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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 5th January - €6,272

PAINTING OF CATHEDRAL ~ JANUARY ENVELOPE ~ €2,565

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €5,817

DONATIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL: 1 x €50, 1 x €30 and 1 x €15

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

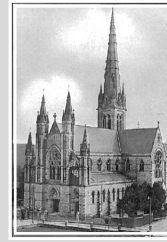
From the 18th - 25th January the **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** is held. This year's prayer resource has been prepared by the community of Bose, an ecumenical monastery of brothers and sisters in northern Italy. As we celebrate 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea, this worship has at its heart, the Nicene Creed. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27, and to contemplate Jesus' provocative question to Martha: 'Do you believe this?'

BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES ~ If you attend the Cathedral on a regular basis and would like to receive a **Box of Cathedral Envelopes for 2025**, please contact the Parish Office on 9121021 or take a box from the back of the Cathedral. If you take a box, please complete and return the little card inside. If you would like to set up a **Standing Order**, or wish to donate to the Parish, please use the following IBAN Number: IE39BOFI90491556668632 - please ensure that your **FULL NAME** will appear on the Cathedral Bank Statement.

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

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW, POLAND (20th - 26th August 2025) ~ Pilgrimage director: Fr. Eamonn Kelly. Cost: €995 pps, please contact Kieran or Laura on 0579355050 or email: info@myriam.ie



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12th January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord



THE MASS – THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST – THE OFFERTORY [continued]

The Offertory proceeds with the preparation of the altar. Inasmuch as possible, the altar has been clear of any objects except the candles placed on or around it to this point. Now the chalice is brought and unveiled, the corporal is extended, upon which will be placed the Eucharist, the gifts received in procession or brought from the credence table are arranged on the altar [ciborium with hosts ready for consecration, the wine and water, etc.], the missal is opened. The prayers of the Offertory are all about acknowledging that all that we have is from God and that he transforms mere created realities into the supernatural reality of the Lord's own body and blood. The priest takes the paten – the plate holding the large host for consecration – and raises it slightly in offering and acknowledgment, saying the prayer: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. It is a beautiful prayer. God is blessed – that is to say praised, spoken well off, honoured - and he is acknowledged as Lord and God of all creation. This is the basis for acknowledging that the bread, that most basic food, used by Jesus to leave us his own body and blood as our spiritual food, is given by God since he has created all things, he is the Lord of all, and we would not have life, breath or nourishment except by his mercy. His goodness is the basis of all that we have, and the basis for the particular gift of the Eucharist. In this prayer, we recognise that we come with empty hands, to give to God what he has first given to us with such generosity and kindness, and we ask him to transform it yet again into a gift that truly surpasses our understanding or expectation. The bread is the "fruit of the earth, and "the work of human hands". In these times when Pope Francis calls our attention to the earth that has been given as our "common home", the offertory prayer reminds us that these good things are a free gift given by God to all peoples, and that we must be conscious of our duty to hand on a home that can feed and care for future generations until the Lord comes, so that they may know and praise Him. But the Lord also calls us to cooperate in his work. We cooperate in his work of creation, most especially in the sacred call of marriage and family, and we cooperate in his love for what he has created by cherishing all He has made, from the child beginning its life in

the womb to the created reality around us. Thus, the bread is not only made from the elements of God's creation, it is also "the work of human hands". The Lord's humility is astonishing: he involves us in His work of creation and redemption; He involves us in His ongoing work of grace. This created thing will become for us "the bread of life" – the Lord's description of himself: "I am the bread of life, he who eats of me will never be hungry, he who believes in me will never thirst" [John 6:35].

SCOIL MUIRE GAN SMÁL, LETTERKENNY - ENROLMENT SEPTEMBER 2025 Closing date is Monday 13th January 2025. Please call at the school, phone 0749121171 or email: letterkennysmgs@gmail.com

Local **WRITER'S COURSE** for all levels starting on **Tuesday 14th January** from 8 pm - 10 pm in the Raphoe Pastoral Centre (6 week in-person course). Write Poems and Stories. Phone Martin on 0876007100.

Please **SUPPORT** your upcoming local **BLOOD DRIVE** at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. **Monday 13th January:** 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm; **Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th January:** 2.30 pm - 5 pm and 7 pm - 9.30 pm; **Thursday 16th January:** 12 pm - 2 pm and 4 pm - 7.30 pm. Giving Blood saves many lives.

ST. BRIGID CROSS MAKING ~ On the eve of St. Brigid's Day, **31st January**, you are warmly invited to come along to join in the making of St. Brigid's Crosses and to keep the flame of this beautiful tradition alight at 6 pm and again at 8 pm in the **Pastoral Centre Hall**. Rushes will be provided. Crosses will be blessed, and of course, in true hospitable St. Brigid fashion, light refreshments will be provided.

The **RAPHOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025** will depart from the City of Derry Airport on **Monday 19th May for 4 nights**. The Pilgrimage will be led by Monsignor Kevin Gillespie, Diocesan Administrator, with Pilgrimage Director, Fr. Stephen Gorman. The cost of the Pilgrimage is €889 per person in the Aena Hotel or €939 per person in the Panorama Hotel. This includes **direct return flights from City of Derry Airport to Lourdes**, full religious programme, all airport transfers in Lourdes, taxes and Sanctuary Levy, hotel accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. Single room supplement of €39 per night. **All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours DIRECTLY on 01 2410800**. Anyone wishing to travel with the **Special Assisted Section** should apply in writing to: Fr Stephen Gorman, Parochial House, Milford, Co Donegal, F92 W5C8 or email: lourdes@raphoediocese.ie or phone 0749153236 for further information. The Special Assisted/Sick Section is accommodated at the Accueil Notre Dame. Acceptance for travel with the Special Assisted Section for the sick is subject to approval of the Raphoe Pilgrimage Medical Board.

**THE POPE'S INTENTION ~ JANUARY 2025
FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Sunday 12th January 2025 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm **Baptisms ~ .30 pm**

Monday 13th January ~ St. Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church

8am Mass ~ Sean Flanagan RIP
10 am Mass ~ Geraldine Crossan RIP

Tuesday 14th January

8 am Mass ~ Patrick Brolly RIP
10 am Mass ~ Hannah and Patrick Glackin and Deceased Family Members RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Paddy Harley and Annie Greene RIP
6 pm ~ Holy Face Devotions

Wednesday 15th January ~ St. Ita

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Columba Coyle RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Joseph Wilkie RIP (**First Anniversary**) and Grace Wilkie RIP
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm **Youth 2000** ~ 8 pm
Medjugorje Prayer Group: 8 pm in the Pastoral Centre

Thursday 16th January ~ St. Fursa, abbot and missionary

8 am Mass ~ Sr. Aloysius RIP
10 am Mass ~ Anne Barnes RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Margaret Bradley RIP (**Month's Mind Mass**)
8 pm ~ **Charismatic Prayer Group** in the Conference Room

Friday 17th January ~ St. Anthony, abbot

8 am Mass ~ Living Members of the Raphoe Diocesan Society
10 am Mass ~ Margaret, Barney and Brendan Winston RIP
7 pm Mass ~ George McDermott (**First Anniversary**), Ann Scanlon, Pat Nicholls, Mary Nicholls, Bridget McLaughlin, Pat McArt, Martin Curran and Thomas Creevy RIP
St. Pius X Adoration Chapel ~ Mass at 8 pm

Saturday 18th January

10 am Mass ~ Special Intention
Confessions ~ **12 noon - 1pm and 7 pm** **Baptisms** ~ 4 pm
Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm

Sunday 19th January ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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