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SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 19th January - €7,109

DONATIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL: 1 x €50, 1 x €10 and 1 x €5

PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €70,834.32 (Includes €66,995.40 Diocesan Dues)

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

CONFIRMATION DATES

Saturday 8th February ~ 12 noon ~ Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál

Saturday 8th February ~ 3 pm ~ Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin

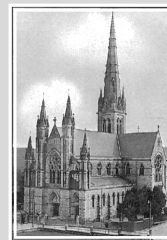
Saturday 15th February ~ 12 noon ~ Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin

Saturday 15th February ~ 3 pm ~ Scoil Cholmcille

A **BUS** will leave Letterkenny on **Saturday 22nd February** going to the **DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE** in the RDS, Dublin. It will return to Letterkenny that same day. To **book a bus seat** please phone 087-77488174. To purchase **your ticket for the Conference** please visit: www.divinemercuryconference.com

Cara House Family Resource Centre has expanded the availability of their **BEFRIENDING SERVICE**. The Befriending Service offers in-person home visits and opportunities for participants to engage in social gatherings, fostering meaningful relationships that improve mental well-being and combat loneliness. Cara House invites those over the age of 65, who could benefit from the service to get in touch. The service is provided free of charge. Referrals will be accepted from health care professionals and family members with the consent of the individual. For more information about this Service or to learn how you can get involved, or if you wish to avail of our helping hands service, please contact the Active Age Coordinator at **Cara House Family Resource Centre** at **083-8638315** or befriending@carahouse.ie The Cara House Helping Hands Service is a low cost, community-driven initiative aimed at providing practical support to individuals and families in need.

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 (Details on Cathedral noticeboard).



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26th January 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

After the offering of the chalice, the Celebrant invites the people to make a specific prayer: “Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father”. It is at this point of the Mass that the twofold action of the priest and the people becomes evident. The invitation speaks of “my sacrifice and yours”. It is reminiscent of words from the Roman Canon, which we shall see, where the priest prays: “Remember, Lord, Your servants and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to You. For them, we offer You this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them...” There is, in a sense, a double offering, or a conjoint offering and sacrifice taking place in the Mass. There is the sacrifice offered by the priest which is the re-presentation of the sacrifice of Christ, where the priest acts in the person of Christ, and there is the sacrifice of the people, which is the sacrifice of prayer, intention, imitation of Christ's self-offering and union with it that the people make as they join their prayer to the prayer of Christ – to his sacrifice, which is in the Mass. St. Paul exhorted the early Christians in Rome to “offer your very selves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” [Romans 12:1]. This, in fact, is the Christian life: the imitation of the sacrifice of his will that Jesus made to the Father: “I come to do not my will but the will of Him who sent me” [John 6:38]. In fact, the Lord's sacrifice alone is acceptable to the Father, the one sacrifice that takes our sins away [cf. 1 John 2:2]. His alone is an offering uncorrupted by sin, made from a heart that is pure, since he is without sin. It is a mystery Saint Paul presents to us in saying: “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” [2 Corinthians 5:21]. This deeply Christological centred prayer is addressed to the Father, since we enter into the dynamic of the relationship of the Father and the Eternal Son who took flesh from the Virgin Mary that he might make the sacrifice that would take our sins away, reconcile to God and bring us into the relationship of ‘sons in the Son’ – sons and daughters of God whose life is a constant self-offering to the Father in union with and in imitation of the Son.

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.

CANDLES will be blessed at **all Masses next weekend** for Candlemas Day (**2nd February**). Candles are available from the Sacristy - cost €6.

Fr. Stephen Gorman will travel to **LOURDES** on the 6th February. If anyone would like to **WRITE A PETITION** and hand it into the Sacristy/Parochial House **before 10.30 am on the morning of the 4th February**, Fr. Stephen will bring them to Lourdes. Please put **NO** money with petitions.

The **CURSILLO ULTREYA** will be held on **Sunday 26th January** at 8 pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs.

LETTERKENNY MEMORIES will be held on **Monday 27th January** at 8 pm in the Station House Hotel. Everyone welcome. Light refreshments served.

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

If you are caring for someone or have cared for someone living with dementia - the **ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY OF IRELAND** are running a **Support Group for Family Carers of People Living with Dementia** on the last Wednesday of the month (**29th January**) from 12 noon - 1.30 pm in the Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny (F92 HP66). Please contact: Mena on 087-6294065 / Dawn on 087-3802957

The Sisters of Merciful Jesus invite you to an **AFTERNOON RETREAT** on **Saturday 1st February**. The theme of the retreat will be "Follow me – We discover our vocation". 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 dvmletterkenny@gmail.com.

There will be **NO FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY in Letterkenny** on the **1st February** at the Market Square as we will be joining the organised Rosary at the **Guildhall Square, Derry at 12 noon on Saturday 1st February**.

A **EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION** will take place on **Saturday 1st February** at 1 pm from St. Columba's Church, Long Tower, Derry. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Sunday 26th January ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 27th January ~ St. Angela Merici

8am Mass ~ Special Intention 10 am Mass ~ Peter Lynch RIP

Tuesday 28th January ~ St. Thomas Aquinas

8 am Mass ~ Fr. Seamus Gallagher RIP
 10 am Mass ~ Mary and Harry Russell RIP 11 am ~ Holy Face Devotions
 7 pm Mass ~ Dermot Donohue RIP
 Legion of Mary Meeting ~ After 10 am Mass in the Pastoral Centre

Wednesday 29th January

8 am Mass ~ Anton and Margaret Browne RIP
 10 am Mass ~ Fr. Tommy Curran RIP
 7 pm Mass ~ Celia and Paddy McLaughlin RIP
 Confessions ~ 7.30 pm Youth 2000 Prayer Group ~ 8 pm
 Medjugorje Prayer Group: 8 pm in the Pastoral Centre

Thursday 30th January ~ St. Aidan

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
 10 am Mass ~ James Gallagher RIP
 7 pm Mass ~ Special Intention
 8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group in the Conference Room

Friday 31st January ~ St. John Bosco

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
 10 am Mass ~ Jim Callaghan RIP
 7 pm Mass ~ Ellen Friel, John Friel, Karen McGuire, Joe McBrearty, Barney Crerand, Betty Crerand, Brigid Harley, Bridget Mee, Kathleen Lynch, Jack Lynch and Cathal Murray RIP
 St. Pius X Adoration Chapel ~ Mass at 8 pm

Saturday 1st February ~ Feast of St. Brigid

10 am Mass ~ Paul Elliott RIP
 Confessions ~ 12 noon - 1pm and 7 pm Baptisms ~ 4 pm
 Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm

Sunday 2nd February ~ The Presentation of the Lord

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