

Reflection:

In the creed, which we announce quite happily every Sunday, we say: 'I believe in one God', not a plethora of gods - with a small g - as in ancient times, but one God.

We go on to say of Him: 'the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.' We acknowledge God as the creator of the universe and our creator.

Then we continue saying what we believe about God: 'I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.... consubstantial with the Father.' We say that the Son, who existed from all eternity: 'came down from heaven and.... was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.' We are saying that we believe that the Son, like the Father existed from eternity and became a human being like us at a particular moment in history.

Finally we say of God: 'I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified.'

It took centuries and a number of councils to articulate these formulae concerning the nature of God.

They tell us that God is three persons in one divine nature. As the older translation of the preface for the feast of the Holy Trinity put it: 'three Persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God ever to be adored in your everlasting glory.'

This doctrine teaches us that God is not remote and aloof and static and authoritarian but loving, imminent, close and dynamic. There is a warmth in our God. God is about relationship. He is a loving Father, a self-sacrificing Son and a creative Spirit. There exists relationship within God, between the persons of the Blessed Trinity. We have been created in the image and likeness of God and we are therefore, of our nature, made for relationship also, we are children of Our Father and brothers and sisters of Jesus and we are caught up in relationships with one another.

The overriding hallmark of relationship is love. As St. John put it: "God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him." (1 John 4 : 16)

This is our God, the God of love. The God who created us; died on the Cross for us; rose for us and restored our dignity; opened the way to eternal life for us and promised to be with us now, here on earth, and to the end of time - to be with us always.

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The Irish Church Music Association (ICMA) is holding its annual Summer School in Maynooth from **30th June - 2nd July**. The summer school is geared towards anyone involved in liturgical music at parish level or in schools. We have a wide range of workshops on offer. In addition to the main sessions, participants can choose from a variety of breakout workshops to suit their needs. Participants can choose to attend the full course or a single day.

For more info www.icmamusic.ie

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Fr Daniel Tomasiak
Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze
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In residence Canon John Daly

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Friday's 4pm—5.30pm
in the Adoration Chapel.

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Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

Confessions
Saturday 10.30am
Baptisms
Saturday 4.30pm

Recently Baptised
We welcome into the Christian Community
Ellie Anne Byrne
Beau O'Halloran
Alfred Anil
We wish them and their families every blessing.

Recently Deceased
We remember in our prayers
Neol Purcell RIP
Peter Kearnan RIP
May they rest in eternal peace.

Split the Pot Draw
Congratulations to **Seán O' Halloran** winner of last weekends draw. Draw envelopes available at the back of the church. All monies go towards the maintenance of the Cathedral.

Church Notices

There will be no evening mass (5.45pm) this Bank Holiday Monday 1st June.

Thank you for your generous donations to the recent parish clerk collection.

The Annual Novena in honour of St Anthony will commence this Friday, 5th June.

Exams We pray God's Blessing on our Leaving and Junior Certificate students as they begin their exams on Wednesday 3rd June.



NOVENA

In Honour of St Anthony

St John's Cathedral

Friday 5th June - Saturday 13th June 2026

Mass each day at 10.00am & 5.45pm
(Saturday 10.00am & 6.00pm) (Sunday 10.30am)
With Novena Prayers, Homily and Blessing with Relic

Thursday 11th: Prayers for Expectant Mothers 10.00am & 5.45pm
Friday 12th: Prayers for the Sick 10.00am & 5.45pm
Saturday 13th: Blessing of Lillie's 10.00am & 6.00pm



THOMOND WIND ENSEMBLE
MUSICAL DIRECTOR: DR. ANDREW JORDAN

in concert with
Harmonic Sounds Concert Band (Belfast)
MUSICAL DIRECTOR: SARAH HOPE

ST. JOSEPHS CHURCH, O'CONNELL AVE, LIMERICK

SAT 6TH JUNE 2026
7PM

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