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**SUNDAY COLLECTION ~ 29th December - €7,633**

**PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €10,738**

**DONATIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL:** 1 x €50, 3 x €10 and 2 x €5

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support.

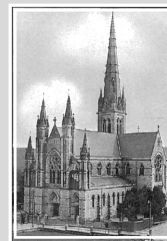
To **BOOK A BAPTISM** please phone the Parochial House on 9121021. Please remember: Godparents: (1 male and 1 female over the age of 16).

**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

A word of **SINCERE THANKS** to all who participated at the **CAROL SINGING (Singers, Musicians, Collectors)** in ALDI, Neil T. Blaney Road on the 22nd/23rd December to raise funds for our youth travelling to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth (28th July - 3rd August 2025). We thank Rosie Houston and Fr. Liam Boyle for organising this event. We also thank the Manager and Staff of the Aldi Store, Neil T. Blaney Road for giving permission to hold this fundraising event. Amount collected was €2,458. Your support is very much appreciated.

**BOXES OF CHURCH ENVELOPES** ~ For those who live outside the Cathedral area but use the Cathedral envelopes, your box of envelopes are available from the Sacristy. 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. Boxes are currently available 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. *Thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish.*

**SCOIL MUIRE GAN SMÁL, LETTERKENNY - ENROLMENT SEPTEMBER 2025** ~ Scoil Mhuire gan Smál is now enrolling for Junior Infants for September 2025. **Closing date is Monday 13th January 2025.** Please call at the school, phone 0749121171 or email: letterkennysmgs@gmail.com for an enrolment form.



## ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 5th January 2025**

*Second Sunday of Christmas*



### THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

“Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God” (Spes non confundit, 6). In the Bull announcing the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, Pope Francis calls on all Christians to become pilgrims of hope. This is a virtue which must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fullness of His mercy.

To obtain the Plenary Indulgence, the faithful are to pray for the Pope's Intentions, recite the Our Father and a Profession of Faith [the Nicæan or Apostles' Creed]. They must be moved by a spirit of charity, be truly repentant and free from any affection for sin, make their Sacramental Confession and receive Holy Communion in state of grace. Sacramental Confession is not repeated excessively – it is necessary in the case of mortal or grave sin, and should be regular for the absolution of and conversion from venial sins. A Plenary Indulgence means the remission and forgiveness of all sins and, when applied to the souls in Purgatory, the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin. The Plenary Indulgence may also be received in the following ways under the same conditions as above:

I - Pilgrimages - to any sacred Jubilee site: by devoutly participating in either Holy Mass, a celebration of the Word of God; the Way of the Cross; the Marian Rosary; a penitential celebration, the Liturgy of the Hours. This pilgrimage can be conducted to the four Papal Basilicas in Rome and entering through the Holy Doors, to the Holy Land, or by visiting the Cathedral or other church or sacred place that has been designated as the place for the Jubilee Pilgrimage.

II - Pious visits to sacred places

Likewise, the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and prayer, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God.

The sick and housebound who, truly repentant of sin but who cannot participate in the various solemn celebrations, pilgrimages and pious visits, can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, under the same conditions by consciously joining themselves in spirit with a Jubilee event especially over the radio, webcam, etc. They are to recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and other prayers.

### III -Works of mercy and penance

In addition, the faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence under the usual conditions if by participating in missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities held in a church or other suitable place, according to the mind of the Holy Father.

In a special way "during the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind" (Spes non confundit, 10). Therefore, the Indulgence is also linked to certain works of mercy and penance, which bear witness to the conversion undertaken. The faithful should rediscover these "corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead " and rediscover also "the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead".

The faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people...), in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them (cf. Mt 25, 34-36) according to the usual spiritual, sacramental and prayer conditions. The faithful can repeat these visits throughout the Holy Year, even daily, acquiring a plenary indulgence each time.

The Jubilee Plenary Indulgence can also be obtained by practicing the spirit of penance. In particular the penitential nature of Friday can be rediscovered through abstaining, in a spirit of penance, at least for one day of the week from futile distractions (real but also virtual distractions, for example, the use of the media and/or social networks), from unnecessary consumption, as well as by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; by supporting works of a religious or social nature, especially in support of the defence and protection of life in all its phases, but also by supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants from various countries; it can also be obtained by dedicating a reasonable portion of one's free time to voluntary activities that are of service to the community or to other similar forms of personal commitment.

Despite the rule that only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day, the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they receive Holy Communion a second time that day, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day, applicable only to the deceased (this must take place within the Mass - This calls to mind the universal disciple of the Church that Holy Communion may only be received once in the day, and only a second time that day with the express permission of the Celebrant).

### **Sunday 5th January 2025 ~ Second Sunday of Christmas**

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

### **Monday 6th January ~ Feast of the Epiphany**

**MASS TIMES: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 7 pm**

### **Tuesday 7th January ~ St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest**

**8 am Mass** ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ Kevin Kelly RIP (First Anniversary)  
**7 pm Mass** ~ Liam Blake RIP  
**6 pm** ~ Holy Face Devotions

### **Wednesday 8th January**

**8 am Mass** ~ Mary McCarron RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ Maureen and Jim Brennan and Deceased Family Members RIP  
**7 pm Mass** ~ Annette Kelly RIP (Month's Mind Mass)  
**Confessions** ~ 7.30 pm

### **Thursday 9th January**

**8 am Mass** ~ Mary Leavy RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ Patsy Sweeney RIP  
**7 pm Mass** ~ Caroline Stanley RIP (First Anniversary)  
**8 pm** ~ **Charismatic Prayer Group** in the Conference Room

### **Friday 10th January**

**8 am Mass** ~ Anthony Leavy RIP  
**10 am Mass** ~ May and Anthony O'Halpin RIP  
**7 pm Mass** ~ John Geary, Martin McGuigan, Geraldine Crossan, Doreen Houston, Patricia Margey, Josephine Gallagher, Rose Gallagher, Margaret Callaghan, Stephen McDaid, Mary Frances Black, Joseph Black, John Browne, Paddy McCloskey, Sophia McCloskey, Deceased Members of the McCloskey Family (Glenvar), Patrick Giblin, Frank Browne and Jeanette Kelly RIP

### **Saturday 11th January**

**10 am Mass** ~ Thomas McClelland RIP  
**Confessions** ~ 12 noon - 1pm and 7 pm                      **Baptisms ~ 4 pm**  
**Vigil Mass** ~ 6 pm

### **Sunday 12th January ~ The Baptism of the Lord**

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