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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

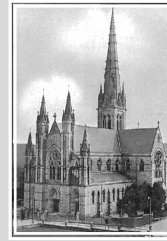
A **BUS** will leave Letterkenny on **Saturday 22nd February** going to the **DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE** in the RDS, Dublin. It will return to Letterkenny that same day. To **book a bus seat** please phone 087-7488174. To purchase **your ticket for the Conference** please visit: www.divinemercuryconference.com

Are you Ready? IGNITE THE SPARK is a weekend of fun, faith and friendship for **12 - 16 year olds in Termonbacca, Derry** taking place **Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd February**. What is spark? Spark is a weekend experience which follows core themes from YouCat, as well as stories of role models such as B. Carlo Acutis and Sr. Clare Crockett, to help young people learn about their faith, while making friends and hopefully having a bit of fun in the process! Phone: 0868067973 or 00447935007351.

Beatha teanga í a labhairt!! **IRISH CLASS** for **5th and 6th Class pupils** starting in the coming weeks. This 8 week course (one hour) and will take place straight after school. For registration, for the class then contact Aisling on 0860136579 for further details or book through the Lónra Leitir Ceanainn website: <https://lionralc.ie/>

MALE ADVICE LINE – CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT FOR MEN ~ If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, confidential support is available. The Male Advice Line provides a safe space to talk about this difficult subject and receive guidance. Please call the freephone number: 1800816588 or visit mensnetwork.ie/mal

WIN A TRIP TO MEDJUGORJE ~ The Medjugorje Irish Centre Free Prize draw taking place on the 1st April. Prize for one person includes: 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flights up to €300. To the draw page visit: www.med-irishcentre.com - Phone: 014434510 - Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com



ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL LETTERKENNY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 9th February 2025

Fifth 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”. In response, the people reply: “May the Lord accept this offering at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church”. The people address their prayer to the Lord – meaning to God the Father, reminding us that when we pray to Jesus as Lord we pray to him as Son in the union of the Trinity: we pray to God, three in one and one in three. We ask that our offering may be accepted. The offering is not merely the elements of bread and wine that will be transformed, but the prayer of the heart and indeed the very life we give as a living sacrifice offered up in union with Christ and by the power of his grace. The hands of the priest make this offering on our behalf, literally holding it up in a gesture of offering at various moments of the Mass that is to come. This gesture recalls the gesture of the priests of the Old Testament at the moment of the evening offering whose purpose was indeed to give “praise and glory” to God. This is the first purpose of the sacrificial action, the action of praise and the imitation of the Lord’s own action when he lifted up his hands to offer the evening sacrifice on the cross: “Let my prayer arise before you like incense, the raising of my hands like an evening oblation”, the psalmist writes in Psalm 141 (v.2). To give praise and glory to God is to be filled – almost transported – with love and joy for His goodness and love: “I will bless the Lord all my days, his praise always on my lips” we read in Psalm 34 (v.2). The Lord Jesus took the cup at the Last Supper and praised God; he raised his eyes to heaven in praise before the multiplication of the loaves and fish, and he gave thanks to God for hiding the mysteries from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children (cf. Mt. 11:25-27). This action of praise has a twofold purpose that flows from the goodness of God: it is for our personal good and the good of the Holy Church. This reminds us of the twofold mystery of which we must be conscience when we speak of the Mass and participate in it: it is not only for the good of the one who participates – a deeply personal good in particular graces needed or given to us individually, and the objective good of the grace of the sacrament; it is also for the good of the whole Church, particularly the

Church a pilgrim upon this earth, a witness to Christ the Lord and the place where God is worshipped as He desires to be – in spirit and in truth (cf. John 4:24). The Mass is, in fact, an action of the whole Church before it is ever a personal experience of participation. It is an action of the whole Church not only in the sense of its members here below, but all her members – in heaven and on earth and in Purgatory. In this sense, it is the Mass of the ages, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. It is by this understanding that we speak of holy Church, since she has a holiness that belongs to her as Christ’s body, distinct altogether from the collective holiness of her saints and unmitigated by the sinfulness of her members who battle with weakness, corruption and sin.

