are you a past student of Loreto Letterkenny? As we are celebrating 170 years of Loreto Letterkenny we are forming a **LORETO LETTERKENNY ALUMNI**. If you are interested in becoming a member and sharing your memories of your time in the brown and yellow uniform please complete the form on our Loreto Letterkenny Alumni page.

ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL ~ COMMITTED ADORERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED. Are you free to spend **ONE** hour a week in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament? If yes, please phone Mary on 086-0870446.



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3rd November 2024

Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reflecting on the recent visit of the relics of St. Bernadette, we can recall other visits of the relics of the saints and wonder at the popularity of these moments. We have had in the past the visit of the relics of St. Therese of Lisieux, of St. Claude de la Colombière [Spiritual Director of St. Margaret Mary Aloccoque], of St. Charbel, and frequently the faithful have an opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio], of St. Faustina and of Blessed Michael Sopoćko ["Sopotchko"]. There are countless saints and martyrs, of all kinds. Why do they attract us so strongly? Perhaps the most basic reason is that many of us carry all kinds of burdens – physical, psychological, spiritual – and we turn to the saints in their most basic identity: friends of God who have reached their home with him. We believe they intercede for us. We are often like those figures in the Gospels who cry out to Jesus but are heard first of all by the disciples. Perhaps also to some degree, many of us consider the saints to be more easily approachable; we are less over-awed than we might be by turning in prayer directly to God himself. Of course, all prayer is really directed to God: it is He who is our help and salvation. To keep our prayer to the saints as it should be, we should try to know more about their real lives and their struggles. The more we know about what kind of life they lived, and what they faced, and how they grappled with the journey of faith, we are encouraged to know that they are not so different from us in their human experience, and therefore they encourage us on the road of salvation. For if we asked the saints for help without learning something of their life of faith and being encouraged by it, they would be saddened that their friendship with us had so little influence in making us too friends of God. It is the meaning of the feast of All Saints: to remind us that the saints are among us. They are us when we strive with our best effort and with sincere faith to live in friendship with Christ and to imitate his life as he has asked us, shown us and helped us to do.

NOVENA FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED continues until **Saturday 9th November** at the evening Mass. You are welcome to write a list of the names of your loved ones and to leave them in the basket which will be placed in the sanctuary for the purpose. We ask that no offering be included with petitions, but any offering received will be used to defray the cost of light and heat. You are encouraged to attend the Novena for its duration, conscious of the importance of praying for our beloved dead and for all the souls who have no one to pray for them.

PIONEER PLEDGE FOR THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS ~ A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Contact the Pioneers on 018054226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

The **Sisters of Merciful Jesus** invite you to an **AFTERNOON RETREAT** on **Saturday 9th November**. The theme of the retreat will be "Blessed Fr. Michel Sopoćko". The 1st November is the **Birthday of Bl. Fr. Michel Sopoćko**. 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: 074 916 9934 or dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com

JOY OF SAMHAIN RETREAT ~ Friday 8th - 10th November in Ards Friary, Creeslough. Facilitated by Deirdre Ni Chinneide, Fr Philip Baxter and John Keane. please phone 0749138909 or email: info@ardsfriary.ie

Do you have a strong opinion on digital technology? Now is your chance to have your say by participating in the **2024 SOAPBOX COMPETITION**. The topic is: "AI is not a threat to Humanity". This public speaking competition will take place in the Central Library, Letterkenny on **Thursday 7th November at 6.30 pm**. Two categories, 16 and under/17 and over. You will have three minutes to argue for or against the motion. All speeches will be assessed by a panel of three independent judges and equal marks will be awarded for content, delivery, structure and overall impact. If you would like to take part in the Soapbox competition please email: eudirect@donegallibrary.ie

SVP ~ CHRISTMAS FASHION SHOW will take place on **Thursday 14th November** in the Orchard Inn, High Road at 8 pm. Tickets: €10 available from both Vincent Shops in Letterkenny.

The **LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL RETREAT** will take place in Ards on **Sunday 17th November** at 10 am. Auxiliary Members and Non Legionaries are welcome. For further details please contact: 0860630729/0851679214.

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.

There will be a **CRAFT FAIR** in Trinity Hall on **Saturday 23rd November** in aid of **MARY'S MEALS DONEGAL**. If you would like to organise a table for Mary's Meals, please contact Fr. Eamonn Kelly on 0879077985.

"DILEXIT NOS - HE LOVED US" - ENCYCLICAL OF POPE FRANCIS ~ Prayers and Reflections based on "the Human and the Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ" are available on: www.pioneers.ie

Sunday 3rd November ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm (Novena) Baptisms ~ 2.30 pm
Monday 4th November ~ St. Charles Borromeo, bishop
8am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Raphoe Diocesan Society RIP 10 am Mass ~ Barney Coyle Jnr. RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Novena
Tuesday 5th November ~ St. Martin de Porres, religious
8 am Mass ~ Philip Rooney RIP 10 am Mass ~ Joseph Kelly RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Novena
Wednesday 6th November ~ All the Saints of Ireland
8 am Mass ~ Mary and Peter Gallagher RIP 10 am Mass ~ Rosie Rooney RIP 7 pm Mass ~ Novena Youth 2000 ~ 8 pm in the Cathedral Medjugorje Prayer Group: 8 pm in the Pastoral Centre Confessions: 7.30 pm
Thursday 7th November ~ St. Willibrord, bishop and missionary
8 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Bradley and Timoney Families RIP 10 am Mass ~ Eileen Connolly RIP (Month's Mind Mass) 7 pm Mass ~ Novena 7 pm ~ Cathedral Youth Group in the Pastoral Centre 8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room
Friday 8th November
8am Mass ~ Anjo Duffy RIP 10 Mass ~ Special Intention 7 pm Mass ~ Novena
Saturday 9th November ~ The Dedication the Lateran Basilica
10 am Mass ~ Tony Toyne RIP (Month's Mind Mass) Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1pm and 7pm Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm (Novena) Nuptial ~ 1 pm Baptisms ~ 4 pm
Sunday 10th November ~ Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm Baptisms: 2.30 pm