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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 12th January - €5,998

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY COLLECTION ~ 6th January ~ €2,292

DONATIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL: 1 x €50 and 2 x €10

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €2,717.79

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).

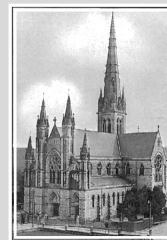
BAPTISM PREPARATION ~ We have uploaded a number of videos under 'Featured Videos' for Parents, in Preparation for their child's Baptism on our website: www.steunanscathedral.ie

MARY'S MEALS (RCN 20061920) are seeking your **OLD COINS AND NOTES** (punts, euros, sterling, foreign) to help us feed even more children. No need to count. **We are now feeding: 2,429,182.** We can provide a meal for eleven cent! A meal each day in school for a year for a child is only €22. If you want to donate your old coins/notes to Mary's Meals please phone Fr. Eamonn Kelly on 0879077985. Thank you for your continued support to Mary's Meals.

You are invited to an **AFTERNOON OF PRAYER** and the **launch of Fr. Eamonn Kelly's new book:** 'Nine visits to the Divine Mercy Alcove' on **Sunday 9th February** from 2 pm - 4 pm in St. Mary's Church, Convoy.

You are welcome to visit the **DIVINE MERCY ALCOVE** in St. Mary's Church, Convoy (F93 FX66) any time, any day - to pray with the **first class Relic of St. Faustina.** Weekly prayer time takes place on a **Saturday morning at 9.30 am.** If you are interested in bringing a group, please phone Fr. Kelly on 0879077985 or email: raphoeparish@gmail.com to arrange a time of prayer. You are also welcome to take a booklet and to join with us in prayer from your own home. Books, leaflets and prayer cards are also available.

Young Adults from the Diocese of Raphoe will travel to Rome to participate in the **Jubilee of Youth (30th July to 5th August).** During this week, youth and young adults will journey to the Eternal City for the experience of a lifetime. There are still **some vacant spaces**, with the deadline for bookings being **31st January 2025.** If you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting Fr. Liam Boyle on 074 91 37 456 or email: raphoeyouthpilgrimage@gmail.com



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

After the offering of the bread, the priest prepares the chalice by pouring wine into it and adding a drop of water with the prayer, said quietly: “by the mixture of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity”. Wine has powerful biblical resonances. The vineyard itself is a sign of God's blessing and fidelity to his people, and in particular it stands for the nation of Israel, planted by God and protected by him, given water for its flourishing and giving its fruit to him for his honour. When Israel fell away from fidelity to the Law and the Covenant, the divine grief is described as one looked over a vineyard that had produced bitter fruit [cf. Isaiah 5]. Similarly, Jesus compares his Kingdom to a vineyard, where all who labour to produce its fruit will be rewarded according to the logic of God's generosity, beyond human logic or ken [cf. Matthew 20:1-16]. Jesus is himself the vine, and we the branches [John 15:5], and from us he will produce the fruit which is he himself. At the last supper he told the apostles that he would not drink again of the fruit of the vine until he would take the new wine of the Kingdom. From the vine of the cross, Christ pours forth his blood for our salvation [cf. John 19:34], from which we joyfully draw living water from the wells of salvation [cf. Isaiah 12:3]. The first miracle of Jesus sees him turn water into the richest wine, in a quantity that is excessive in its abundance. This prefigures the new wine of the Kingdom flowing from his side, the living water of the Eucharist and of grace. The beautiful prayer of the preparation of the chalice calls to mind that our humanity is caught up in the divinity of Jesus, who is the eternal Son of the Father, and that, in our baptism, we share in the divinity of him who shared in our humanity. It also reminds us of that great hymn of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians: [Jesus], though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant [Phil. 2:6-7]. Like the bread, wine, “the work of human hands”, is destined to be filled with God's life and glory, “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father [Philippians 2:10-11].

There will be a **SERVICE OF VESPERS** to mark the **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** in the Cathedral on Thursday 25th January at 8 pm, the feast of the Conversion of the Apostle Paul. All are most welcome.

Please note that **SCAFFOLDING** will be erected in the **Sanctuary of the Cathedral** to accommodate necessary works from **Wednesday 29th - Friday 31st January**.

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.

Sunday, 19th January, marks the beginning of **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025**. During this week we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to their communities. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ. Our parish is joining in the celebrations by acknowledging "*Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!*" - Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, Section 1. **Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál** will celebrate this special week with our children, in the hope that all children of the world receive the gift of God's love. We are thankful to him that we are alive, to live in his own image and likeness as good Christians.

NEW SPRINGTIME COMMUNITY invite you to a **HEALING SERVICE** on **Tuesday 21st January** from 7 pm - 8 pm. It can be viewed live on St. Matthew's Church webcam: www.stmatthewsballyfermot.com/webcam ~ The Service will also be broadcast live on Radio Maria. It will be led by Fr. Pat Collins C.M. Healing Service will consist of Worship, Exposition, Scripture, Homily Testimony and Prayer Ministry. Prayer petitions can be emailed to: info.newspringtime@gmail.com

The **LETTERKENNY AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB** ~ Meetings will resume on **Thursday 23rd January** at 7 pm in the Letterkenny Day Centre. New and old members most welcome. Please contact Anita on 0879254178 for further info.

The **NATIONAL PRO LIFE TRUST** are holding their **CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** throughout Donegal on the **25th/26th January**. If anyone could help with taking up this collection, please phone Margaret on 0892469599.

FAMILY POP UP GAELTACHT ~ IRISH LANGUAGE FAMILY GATHERING WITH A CATHOLIC ETHOS. PARENTS: Irish Classes and faith formation. CHILDREN/YOUTH 7 – 17 yrs: Irish classes, music/art and faith formation. All level accommodated. Beginners in Irish most welcome. Information meetings will take place in Summerhill College, Sligo on Saturday 25th January and in the Dominican Priory, Tallaght, Dublin on Saturday 8th February. For further information please visit: www.dominicans.ie or email: opevangelisation@gmail.com

Sunday 19th January 2025 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 20th January ~ St. Fabian

8am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Helen and Dennis Van De Heuvel RIP

Tuesday 21st January ~ St. Agnes

8 am Mass ~ Nora Friel RIP
10 am Mass ~ Special Intention 11 am ~ Holy Face Devotions
7 pm Mass ~ Hugh Kelly RIP
Legion of Mary Meeting ~ After 10 am Mass in the Pastoral Centre

Wednesday 22nd January ~ St. Vincent

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Michael Patton RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Hermes Mendes RIP
Confessions ~ 7.30 pm Youth 2000 Prayer Group ~ 8 pm

Thursday 23rd January

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Doherty & McMenamin Families RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Lee Mitchell RIP (First Anniversary)
8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 24th January ~ St. Francis de Sales

8 am Mass ~ Michael and Ann Breen RIP
10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intentions
7 pm Mass ~ Lee Mitchell (First Anniversary), Patrick Hegarty, Sadie Hegarty, Hugh Kelly, Mick Dunleavy, Donal Sweeney, Evelyn Sweeney, Dessie Sweeney, Gerry Callaghan, Josephine Conaughton, Keith Boyle, Peter O'Donnell, Charlie O'Donnell, Thomas Gallagher, Nellie O'Donnell, Bobby O'Donnell, Mary Sweeney, Gerard Sweeney, Charlene Kelly and Patrick Kelly RIP

Saturday 25th January ~ The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

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

Sunday 30th January ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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