You are warmly invited to join us for the **HOLY FACE DEVOTION**, held every Tuesday at **11 am**, following 10 am Mass and Rosary. Jesus revealed to Blessed Maria Pierina de Micheli His deep sorrow over the sins of the world, asking for His Holy Face to be especially honoured on Tuesdays. In response, Pope Pius XII established Shrove Tuesday as its official feast. We come together to offer reparation and seek His grace and mercy for our families, Church, and the world.

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’ today, Sunday 9th February** from 2 pm - 4 pm in St. Mary’s Church, Convoy.

The **SISTERS OF MERCIFUL JESUS** invite you to an **‘AFTERNOON RETREAT’** on **Saturday 15th February**. The theme will be: **“He is a priest after My own Heart.”** It will be the **50th Anniversary** of the death of **Bl. Fr. Michael Sopocko**, the spiritual director of St. Faustina. The afternoon will consist of talks, a time of prayer and sharing our experience of faith also around a cuppa. The retreat starts at 2 pm and continues until 5.30 pm. **Please note: it is necessary to book for the retreat.** To do so, or for more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 0749169934 or email: dvmletterkenny@gmail.com.

A **YOUNG AT HEART SOCIAL** will be held on **Tuesday 11th February** at 8 pm in the Day Centre, Oliver Plunkett Road. Hosts are the Day Centre, Committee. Music by Gerry O’Sullivan.

ST. PIUS X ADORATION CHAPEL ~ THE FOLLOWING HOURS ARE IN MOST NEED OF ADORERS: **Sunday:** 2 pm - 3 pm; **Monday:** 12 noon - 1 pm; **Tuesday:** 12 noon - 1 pm; 1 pm - 2 pm; 11 pm - 12 midnight and **Friday:** 3 am - 4 am or any hour that suits you best. Please phone Mary on 0860870446.

INVITATION TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ~ There will be an evening faith programme for the Parents of Children making their First Holy Communion running on **Tuesdays, (commencing 25th February) and continuing throughout Lent.** This programme is catered specifically for parents who wish to have opportunities to discuss and grow in their understanding of Holy Communion and the Mass. If you are interested in attending please contact the Parish Office on 074921021.

Sunday 9th February ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 6 pm **Baptisms ~ 1.15 pm**

Monday 10th February ~ St. Scholastica

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention **10 am Mass ~ Mary Ronaghan RIP**

Tuesday 11th February ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

8 am Mass ~ Mary Josephine McGrenra RIP **(11 am ~ Holy Face Devotions)**
10 am Mass ~ Terry Hunter RIP **7 pm Mass ~ Special Intention**
Legion of Mary Meeting ~ After 10 am Mass in the Pastoral Centre

Wednesday 12th February

8 am Mass ~ Thomas Dillon RIP
10 am Mass ~ Frank and Teresa Sweeney RIP and Conor McLaughlin RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Eileen Moran RIP **Confessions ~ 7.30 pm**
Youth 2000 ~ 8 pm **Medjugorje Prayer Group ~ 8 pm (Pastoral Centre)**

Thursday 13th February

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention **10 am Mass ~ Pat Fagan RIP**
7 pm Mass ~ Anne Kelly RIP **8 pm ~ Charismatic Prayer Group**

Friday 14th February ~ St. Cyril and St. Methodius

8 am Mass ~ Deceased Benefactors of the Cathedral RIP & Names in the Golden Book
10 am Mass ~ Jim and Kathleen McGhee RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Nora Sheridan (Month’s Mind Mass), William Cannon (First Anniversary), Jimmy Bradley, Michael Duffy, Lily Rodgers, Anton Rodgers, Donald Duffy, Harry Blake, Maire Blake, Raymond Blake, Margaret Blake, Peadar Murphy, Eileen O’Donnell, William McLaughlin, Ann McLaughlin, John Clarke, Hugo Doherty, Ann Gildea, Brigid McNulty, Willie McNulty, Margaret Roarty, Liam Roarty, Joseph Drein, Christine Duffy, Daniel Duffy, Caroline Callaghan, Damien Duffy and Alan Graham RIP

Saturday 15th February

10 am Mass ~ Cornie and Liam McNamee RIP (Month’s Mind Mass) also Mass in honour of Blessed Michael Sopocko - 50th Anniversary)
12 noon ~ CONFIRMATION ~ Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin
3 pm ~ CONFIRMATION ~ Scoil Colmcille
Vigil Mass ~ 6 pm **Confessions ~ 7 pm**

Sunday 16th February ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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